

# To Catch a Thief

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## Being Robbed Blind

One of the greatest lessons I've ever learned is one of the greatest parables Yeshua/Jesus ever taught. He said if we understood this parable we'd understand ALL parables or ALL the mysteries of the kingdom! How sad it is that so few of the believers on the planet understand this parable. Let's begin to remedy this by seeking to understand it one person at a time, and then once we understand it let's share it with one person. Then once we know that we've shared it with one person, make sure that person passes it on!

The Lord thought it so important that we know this parable that he inspired three different apostles to record it. Matthew, Mark and Luke all share the parable of the sower. Matthew was a math minded man. He was a former tax collector. Mark was a young man with the zeal of a young man. Luke was a "physician" so he was the intellectual of the group. Each man brings his own personal perspective to this parable. Each one heard and understood something different when hearing and retelling this parable.

My favorite is Luke's rendition so I'll share what I have gleaned from his version. Everything we say or do is seed. If we say ugly words we reap ugliness. If we act ugly we reap ugly. God has the power of life and death in His words. He made us in His likeness and His image. If we say and act with understanding that our words and actions are seeds we will be careful what we say and what we do. The adversary is a thief and a liar. He was created for God's purpose, but exalted himself and began thinking and doing "his own thing". (Where have we heard those words before?) His words were no longer God's words of love, but a thief and a liar's words or seeds. While Adam was asleep in the garden and while God was pulling Eve from Adam, the adversary was busy sowing his "seeds" or "tares". He corrupted the power God had given him out of pride. He continues to do so now.

Let's return to the parable told by Luke. We have a picture of someone with a garden. The garden is visibly divided into four areas; the wayside, the rocky soil, the thorny soil and the good soil. Each represents the condition of a human heart. The wayside represents ignorance of God's word and will; whether willingly or unwillingly the human is in unbelief. It is "hard packed" and impenetrable. The rocky soil is a heart that starts out trusting God, but when things get hard turns back to old



Grab a cup of coffee or tea and sit down with me.

### Special points of interest:

- If you believe what you've seen in this newsletter or on the Proverbial Woman site, then sow. We have shared our spiritual intuition and in order for you to reap, you are obliged to sow of your natural.
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- Diligence means you NEVER give up. You don't let hard things in the natural convince you that God doesn't love you. You don't allow pain to convince you that God hasn't healed you. You don't allow fear to take the place of faith or trusting in God. Diligence means you stand on the word of God until you see His face in heaven. You never grow weary in well doing, and when it feels like you're falling know He is there holding you or you'd be dead!

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ways. This heart starts out well, but because there is a “time of temptation” when seeds of love and hope are working unseen, gives up. The third heart is a thorny heart full of the world. This heart hears God’s words, but loves the comfortable path and falls in love with this world and the things of this world. The world we live in is temporal or temporary. Praise God that it is temporary or we’d be locked in a perpetual struggle of good against evil. Falling in love with this world is fruitless. Enjoying 70-80 years of this life and missing an eternity of heaven is insane, but there are millions who fall into this category. The last heart or “soil” is the heart of a good and honest human who hears the word, understands the word, understands that there are temptations and that there are trials, but in patience the answers will come.



Seedtime and harvest.

The adversary is seen in the picture of the wayside, but he is always around. He messes with the heart on rocky soil, he hassles with the heart on thorny soil and he most especially cajoles the heart on good soil. He is fed by all the “seed” or word on the wayside. He is insane. He was soundly defeated in hell when the Lord paid for all our sins. He is dead, but just as Adam didn’t fully understand that he was a dead man walking, the adversary is clueless to just how dead he is. He can still talk so he can hear himself think and he spreads his lying thoughts wherever he can get by with them. Yeshua/Jesus told us to “submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee”. One third of the Lord’s ministry was casting the devil out of humans and out of situations. When he left he told us to “cast out the devil”. (Mark 16) We can’t let the thief live in our midst. We have to keep him away. The more word we know by acting upon it, the more we keep old worm head out of our lives. What we are doing is tending that garden so we aren’t hard-packed, rocky or thorny hearted but good soil! Hear and obey.

