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The **Hidden Treasure** of the Bible

About 30 years ago I began to see parts of the Bible that I could not understand. As an example, “casting bread on water and finding it many days later” (Eccl.11:1), did not make sense to me. “Always wearing white clothes and keeping oil on my head” (Eccl.9:8) did not make any sense either. I began a diligent search to try to find someone to help me understand the Bible. To make a long story very short, I received the most help from the Bible itself.

I began to read statements in the Bible about the “**hidden treasure**” of the Bible. By studying the parables I saw how Jesus revealed truth by using real objects and giving them each a Spiritual meaning. I began to realize that many parts of the Bible are not meant to make literal or physical sense, but are meant to be understood Spiritually.

The Bible became its own interpreter for me and I saw that one verse of the Bible was the **key** to understanding another verse of the Bible.

I began compiling a list of the Spiritual meanings of the objects used in the Bible and found to my great joy, that I was able to understand parts of the Bible that previously had not made sense to me.

Soon, I was sharing what I had learned with anyone who would listen. I found that friends who would not listen to “straight doctrine” were intrigued by how the Bible explained itself and would listen to the parables and their explanation. I started to write books to make the Bible **simple**, so that my friends could understand it. These were not books about the Bible, but books that let **you** understand the Bible yourself!

Most people are “surface readers” and have no idea of what they are missing by not understanding the “**hidden wisdom**” in the Bible.

On the following pages you will discover like never before the beauty and depth of the Bible as **you** discover its meaning that is **hidden** from the “surface seeker”. Best of all **you** will fall in love with Jesus as you really begin to understand the Bible.

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JESUS HEALS
THE **BLIND** MAN

Acted Parables of the Bible

In the days of Jeremiah, the Lord taught the people by means of a series of **acted parables**".

Prophets and Kings pg 423

"He taught Spiritual lessons in every miracle performed... the cursing of the fig tree was an **acted parable**"

Desire of Ages pg 266, 267, 336, 341, 582

Thus, in both **Old** and **New** Testaments there are "**Acted Parables**" for us to learn Spiritual Lessons from.

"I have been shown that in both the Old and New Testaments are **mines of truth** that have scarcely been touched.

Review & Herald Feb.4, 1890

The **Acted Parable** of:
Jesus Healing the Blind man

John 9

*"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was **blind** from his birth.*

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

*5 As long as I am in the world, I am the **light** of the world.*

*6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the **clay**,*

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

*14 And it was the **Sabbath day** when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes"*

Questions and Comments

1. Jesus said that the man had not sinned and that the miracle that he was about to perform was to “make manifest” or to reveal something about the “**works** of God”.

Thus, this acted Parable will reveal something about **Creation** that people are “blind” about.

2. Jesus also said that He was “the **Light**” of the world and this man being blind needed Physical “light” more than anything.

Thus, this acted Parable will reveal some Spiritual **truth** or “light” that people are “blind” about and need to “**see light**” about.

3. What is the **Spiritual significance** of putting clay on the man’s eyes before he was healed? We know that Jesus could heal the man by just speaking or putting his hands, on the man, so WHY did He put “**clay**” on the man’s eyes?

The answer to this question has to be one of the keys to understanding this Acted Parable.

4. What is the main Spiritual lesson that this Acted Parable teaches us?

Comments

Since the man was Physically **Blind**, (cannot see Physical **light**), then this story or *Acted Parable* represents someone who is Spiritually "**Blind**", (cannot see Spiritual **Light**) or someone who does not understand **Truth**.


This blind man had been in "**darkness**" all his life. Thus, he represents those whom Jesus came to heal so that they could "see **Great Light**".

Matt.4:16 "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up"


Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me".

In order to understand WHY Jesus put "**clay**" on the man's eyes, we will first have to determine what "clay" represents Spiritually.

If the man was blind, something was already blocking his vision. Putting Physical "clay" over the man's eyes certainly could not improve his ability to Physically see but would block his vision even more! Maybe this is exactly what Jesus was trying to tell us. Maybe He was trying to tell us that **Spiritual "clay"** was what was blocking this man from "seeing the **light**" or seeing the **Truth**!"

