

Study of Mark 4
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Mark 4:1-41

I And Messiah began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto Him a great multitude, so that He entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

What is the lesson that we are to take away from this story, where Messiah is in a boat on the sea, and the people are on the land by the sea?

What does the boat that Messiah is in, represent?

What does the sea, represent?

What or who do the people on the shore, represent?

The boat represents the kingdom of Elohim, where Messiah rules.

What does the sea represent?

I believe that the sea represents, the sea of humanity, and in this case, it speaks of the tribe of Ephraim, of whom we are told in Scripture, will multiply like the fish in the sea, and they are the ones who have chosen to **LIFT** up Messiah as their Master and Saviour, thereby ensuring their place in His everlasting kingdom, **IF** they continue to lift Him up on a daily basis.

What or who do the people on the shore represent?

I believe that they represent people who are **in the valley of decision**, people who are about to make a decision that will change their lives, and that decision is, **WILL** they choose to believe, follow and obey Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and walk on His Path of Righteousness, or, will they choose to walk on their own path, and follow their own or some other man made doctrine.

*Verse 2 And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His **Doctrine**,*

Since it is Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, that is teaching them from what we are told **IS His Doctrine**, **THEN** it is very important for us to find out, what Messiah's Doctrine **IS**, according to Scripture, **IF** we want to follow in His footsteps.

In *John 7:16* Yeshua said: **My Doctrine is NOT MY OWN DOCTRINE, BUT IT IS THE DOCTRINE OF Him THAT SENT ME.**

The next question that has to be asked, **IS, WHO** sent Messiah, and **WHAT is His Doctrine?**

As you know, or should know, it is our heavenly Father that sent Messiah, His only Begotten Son, and Scripture makes it very clear that the Father's Doctrine are the Words of His Torah of Life.

Proverbs 3:1-8

*My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah; **BUT** let your heart **KEEP** My Commandments:*

***WHY** should any of us keep the Commandments of our heavenly Father?*

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they (the Words of My Torah) add to you.

*Do **NOT** let **MERCY** and **TRUTH** (Torah, Psalm 119:142) forsake you: Bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart:*

***WHY** should I write the Words of Your Torah upon my heart?*

Because, if you do, you shall find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.

*Trust in YHVH with all your heart; and do **NOT** lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him,*

***WHY**, should I **Trust**, and acknowledge YHVH, and **NOT** lean on my own understanding?*

*Because if you do, YHVH, the Creator of **ALL** things **SHALL** direct your path.*

*Do **NOT** be wise in your own eyes: fear YHVH, **AND** depart from evil.*

***WHY**, should I fear YHVH, and depart from evil?*

*Because **IF** you do, **IT WILL BE** health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.*

*Proverbs 4:1-2 Hear (shema), you children, the instruction of your father, and attend to **KNOW** understanding. For I give you **GOOD DOCTRINE**, do **NOT** forsake My Torah.*

*Psalm 91:4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings shall you learn to **TRUST**: His **TRUTH** (the Words of His Torah of Life) **SHALL** be your shield and buckler.*

*Proverbs 16:6 By **MERCY** and **TRUTH** **iniquity is purged**: and by the **FEAR** of YHVH, men depart from evil (please remember that the fear of YHVH **IS** the beginning of wisdom), therefore it is obedience to YHVH's wisdom, expressed in the Words of His Torah of Life that purges iniquity.*

*Verse 3 Messiah said to the people on the shore, hearken, (shema, hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey these words) that I have taught you from My **DDctrine**, which we have just learned, are the Words of our heavenly Father's Doctrine, the Words of Torah of Life.*

And then Messiah proceeds to tell them about the parable of the sower, He says:

*Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, the seed
1 – Some of the seed fell by the way side, and the **FOWLS OF THE AIR** came and devoured it up.*