## The Gospel, What is it?

The word “gospel” means good news. We don’t get a lot of good news these days. Sure there may be the occasional short “human interest” piece on TV, but really good news isn’t ten seconds long and worth only ten cents. The good news of the bible is eternally good, not just temporarily good. Good news is that we who believe in the finished work of Yeshua/Jesus will NEVER see hell. Good news is that Yeshua/Jesus paid for every single sin ever committed on the planet; yesterday, today and for all time! Good news is that Yeshua/Jesus suffered every single sickness and torment ever suffered on the planet; yesterday, today and for all time! Good news is in the bible and it never changes. Isaiah wrote:



Extra, extra read all about it!

Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

God reveals His word, His “Good News”, but ONLY to those to believe. Believing is more than must saying, ‘I believe’ it is trusting your all to what He has said. It is a complete death of self, knowing He will give you back everything you give Him, but in much better shape than you handed it to Him! My dad used to say, “If you borrow something, return it in better shape than you borrowed it in.” I know he got this from the bible!

I exhort anyone who is reading this to take the plunge and read the rest of Isaiah 53. You can't reap if you don't sow. Sowing is reading, meditating, praying for wisdom and then acting upon what you have heard. The result is God's revelation of His Good News.

I have sown my seeds and the harvest continues to multiply. I find a pumpkin seed and sow it and get a pumpkin patch. I harvest the pumpkins and make pies and then take the seeds and sow them and have more pumpkins. I make pumpkin butter, use 1/4 the seeds for roasted pumpkin seeds and sell 1/4 of the seeds and sow 1/2 of the seeds. They multiply. OR I find a pumpkin seed and cast it aside. Some bird finds it and flies away with it and I go hungry and naked.

The choice is yours. Isaiah 53 is the Lord and what he did while here! It's Good News!



**Your reap what you sow. How deep are you willing to delve?**

## The Thief



**The thief comes in some other way.**

There is a show on TV called, "Mantracker". One of the bylines about the show is, "Know your prey". Sadly our enemy knows us really well. He has had 5770 years of tracking and snagging man in his various traps. He knows the "law of sin and death" like the back of his invisible hand. He uses it with great success.

I am going to fill you in about the enemy, first of all he was completely defeated at the cross of Yeshua/Jesus. Sure the Lord looked like a defeated loser on the cross, but give it a little time and he'd show the enemy just how successful he was. In fact the bible tells us that if the enemy had known what he was doing he wouldn't have killed the "Lord of Glory". Matthew 28:18 Yeshua/Jesus says, **"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."** The enemy has no power. God has given all power to the Lord. He also has the authority behind that power. That means whatever the enemy does, he does outside of the law. That isn't a smart move. What happens to lawbreakers? Everything he did to the Lord is going to happen to him in "spades" when his end comes. What is his end? Revelations tells us! Revelation 20:10 *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."*

The devil, hasatan, the adversary, old slewfoot, Lucifer, or whatever name you want to call him how sown lies. What does one reap when one sows lies? Deception. He is completely deceived. He was defeated when the Father resurrected His Son! He put all sin on His Son and because he was pure and holy, the enemy punished the wrong guy! Because he punished the wrong guy, he is in BIG trouble. The Father takes vengeance on who He wills!

The devil knew 2000 years ago, he had a short time left. He can hear the sands of time as each one hits the bottom of the hourglass. He is trembling in his "boots"

**"The inside story about the devil... more at 10:00!"**

You reap what you sow. Steal and you're stolen from, sow and you reap.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

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and his end is near. He is totally insane with fear. He has no weapons (but the flesh), he has no power but deception, he has an even shorter time and it's almost over.

The adversary is a legalist. He watches to see whether or now you follow the law. If you are afraid of God you will try to keep the law. If you love God you will obey His voice. If you are afraid of God you won't sow. If you love God you will sow everywhere you go. The devil NEVER plays by the rules UNLESS you make him. If you wait around for him to leave, he will bug you incessantly. If you cast him out of your life he will go away for awhile, but he will keep at you, but I have Good News! God is omnipresent. He is everywhere at once. The adversary can't be everywhere at once. He has a lot of angels who follow him, but even they can't be in all places at once. They come and go. They start fires and sow tares, but then they have to leave to go mess with someone else. Keep in tune with God. Keep the "God Channel" on between you and God and you can keep the adversary at bay. The Lord has laid out the enemy's strengths and weaknesses in the word. He has revealed everything we need to know about him. I encourage you to really search your bibles for the answers you need. The enemy is like a scared kitten in a corner. You can have the "full armor" of God, but only if you put it on!

You can't reason with the devil, but you can sure make him miserable. If all of us were keeping him at bay, he'd be far less effective at what he's doing, "stealing, killing and destroying"!

Selah.