Key Word 

LIGHT = ?





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LIGHT = TRUTH

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth ...".

John 3:21 "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light ...".

Key Word 





SEE LIGHT = ?

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SEE LIGHT = Understand Truth

PS.119:130 "... The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple".

Key Word 




DARKNESS = ?
(Evening, night, black, MIDNIGHT)


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DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)

Ps.82:5 "They know not, neither do they understand, they walk on in darkness ...".

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or ERROR

Key Word 



BLIND = ?
(Can't see light)

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BLIND = Does not understand
(Can't see light)
Doesn't understand truth

Isa.56:10,11 "His watchmen are blind they are all ignorant ... they are shepherds that cannot understand ...".

Clay

*Job 10:9 "Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made **me** as the **clay**; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?"*

Thus, "**clay**" represents "**man**"

Clay on man's eyes

Physical clay preventing a man from seeing Physical light.

Spiritual clay preventing a man from seeing Spiritual light.

"Clay" preventing a man from seeing "light".

"**Man**" preventing a man from seeing "**truth**".

Man's teaching preventing another man from seeing the **truth**.

Siloam

The "clay" was washed off in the pool of **Siloam**.

We will refer to the Hebrew Dictionary in Strong's Concordance to determine the meaning of the name "Siloam".

Siloam # 4611 To send, sent, send out, bring out, put away.

The water of the pool of Siloam washed off the clay from the man's eyes and then he could **see light**.

Spiritually this means that in order to "see light" or "**see truth**", "**man's teachings**" (clay) must be "put away" or "sent away".

This is in harmony with the statement that Jesus made about the spiritual teachers (Pharisees and Sadducees).

*Matt.16:6,12 "Then Jesus said unto them, take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees".*

SUMMARY

1. The Acted Parable was to reveal something about the “works” or **Creation** of God.
- 2 It was to reveal some Spiritual “light” or **truth** that people needed to “**see**”.
- 3 It had to do with Spiritual “clay” or **man** blocking the Spiritual vision of people, so that they could not see the “**light**” or **truth**.
4. It had to do with “**man’s teaching**” that were to be “put away”.
5. When the blind man first saw the Physical light it was on the **Sabbath day**. Thus, when people first see the Spiritual “light” it will be the **truth** on the **Sabbath day** which reveals the *Sabbath* as a memorial of the “works of God” or **Creation**.

*Exodus 20:11 "For in six days the Lord **made heaven and earth**, the seas, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the **Sabbath day** and hallowed it".*

*Genesis 2:2,3 "And on the seventh day **God ended his work** which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: **because** that in it he had rested from all his work which **God created and made**".*

THE WOMAN
WHO FOUND
THE **LOST**
PIECE OF SILVER

The Parable of the “Woman who lost the piece of silver” is often referred to as the “**Parable of the lost coin**” and the common meaning given is the one mentioned in “Christ’s Object Lessons”.

That meaning describes how the “Church has the responsibility to **reclaim missing members**”.

This one of the “**Correct**” interpretations for this parable. Most people have never realized that there are **two other** “Correct” interpretations for this parable!!!

We are going to discover a **second** “correct” interpretation today and perhaps at a later time I can share the third interpretation.

The reason that this parable has more than one meaning is because **one** of the objects or symbols has **three different** Spiritual meanings and each meaning perfectly fits the parable.

Examples of **Parables** with **more than one meaning**.

“The parable of the merchantman seeking goodly pearls has a double significance: it applies not only to men as seeking the kingdom of heaven, but to Christ as seeking His lost inheritance. Christ, the heavenly merchantman seeking goodly pearls, saw in lost humanity the pearl of great price. In man, defiled and ruined by sin, He saw the possibilities of redemption”.

Christ’s Object Lessons, pg118

“Jesus had shown them a sign... Now when they asked for a sign, He answered them by a parable showing that He read their malice, and saw to what length it would lead them. “*Destroy this temple*”, He said, “*and in three days I will raise it up*”. In these words His meaning was twofold. He referred not only to the destruction of the Jewish temple and worship, but to His own death, the destruction of the temple of His body”.