The word Wayside, is the Greek word Hodos, which means, way, a travelled way, a road, the way leading to a place, also denotes conduct, the road or the way that one chooses to guide their lives by. Therefore, if the **fowls of the air** came and devoured the seed, it means that the conduct of the people that this is speaking of, those that walked by the **Wayside**, were in total denial of the **value** of the seed, the Words of YHVH, and since they did **NOT** attribute any **value** to it, they simply, walked right on by, as if the seed that they looked at, was totally worthless. Who do you think the **fowls** of the air, that come and devour the seed represent? Let's look at *Ephesians 2:1* where it says: *And you, who were dead in your trespasses of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, in your Sins; 2 Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also, we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

Since the only power that satan has, **IS the power of deception**, then the **FOWLS of the air** mentioned here, in *Mark 4*, represent the **deception** of satan, which causes people, who foolishly fall for his deceptive ways, to attribute **NO value** whatsoever to the **Seed** or the **Words** of the Father's Torah of Life.

2 – *Some of the seed fell on stony ground, where it did NOT have much soil; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: 6 But when the Sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root (no foundation), it withered away.*

What does the stony ground represent? And what does the lack of soil represent? Let us look at Scripture for the answer. In *Ezekiel 11:19* YHVH says: *And I will give them one heart, and I will put a New spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh:*

WHY?

20 That they may walk in My Statutes, and Keep My Ordinances (the Words of My Torah of Life), and DO them: and they SHALL be My people, and I will be their Elohim. 21 BUT as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, says YHVH Elohim.

I believe that the stony ground represents the stony hearts of people, hearts that are so hard, that they will **NOT** allow the Word of YHVH to penetrate their heart. The soil represents the Words of YHVH, for all things were created by the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, therefore when Messiah tells us, that they did **NOT have much soil**, He is telling us, that there was a lack of YHVH's Words of Life in their lives, therefore, the seed, or the Words of YHVH, were scorched by the sun, which represents all kinds of different man made gods, that people have chosen to worship, instead of worshipping YHVH, and that means, that their root system or the foundation that they have built their lives on, will **NOT** stand, and according to YHVH, they will perish, they will be scorched, because they chose to believe the lies of satan, and worshipped man made imaginary gods, and their false man made religious and or secular doctrines.

3 – *Some of the seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.*

What do the thorns represent? They represent the tares, and the tares represent people who have willingly rejected the Ways and the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and when a person is surrounded by tares, rather than the wheat, who metaphorically represent, believers and followers of Messiah, followers of the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, then it is easy to

be deceived into believing as they do, that the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, are no longer relevant for their so called complex society, therefore the **TARES** actually choke or prevent a person from ingesting the seed of YHVH, internalizing the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, which **IS** Life to all people who choose to believe, follow and obey it.

4 – *Some of the seed fell on **GOOD** ground, and **DID** yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some **thirty**, and some **sixty**, and some a **hundred fold**.*

What does the **Good** ground represent? The word **Good** is translated from the Hebrew word Tov, טוב, which means, to function in the manner that YHVH created us to function, and **HOW** does Scripture define the Way that YHVH wants all of His children to function? *Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in the people of Yisrael, that they **would FEAR me**, (the fear of YHVH **IS** the beginning of wisdom) and **KEEP ALL** (not just some) My Commandments **always**,*

WHY?

*So that it might be well with them, and with their children **FOR EVER!** Go say to them, Get yourself into your tents again. But as for you Mosheh, stand here By me, and I will speak unto you **ALL** the Commandments, and **ALL** the Statutes, and **ALL** the Judgments (the Words of My Torah of Life), which you **SHALL TEACH THEM**,*

WHY?

*So that they may **DO** them in the land which I give them to possess it. You, Mosheh and **ALL** the people of Yisrael, **SHALL observe TO DO** therefore as YHVH your Elohim has Commanded you: you **SHALL NOT** turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You **SHALL** walk in all the Ways which YHVH your Elohim has Commanded you, **that you may LIVE, AND that it may be well with you**, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you **SHALL** possess.*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does YHVH your Elohim **REQUIRE** of **YOU**, **BUT** to fear YHVH your Elohim (the fear of YHVH **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to walk in **ALL** His Ways, and to Love Him, and to **serve** YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To **KEEP** the Commandments of YHVH, and His Statutes (the words of His Torah of Life), which I Command you this day **for your good?***

There are many other *verses* scattered throughout Scripture, that tell us, that we are commanded to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Furthermore, there is another question that I believe should be asked, and that **IS**, what do the numbers **thirty**, **sixty** and one **hundred** represent in this parable? The number **thirty** represents the age that Yoseph, the son of Ya'aqov was, when he stood before Pharaoh and became the saviour of Yisrael and the known world of the day. And **thirty** is also the age at which Messiah began His ministry. The Number **sixty** is the age that Yitzchaq was, when His two sons, Ya'aqov and Esav, were born, and the number **one hundred**, represents the age that Abraham was, when Yirzchaq was born. Therefore these numbers, **thirty**, **sixty** and **one hundred**, which speak of the **GOOD ground or soil**, represents the obedience of the Patriarchs to the Words of our heavenly Fathers Torah of Life, and the beginning of Messiah's ministry of redemption onto salvation for all the people that will turn to Him with loving surrendered contrite obedient hearts, to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 9 And he said unto them, He that has ears to hear, let him **hear** (Shema).

To better understand what Messiah is saying here, just think of **your ears as a radio**, and there is a radio station called LWY, (the Living Word of YHVH, made flesh, Messiah) which is broadcasting twenty four hours a day, **BUT** the only **WAY** that you can actually **hear** the message that is coming over the air waves, **IS** when you choose to make the effort to tune into, the (LWY) radio station frequency, which, as I said, is broadcasting continually. Therefore, Messiah is saying, to all the people who want to **HEAR** or Shema the Voice of the Creator of the universe, please take the time to **TUNE** your ear (radio) into My station, LWY, where you will be able to hear, to shema My Voice, if you so choose. What you WILL hear, when you choose to tune in to My frequency, IS, Me, speaking Words that will set you free, Words that will strengthen you, bless you and put you on the path to everlasting Life in the kingdom of Elohim, but only **IF** you willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words that I speak. Amein

Verse 10 And when He was alone, they that were about Him with the twelve asked of Him the parable. 11 And He said unto them, Unto **YOU** it is given to know the **MYSTERY** of the kingdom of **ELOHIM**:

Here Messiah says that onto **YOU** it is given to **KNOW** the mystery of the kingdom of Elohim. Therefore the questions that have to be asked and answered are, **WHO** does the word **YOU**, represent, and what is the **MYSTERY** of the Kingdom of Elohim?

The word **YOU** represents the believers and followers of Yeshua the Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. And the Mystery of the Kingdom of Elohim, that was given to them, to know, is explained in *Colossians 1:1-29 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah by the will of Elohim, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Messiah which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Elohim our Father and the Master Yeshua Messiah. We give thanks to Elohim and the Father of our Master Yeshua Messiah, praying always for YOU, Since we heard of your belief in Messiah Yeshua, and of the love which you have for all the saints, For the hope which is laid up FOR YOU in heaven, whereof you heard before, in the Word of the TRUTH, the GOSPEL; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and brings forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day you heard of it (since the day that you decided to shema, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life), and KNEW the Grace of Elohim in TRUTH (Torah, Psalm 119:142): As you also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you, a faithful minister of Messiah; Who also, declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do NOT cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His WILL in all Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding; That you might walk worthy of YHVH unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every GOOD work (Tov, טוב, which means good, but it has a much more profound meaning, it means functioning in the manner that YHVH created it or us to function), and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us meet, able, to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh): In whom we have redemption through His blood (His Torah obedient Life that He willingly chose to Live, while He was here on earth with us), even the forgiveness of Sins, (the forgiveness of our trespasses of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life): Who is the image of the*