Desire of Ages, pg163, 164

Jesus as Teacher

“For His own wise purposes the Lord **veils** spiritual truth in **figures** and **symbols**...

In parables and comparisons He found the best method of communicating divine truth.

In simple language, using figures and illustrations drawn from the **natural world**, He opened spiritual truth to His hearers...”.

Fund. of Chr. Ed. pg 236

The Parable of: The Woman and Silver Piece

LUKE 15:8 "Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it ? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost".

QUESTIONS : THINK !!

1. What is the problem of the woman ?
2. What did the woman lose ?
3. Where did the woman lose the silver piece ?
4. What was the condition of the house ?
5. What did the woman do to find the silver piece ?
6. Did the woman find the silver piece easily ?
7. What did the woman do after she found the silver piece ?
8. What does it mean to "light a candle"?
9. What is the significance of "sweeping" the house?
10. What are the REAL OBJECTS?

*LUKE 15:8 "Either what **woman** having **ten** pieces of **silver**, if she lose one piece, doth not light a **candle**, and **sweep** the **house**, and seek diligently till she find it ? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost".*

REAL OBJECTS

Woman	Light a candle
Silver	Sweep, * Dust
10 Pieces of Silver	House
Candle	* Darkness

The Woman and Silver Piece

Physical Paraphrase

There was a (*Physical*) woman who had 10 pieces of (*Physical*) silver. She (*Physically*) lost one piece of (*Physical*) silver in her (*Physical*) house. She lit a (*Physical*) candle to provide (*Physical*) light so that she could (*Physically*) see in her (*Physically*) dark house. She had to (*Physically*) sweep away the (*Physical*) dust of the house because it was hiding the piece of (*Physical*) silver. After diligent (*Physical*) searching, she found the (*Physical*) piece of silver that she had (*Physically*) lost and then shared the good news with her neighbors.

Spiritual Paraphrase

There was a (*Spiritual*) woman who had 10 pieces of (*Spiritual*) silver. She (*Spiritually*) lost one piece of (*Spiritual*) silver in her (*Spiritual*) house. She lit a (*Spiritual*) candle to provide (*Spiritual*) light so that she could (*Spiritually*) see in her (*Spiritually*) dark house. She had to (*Spiritually*) sweep away the (*Spiritual*) dust of the house because it was hiding the piece of (*Spiritual*) silver. After diligent (*Spiritual*) searching, she found the (*Spiritual*) piece of silver that she had (*Spiritually*) lost and then shared the good news with her neighbors.

Key Word



WOMAN = ?

(Pure, dressed in white)



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WOMAN = God's Church
(Pure)
(True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called **thee**, as a **woman**... and a wife..."

Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."

Key Word



CANDLE = ?



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CANDLE = GOD'S WORD
(The Bible)

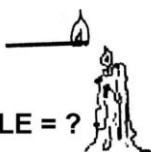
Ps.119:105 "Thy word is a ***candle** unto my feet, and a light unto my path".

*candle = Hebrew word
lamp = English word

Key Word



LIGHT A CANDLE = ?



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LIGHT A CANDLE =

Study the Bible to understand truth

Ps.18:28 "For thou wilt **light my candle**: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness".

Key Word



LIGHT = ?



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LIGHT = TRUTH

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy **light** and thy **truth** ...".

John 3:21 "But he that doeth **truth** cometh to the **light** ...".

Key Word



HOUSE = ?



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HOUSE = Church
(God's people)

Hebrews 3:6

"But **Christ** a son over His own **house**; whose **house** are we ..."


LUKE 15:8 "Either what **woman** having **ten** pieces of **silver**, if she lose one piece, doth not light a **candle**, and **sweep** the **house**, and seek diligently till she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost".


If the woman had to "light a Candle"

what **condition** was the House in?

If she had to "sweep" the House

what **condition** was the House in?

Key Word 



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DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)


Ps.82:5 "They **know not**, neither do they understand, they walk on in **darkness ...**".