*invisible Elohim, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were **ALL** things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **ALL THINGS** were created **BY** Him, and **FOR** Him: And He is before **ALL** things, and by Him **ALL things consist**. And He is the head of the body, the Qahal, the Assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in ALL things**, He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should **ALL FULLNESS DWELL**; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him, to reconcile **ALL** things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they are things in earth, or things in heaven. And **YOU, who were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, YET** now has He (Messiah) reconciled, in the body of His flesh through death, to present **YOU holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight: IF you continue in your belief grounded and settled, and IF you are NOT moved away from the hope of the Gospel** (the **TRUTH**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life), which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now **rejoice** in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Messiah in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Qahal, the Assembly: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of Elohim which is given to me for **YOU**, to fulfill the Word of Elohim, (the Words of His Torah of Life); Even the **MYSTERY** which has been hidden **from ages and from generations, BUT NOW IS made manifest to His saints: To whom Elohim would make known what IS the riches of the glory of this MYSTERY among the Gentiles; which IS MESSIAH** (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) **IN YOU, the Hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all Wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Messiah Yeshua: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily.***

BUT unto them that are outside, ***ALL these things are done in parables:***

What does it mean to be outside? To be outside means that they have **NOT** yet chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and their strength to our heavenly Father in obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, they have **NOT** tuned in to Messiah's frequency, therefore Messiah says, He talks to them in parables so that they will **NOT** perceive, be aware of, nor understand nor comprehend what He is saying. Therefore, **IF** they truly want to understand what Messiah is saying to them, then, they will take the first step to make that happen, and that first step **IS**, choosing to willingly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, **AND** commit to believe follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, for there is no room in the kingdom of Elohim, for fence sitters, people that are just partially surrendered to YHVH, they must make up their minds to be fully surrendered to Him, **IF** they want to enter the eternal everlasting kingdom of Elohim.

That is **WHY** Messiah says in verse 12 *So that, seeing they may see, and NOT perceive; And hearing they may hear, and NOT understand;*

Messiah is making it very clear to us, that when anyone willingly chooses to surrender their will to our heavenly Father, in **TOTAL** loving surrendered obedience to ALL the Words of His Torah of Life, that they will be filled with His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with causing all people who will allow Him, to make them understand **ALL** the words that Messiah speaks to us in parables, and learn how to better navigate their lives through the pitfalls that surround us every day.

LEST at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

This is a quote from *Isaiah 6:6-10* Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, YHVH of hosts. Then, one of the seraphims flew unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged. Also I heard the Voice of YHVH, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then, I said, Here I am; send me. And He said, Go, and tell this people, you do indeed Hear, BUT you do NOT understand; and you do indeed see, but you do NOT perceive. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert,**

(וָשָׁב), VaShav, is from the word Shuv, שׁוּב, which means, to return, turn back, come again, go again, repeated, but depending on the context, it can also mean, to be rebellious, he turned away, lead astray, misled, behaved wildly, unruly, mischievous)

And be healed.

(וְרָפָא), VeRapha, is from the word Rapha, רָפָא or רָפֵא, which means, to heal, cure, recovered, he mended, repaired, but it also means to weaken, to be weak, feeble, to sink, decline, dropped, disheartened, discouraged)

I believe that YHVH is telling us here, that people who receive things too easily, **will put no value in it**, and therefore, **it weakens their resolve to continue in what they have been exposed to, since they put little to no effort in searching the Word of YHVH**, and unfortunately, I believe that they will easily fall away from the Way, and the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, as soon as any controversy or opposition comes their way, therefore, YHVH wants **ALL** people to surrender their hearts to Him first, before they get the understanding that they need, to comprehend what lessons He is teaching all of us, in His Parables.

Verse 13 And He said unto them, do you NOT know this parable? How then will you know all parables?

What did Messiah mean when He said, **IF** you do **NOT** know this parable you will **NOT** know any of the other parables? What concepts or pearls of wisdom are there in this parable that will allow us to understand **ALL** of Messiah's other parables?

What follows next is very important, because Messiah goes on to explain what the parable of the sower means, and **IF** we can grasp and understand what He is telling us, then that means we will be able to better understand all of the other parables that Messiah speaks to us.

He begins by telling us: *The sower sowed the Word.*

Please remember that **it is the Word of Elohim that created the universe**, and it is the Word of Elohim that became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten son of Elohim, filled with **GRACE** and **TRUTH**. And then Messiah describes the **four** different soils that the seed is sown in.

*1- These are they **by the way side**, where the **word** is sown; But when they have heard, **satan** comes immediately, and takes away the Word that was sown in their hearts.*

Why is that, **why** is it possible for **satan** to immediately take the Word of YHVH from these people? It is because they have been easily deceived by **satan**, and chosen to believe his deceptive Lies, rather than YHVH's eternal Truth, contained in the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. They have chosen to believe all sorts of man made doctrines which are **ALL** inspired by the deceiver himself, **satan**, to confuse people, so that they will believe his lies, which keeps them away from YHVH's **TRUTH**, which saves Lives.

*2 – These are they likewise which are **sown on stony ground**; who, when they have heard the Word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no **root** (no foundation) in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises for the Word's sake, immediately they are offended.*

The stony ground represents, stony hearts, hearts that are filled with pride, hearts that do **NOT** have any humbleness anywhere within them, and since they are hard hearted, they do **NOT** want to be told what to do. But when they hear something that sounds good to them, they take it up right away, but as soon as some affliction or controversy or persecution comes their way, like it did to many of the people in Yisrael, during the time of the Maccabees, they change their minds, and immediately discard what they thought was good, for some other new doctrine that they now believe is better, something like the *name it and claim it doctrine* that has been believed by many people over the years, and therefore they drop the Word of YHVH, because, they believe that there is something better and easier on the other side of the fence.

*3 – These are they which are **sown among thorns**; such as hear the word, 19 And **the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful.***

Here we are told that when the word is planted among the thorns, which is a shadow picture of the Tares, then the people who are among the thorns get ridiculed and laughed at, for believing what the thorns or Tares call nonsense, or a crutch, or superstition, and then, these people that maybe wanted to investigate and maybe keep the Word of YHVH, are bullied and shamed into following the majority of the Tares, that reject the Words of YHVH, which IS what happened to the people of Yisrael in Mattathias' day.

*4 – These are they which are **sown on GOOD ground**; such as hear the Word, and **receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty-fold, some sixty-fold some a hundred-fold.***

Next we are told that the seed landed in good ground, and as I explained above, the **GOOD** ground represents someone or something that is functioning in the manner that YHVH created all things to function, and that is in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 21 And He said unto them, IS a candle brought, to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and **NOT** to be set on a candlestick?*

The answer is of course is a resounding **NO**, a candle is not to be hidden, because the light that it produces, will be absolutely useless.

*Verse 22 For there is nothing that is **hidden**, which shall **NOT** be manifested; Neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.*

Messiah is telling us, that all the dirty secrets that people have tried to keep hidden throughout the ages, **WILL** be brought out into the **OPEN**, for the whole world to see. Now, knowing that all of our Sins, all of our trespasses of YHVH's Torah of Life, all of our deep dark secrets, will one day be made public, will hopefully cause us to look at areas of our lives today, where there might be some Sin, and hopefully ask YHVH to help us to get rid of the sinful behaviour, since it will all come out in the open one day.