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or **ERROR**

The woman could not see the piece of silver because of the **Physical Darkness** in the *house*.

The Church could not see the piece Spiritual silver because of the **Spiritual Darkness** in the *Church*.

Key Word 



CLAY, DUST, SAND = ?

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CLAY, DUST, SAND = Man
(man's words)


Joshua 11:4 "And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much **people** even as the **sand** upon the **seashore..**"

Job 10:9 "Remember... thou hast made **me** as the **clay**; and wilt thou bring **me** into **dust** again?"

The woman could not see the piece of silver because **Physical dust** was hiding it.

The Church could not see the piece of Spiritual silver because **Spiritual dust** (man) was hiding it.

Key Word 


SWEEP = ? 

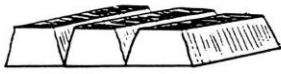
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SWEEP = To Remove
Spiritual Dust, Sand, etc

Isaiah 28:17
"... the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies ...".

When the woman swept away the **Physical dust** she discovered the piece of silver.
When the Church sweeps away the **Spiritual dust** (men's words), it will see the piece of Spiritual silver.

Key Word 




SILVER = ?

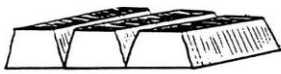
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SILVER = Words of God
10 Commandments and Bible

Psm.12:6
"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times".

Dust was **hiding** the piece of silver.
Man's words are **hiding** God's Words.

Key Word 




SILVER = ?
(10 Pieces)

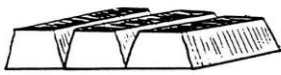
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SILVER = God's Law
(10 Pieces) (10 Commandments)

Psm.119:72
"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver".

The missing piece of **silver** represents a missing piece of **God's Law**.

Key Word 



SILVER = ?
(lost)

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SILVER = God's Law
1 Piece lost 1 Commandment missing

Psm.119:72
"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver".

1 Piece of silver was **lost** by the Woman!
1 Commandment of God's Law was **lost** by the Church!

Let's look at the 10 commandments and see which **one** has been **LOST!**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

As written by God The Holy Bible	As changed by men Dr Martin Luther's
Exodus 20:3-10	Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments	The Ten Commandments
1 st 3 <i>"Thou shalt have no other gods before me.</i>	1 st Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2 nd 4 <i>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.</i>	<div style="font-size: 4em; line-height: 1;">}</div> <p style="text-align: center;">THE 2ND COMMANDMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REMOVED</p>
5 <i>Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;</i>	
6 <i>And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.</i>	
3 rd 7 <i>Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.</i>	
4 th 8 <i>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.</i>	3 rd Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Thou shalt sanctify the holy day).
9 <i>Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:</i>	4 th Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
10 <i>But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do..."</i>	

Why was the 2nd Commandment specifying “**no graven images**” removed by the Church?

Let’s take a close look at this Commandment.

Exodus 20:4-5

*"Thou shalt **not make** unto thee any **graven** image, or **any likeness** of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children..."*

It is clear that God does **not** want us to “make a **graven** image” or “**any likeness** of anything”, and to then use it in worship!!

Exodus 31:18

*"And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the **finger of God**".*

Exodus 32:15,16

*"And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the **writing of God, graven** upon the tables".*

Let's look at the **History** of the Church:

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC QUARTERLY REVIEW VOL.VIII FROM JAN. to OCT.,1883 pg 139

"The **Sunday**, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of God... is purely a **creation** of the Catholic Church".

"The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D. defines: that *Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day*; and that preferring the Lord's day, they must then rest, if this can be done, as becomes Christians".

"Constantine lent the power of the state to enforce the regulations of the Church, and the **civil law** began to enforce the **spiritual decrees**. He commanded the Lord's day to be observed by all as a festival and day of rest".

Thus, the "**Church**" has *Physically removed* the **2nd** Commandment from it's Catechism, and at the same time *Spiritually* removed the **4th** Commandment from **God's Law**.

We have seen that God does **not** want us to "make a **graven image**" or "**any likeness**" of anything" and to then use it in worship!!