Verse 23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear:

We all have ears, and there are many radio stations in our world today (man made doctrines) that we can listen to, **BUT**, all of them except One, will lead us astray, and cause us to lose our position in YHVH's eternal kingdom. Therefore be diligent to use you **EARS**, which represents your own radio, to tune into LWY, (the Living Word of YHVH, made flesh, Messiah) radio station, on a daily basis, so that you can be immersed in the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, for when you willingly choose to Shema, when you choose to hear, listen, pay attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey what YHVH tells you, **IT SETS YOU FREE, and places you on His righteous path onto everlasting Life in His kingdom here on earth.**

Verse 24 And He said unto them, Take heed what you hear:

Satan is a master deceiver, and he too has a radio station of his own, and it too is broadcasting twenty four hours of every day, and there are many that tune into that station, Unfortunately for them, when a person is listening to that station, they are **NOT** tuned in to the Station that speaks the **TRUTH**, therefore, they cannot and will **NOT** hear the **TRUTH**, the Words that are broadcast constantly on YHVH's radio station, which means, they will continue in their bondage to Sin, to Torahlessness, and unless they change their ways, they **WILL** be lost forever.

With whatever measure you mete, It shall be measured to you:

According to Scripture, **ALL** people will reap what they have sown, and when it comes to judging other people, YHVH makes it very clear that with whatever heart, method, or rule, that we judge other people, then **BY THAT SAME method, or rule**, we will be judged. Therefore **IF** you want to be judged **harshly** by Elohim, then judge people **harshly**, with no love, forgiveness, or any compassion, and YHVH will do the same for you, **BUT, IF** you want YHVH to be loving. caring, compassionate, merciful, and forgiving with you, when He judges you on Judgement Day, **THEN** use your head, and judge people with love, compassion and mercy in your heart, and YHVH will do the same for you.

And unto you that hear (Shema) shall more be given.

WHY?

Well it is like when your employer finds out that you are very good at what you do, it pleases him, that his company is well represented in the public eye, and therefore the employer will not hesitate to give you more responsibility, which is exactly what YHVH is saying here. However **IF** you do not use your Elohim given gifts, to first choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of life, it means that you will **NOT** be able to help nor guide other people to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of life, and then whatever belief or faith that you profess to have, will disappear from you, along with your opportunity to make it into the kingdom of Elohim.

That is why Messiah says what He says, in *verse 25 For he that has, **TO HIM SHALL BE GIVEN:** And he that does **NOT have, FROM HIM SHALL BE TAKEN EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAS.***

Messiah makes it **VERY** clear, that with whatever measure we judge people by, is what measure we will be judged by, **BECAUSE** that is how YHVH has set up the whole universe, and as you can see He confirms that in *verse 25* above.

Then He goes on to say in *verse 26*

*This is how the kingdom of Elohim works, it is as if a man should cast seed into the ground; 27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, **YET** he does **NOT KNOW HOW.***

That is still very true today, for while the people who study agriculture, **KNOW** that when you put a seed in the ground it grows, they **DO NOT KNOW** what makes it grow, they just know what the ideal conditions are, that any particular seed needs to get the best results, because they have observed it over the years. They can explain the process of **HOW** it happens, **BUT** they do **NOT KNOW** what makes a seed in the ground grow, only Elohim knows, for He created all seeds.

*Verse 28 For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. 29 **BUT, WHEN** the fruit is brought forth, **immediately** he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*

Here Messiah is telling us, that the harvest of our heavenly Father will happen immediately, in the blink of an eye, when He, our heavenly Father, decides that His field, which is the world, is ready to be harvested, and when that happens, there will be no time to repent and ask for forgiveness, there will only be judgement, based on what **good** or **evil WORKS OR DEEDS** we have done in our lives.