The **4th** Commandment, "**graven** on tables of stone" by God, specifies worship on the **7th day** (Saturday).

The "**Church**" has made an "**image**" or "likeness" of God's Commandment by specifying the 1st day (Sunday) as the day required for worship and has enforced its "Commandment" by Civil law.

Thus the **4th** Commandment of God has been **LOST** by the "**Church**".

By worshiping on **any** other day than what God has specified in the **4th** Commandment, the "**Church**" causes people to commit IDOLATRY, because they are worshiping an "**image**" of God's Commandment which has been "**graven**" by man!

We have seen how Jesus in the Parable of the “Woman and the piece of silver”, has **warned us** that the “**Church**” would lose **one** of the Commandments and History has verified that it **happened** just as **Jesus** said it would.

The “Good News” is that in the same Parable, **Jesus** has also told us that the “**Woman** would **find** the **lost** piece of silver”. Thus, He is telling us in the Parable that **His people** would *re-discover* the “**lost** commandment”, and in turn would *re-discover* the **7th day** Sabbath Truth!!

Now it is time to **Summarize** what we have learned and to then PARAPHRASE the Parable.

SUMMARY

PHYSICAL

SPIRITUAL

Woman -----	Church
Silver -----	God’s Words
10 Pieces of Silver -----	God’s Words in 10 Parts (10 Commandments)
Candle -----	The Bible
Light a Candle -----	Study the Bible to understand it
Light -----	Truth
Darkness -----	Lack of understanding
House -----	Church
Sweep the house -----	Remove False teachings of men in the Church
Dust, and Sand -----	Teachings of men

BIBLE VERSE: *Luke 15:8,9*

(church) (ten commandments)
“Either what **woman** having **ten pieces of silver**

(church) (1 commandment) (study the Bible)
if **she** lose **one piece**, doth not **light a candle**

(spiritually clean up) (church)
and **sweep** the **house** and seek diligently

(church) (missing commandment)
till **she** find **it?**

(church) (missing commandment)
And when **she** hath found **it**

(church)
she calleth her friends and neighbors together, saying

(commandment)
Rejoice with me; for I have found the **piece** which I had lost”.

PARAPHRASE

(woman) (10 pieces of silver)
The **Church** had the **Ten Commandments**

(woman) (1 piece of silver)
but the **Church** lost **one Commandment**.

(light a candle)
God's people began to **study the Bible**

(sweep) (house)
to find truth and Spiritually **clean up** the **Church**

and to search diligently until they had

(it)
found the **lost Commandment**. And when

(she) (it)
the **Church** had found the **lost Commandment**

she called her friends and neighbors together,

(piece)
saying, I have found the **Commandment** which I had lost.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1. What is the problem of the woman ?

PHYSICAL

The woman has **lost** something of (Physical) value.

SPIRITUAL

The Church has **lost** something of (Spiritual) value.

2. What did the woman LOSE ?

PHYSICAL

The woman lost 1 piece of 10 pieces of silver.

SPIRITUAL

The Church lost 1 piece of 10 pieces of God's Law.

3. WHERE did the woman lose the silver piece ?

PHYSICAL

The woman **lost 1 piece** of silver in the house.

SPIRITUAL

The Church **lost 1** of God's 10 Commandments.

4. What was the CONDITION of the house ?

PHYSICAL

The house was **dark** and **dirty**.

SPIRITUAL

The Church **lacked understanding** (dark) and was relying on man's word (dust, sand).

5. What did the woman DO to find the 1 piece ?

PHYSICAL

The woman lit a candle to produce light in the house so that she could see and then she swept the house to remove the dust and sand that was hiding the 1 piece of silver.

SPIRITUAL

The Church began to study the Bible to see truth and the Church began to understand and it began to remove the lies and false teachings of man that was hiding the 1 commandment of God that was **lost**.

6. Did the woman FIND the 1 piece of silver easily ?

PHYSICAL

The woman had to (Physically) search diligently.

SPIRITUAL

The Church had to (Spiritually) search the Scriptures, diligently comparing them, in order to find the Commandment of God that was lost.

7. What did the woman DO after she FOUND the 1 piece silver that had been lost ?

PHYSICAL

The woman rejoiced and called her friends and neighbors to **share** the **good news** of finding the **1 piece** of silver that she had **lost**.

SPIRITUAL

The Church rejoiced and called her friends and neighbors to **share** the **good news** of finding the **1 Law** of the 10 Commandments that she had **lost**.

**THE WOMAN
WHO PUT LEAVEN
IN 3 MEASURES
OF MEAL**

The Woman who put leaven in 3 measures of meal

The **Parable** of *Matthew 13:33*

"Another *parable* spake he unto them; the kingdom of heaven is like unto **leaven**, which a **woman** took, and hid in **three** measures of **meal**, til the whole was leavened".

What are the **REAL OBJECTS**?
What do they represent Spiritually?

LEAVEN = ?

WOMAN = ?

MEAL = ?

3 MEASURES OF MEAL =?

DISCOVERING THE **SPIRITUAL MEANING** OF THE **REAL OBJECTS**

Leaven normally represents **sin** !


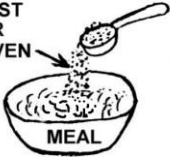
*1 Cor.5:8 "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the **leaven** of malice and wickedness ;..."*

Looking at the Context of the parable we see that it is about the "good woman" and the kingdom of heaven so "**leaven**" in this case **cannot represent sin!**

In *Mat.16:6,12* we find another spiritual meaning for "leaven":

*"Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the **leaven** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees...Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducee".*

(which can be good or bad)

Key Word	
YEAST OR LEAVEN	
LEAVEN = ?	MEAL

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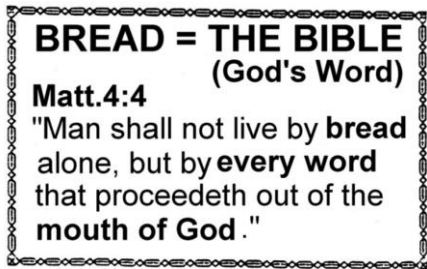
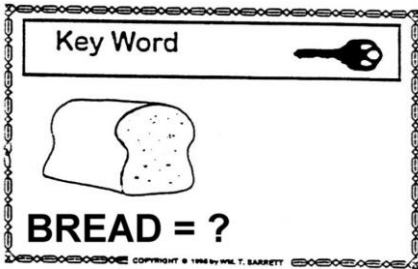
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Now we need to discover the Spiritual meaning of “3 measures of meal”.

In *Genesis 18 and 19* there is a story of a woman using 3 measures of meal to bake 3 loaves of bread, which she gives to Angels, who look like men.

3 measures of meal = 3 loaves of bread

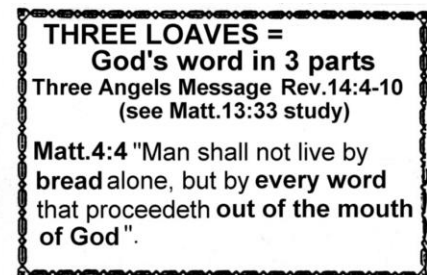
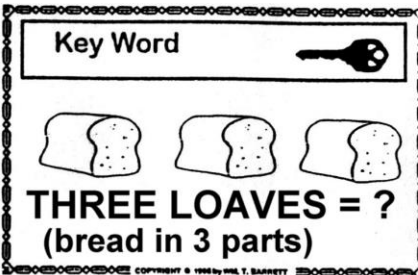
Now we need to discover the Spiritual meaning of “bread”.



Thus, “meal” or “bread” Spiritually represents **GOD’S WORD** (The Bible)



“Bread” represents **GOD’S WORD**.

Then 3 loaves of bread
 = 3 parts of God’s Word
 = 3 Messages from God’s Word



We also know that the 3 Messages from the Bible have to do with Angels.

What does a “**woman**” represent Spiritually?