In *verse 30* Messiah asks a question, *And He said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of Elohim? Or with what comparison shall we compare it?*

And He gives us an answer in *verse 31*

*The kingdom of Elohim **IS LIKE** a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is **less** than all the seeds that are in the earth: 32 **BUT**, when it is sown, it grows up, and becomes greater*

than all herbs, and shoots out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Through this parable, Messiah is explaining to us, how the kingdom of Elohim will grow in us. It is not a one day affair, where you are a nonbeliever, and the next day, you are an ardent and zealous follower of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life. However, Messiah does say, that the mustard seed, which He compares to the Word of YHVH, may be the smallest seed, which means that even when we begin with the smallest part of the Word of YHVH in our lives, **IF** we keep at it, it will blossom into the biggest and best bush, which is a metaphor for growing into the biggest and strongest **DOCTRINE**, that can and will do many more things than what **ALL** the other seeds combined can do, because, that mustard seed, which is a metaphor for the seed, the Word of YHVH, is capable of giving **ALL** who choose to internalize it, everlasting Life in the kingdom of Elohim, and **NO** other seed can do that.

*Verse 33 And with many such parables did Messiah speak the Word unto them, as they were able to hear it. 34 **But, without a parable, Messiah did did NOT speak unto them:** and when they were alone, He expounded all things to His disciples.*

Messiah did **NOT** leave His disciples in a lurch, He explained all things to them, he explained that they needed to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and, since He does **NOT** change, it means that we too must learn to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 35 And the same day, when the even was come, He said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

I believe that this is a subtle hint by YHVH that He wants all of us to **PASS** or **CROSS OVER** to the other side, the side of total surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and as we read on, you will see why He wanted them to **PASS OVER** to the other side.

*Verse 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took Him even as He was in the ship. 37 And there were also with Him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And He was in the hinder part of the ship, **asleep** on a pillow: and they woke Him up, and said unto Him, Master, do you **NOT care that we are about to perish?***

Here the ship represents the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and as you can see, when there is some controversy, some difficulties that happen to the people that are trying to keep the Words of the Torah, some people don't believe what the Torah says; they don't believe that **IF** they simply choose to **TRUST** and **OBEY** what the Words of the Father's Torah Life tells us, that He will never leave nor forsake them, therefore as soon as there is some controversy that in their minds, threatens their safety, their lives, they forget the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and the promises that are contained in the Words of the Torah, and they panic, because, **they are afraid**, even though Messiah and YHVH have **said countless times, do NOT BE AFRAID**. So as we read on we see that they wake Messiah from His well deserved sleep, but as you will see, He is not very pleased with them.

*Verse 39 And He arose, and **rebuked** the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

Now if there was ever any doubt that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and that the Torah made flesh created all things, then this should convince you, that Messiah is indeed the Creator of all things, for it is the Father that created all things through His Word, and it is the Father that is controlling all things through His Word, the very same Word that became flesh and dwelt among us.

*Verse 40 And He said unto them, **Why are you so fearful?** How is it that you **DON'T BELIEVE?***

How would **YOU** have acted, **IF** you were under the very same circumstances? Would you have panicked as they did, or would you have remained calm as Messiah was, since He knew that the Father is indeed in control of all things? It is an important question that merits a lot of thought before you answer it.

Messiah asks them, why are you so fearful, and then He says something that must have felt like a knife going through their hearts, He says **HOW IS IT THAT YOU DO NOT BELIEVE?** I hope I never hear those words coming out of Messiah's mouth when He speaks to me, I hope that I will always believe that YHVH is with me and that whatever happens, or whatever circumstances I find myself in, that I will always **TRUST** that He, YHVH/Messiah, will be at My side, to fulfill His will for My life.

Verse 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

Even after our heavenly Father stopped the storm and calmed the sea through Messiah, His disciples were **still afraid**, not just because of the raging seas and the storm, but because of the power of Elohim that was displayed through Messiah. This just tells us that they really did **NOT** know who He was **YET**.

*Matthew 10:28 And Messiah said, **DO NOT FEAR** them which kill the body, **BUT** are not able to kill the soul: **BUT, RATHER, FEAR** Him who is able to destroy both **SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.**
*Amein**

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*