<p>Key Word </p> <p>WOMAN = ? (Pure, dressed in white)</p>  <p><small>COPYRIGHT © 1986 by WIL T. BARRETT</small></p>	<p>WOMAN = God's Church (Pure) (True Church)</p> <p>Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called thee, as a woman... and a wife..."</p> <p>Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."</p>
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The “**woman**” represents **God’s Church**

Now that we know the Spiritual meaning of each of the REAL OBJECTS, it is time for us to *substitute* those meanings back into the Parable to discover its “**hidden meaning**”.

Mat.13:33 "Another parable spake he unto them; the kingdom of heaven is like unto **leaven**, which a **woman** took, and hid in **three** measures of **meal**, til the whole was leavened”.

First let us think about the Parable Spiritually:

The kingdom of heaven is like (Spiritual) **leaven**
which a (Spiritual) **woman** took and hid in
Three measures of (Spiritual) **meal**
until the whole was (Spiritually) **leavened**.

PARAPHRASE:

The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven)
which a **Church** (woman) took and hid in
Three messages from **God’s Word** (three measures of meal)
until everyone (the whole) **had heard them** (leavened).

SUMMARY

In this parable of a “woman baking bread” Jesus has **hidden** valuable truth!

He has told us that the **Church** has a **3 Part Message** from the **Bible** that must be heard by everyone.

Now the question is **what** is that **3 Part Message**? We know that the message has to do with **Angels**.

Using the Concordance and looking under the word “**leaven**” we find that there are at least 25 texts that tell us to “remove leaven” but only **one text** besides the parable texts that tell us to “put leaven in” the bread.

*Leviticus 23:17 "Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals" they shall be baked with **leaven**; they are the **first fruits** unto the Lord".*

The leaven is put in the bread because the loaves of bread with leaven in them represent the “**first fruits**”.

Now we need to discover a “**3 Part Message**” in the Bible that has to do with **Angels** and the “**first fruits**”.

We will use the Concordance and look up “first fruits” to find a Bible text with **angels** and a “**3 Part Message**”.

REVELATION 14

4 *These are they* which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile : for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another **angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to **preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him ; for the hour of his judgment is come : and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed **another angel, saying,** Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the **third angel** followed them, **saying** with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand”.

(1st ANGEL)
FIRST MESSAGE

(2nd ANGEL)
SECOND MESSAGE

(3rd ANGEL)
THIRD MESSAGE

Thus, putting
**leaven in
3 measures
of meal is
connected** by
the scriptures
to the
FIRSTFRUITS
and a **3 PART
MESSAGE** of
3 ANGELS

COMMENTS

“I saw that the **third angel’s message** must yet work like **leaven** upon the hearts that profess to believe it, and purge away their selfishness, covetousness, and love of the world”.

(Vol.1 Testimonies pg 132, 1333)

“The **leaven** hidden in the flour works invisibly to bring the whole mass under its leavening process; so the **leaven** of **truth** works secretly, to transform the soul”.

(COL. pg 98)

PARAPHRASE:

The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven)

which a **Church** (woman) took and hid in

Three Messages (three measures of meal) from **God’s Word**

until everyone (the whole) **had heard them** (leavened).

THE LAST DAY MESSAGE TO ALL THE WORLD
(3 ANGELS MESSAGE)

FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

*REV.14:6 "And I saw another **angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"*

(**EVERLASTING GOSPEL**) Same means of **Salvation** for **all** :

*REV.14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and **give glory to him** ; for the **hour of his judgement is come** ; and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters**".*

(**GIVE GLORY TO GOD**) Christian Living

(**HOUR OF HIS JUDGEMENT IS COME**) Judgement is NOW in session

(**WORSHIP THE CREATOR**) The **Sabbath of the Lord** honors **Him** as the **Creator**
(*Exodus 20:10*)

SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

*REV.14:8 "And there followed another **angel**, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication".*

(**BABYLON IS FALLEN**) Warning against the **religious confusion** and **doctrine of the Churches**

THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

*REV.14:9 "And the third **angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand,".*

REV.14:10 "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation ; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb".

(**WARNING NOT TO WORSHIP THE BEAST**

OR TO RECEIVE HIS MARK) Warning against a specific religious power not to worship as it does not receive its mark.

THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

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LUKE 11:5-8

"5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, trouble me not : the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth".

What Questions or Comments do you have about this text?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What is the problem?
2. What is the solution?
3. When does the problem occur?
4. Who has the solution?
5. Where is the one who has the solution?
6. Why is the solution given?
7. What are the REAL OBJECTS?
8. What are their Spiritual meanings?
9. What is the Spiritual meaning of this Parable?

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the problem?

Physical Hunger
Spiritual Hunger

2. What is the solution?

3 Loaves of Physical bread
3 Loaves of Spiritual bread

3. When does the problem occur?

At the Physically darkest time (midnight)
At the Spiritually darkest time

4. Who has the solution?

Our Physical friend
Our Spiritual Friend

5. Where is the one who has the solution?

In a Physical place of rest (Physical bed)
Physically resting with his Physical children
In a Spiritual place of rest (Spiritual bed)
Spiritually resting with his Spiritual children

6. Why is the solution given?

Because of "importunity"
#335 #427 in need, without
#127 reverence

Because the person is "in need" and is "reverent" toward God

7. What are the REAL OBJECTS?

*LUKE 11:5-8 "5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at **midnight**, and say unto him, **Friend**, lend me **three loaves**; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, trouble me not: the **door** is now shut, and my **children** are with me in **bed**; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his **importunity** he will rise and give him as many as he needeth".*

REAL OBJECTS

and

KEY WORDS

midnight

friend

3 loaves of bread

hunger

door (shut)


bed


children

importunity

Discovering the Spiritual Meaning of the Real Objects

What does “**Midnight**” or “**darkness**” REPRESENT ?

Key Word 



DARKNESS = ?
(Evening, night, black, **MIDNIGHT**)

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DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)


Ps.82:5 "They **know not**, neither do they understand, they walk on in **darkness ...**".

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or ERROR

“**Midnight**” REPRESENTS “**Lack of understanding**”
AT THE **END** of **TIME**

Who does a “**Friend**” represent ?

Key Word 



FRIEND = ?

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FRIEND = someone you trust
(the Lord)


Ps.41:9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, ...".


Prov.17:17 "A friend loveth at all times, ...".

John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this that a man **lay down his life** for his friends".

A “**Friend**” is “**someone you trust**” (THE LORD)

What does “**bread**” represent?

Key Word 



BREAD = ?


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BREAD = THE BIBLE
(God's Word)

Matt.4:4
"Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the **mouth of God** ."

“**Bread**” represents **God's Word**

What do the “**Three loaves of bread**” represent ?

Key Word 



THREE LOAVES = ?
(bread in 3 parts)


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THREE LOAVES =
God's word in 3 parts
Three Angels Message Rev.14:4-10
(see Matt.13:33 study)


Matt.4:4 "Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the **mouth of God**”.

“**Three loaves of bread**” represent “**God's Word in three parts**”

What does it mean to “**Eat**” or “**Be Fed**” ?

Key Word 

EAT = ?
(break bread)



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EAT = Read (to gain knowledge)
to “feed” = to “teach”

Jer.15:16 “Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart”

Acts 2:46 “... and breaking bread from house to house, did eat ...”.

To “**Eat**” means to “**Gain Spiritual Knowledge**”

HUNGER

Spiritual “HUNGER” is:

to be **without a knowledge of God’s Word**


HUNGER

Spiritual “HUNGER” for the


(FOR 3 LOAVES
of BREAD)

3 MESSAGES of the **3 ANGELS**
in **GOD’S WORD**

What does a “**Door**” (shut) represent ?

Key Word 

DOOR = ?
(shut)



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DOOR = JESUS (I know you not)
(shut)
(probation closed)

John 10:9 “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved ...”.


Mat.25:10-12 “...they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not”.

A (shut) “**Door**” represents “**The End**” of our “**Probationary Time**”

Who does “**My Children**” represent ?

Key Word 

CHILDREN (my) = ?




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CHILDREN (my) = God’s People


1John 3:10 “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother”.

“**My Children**” represent “**God’s People**”

What does the “**Bed**” represent ?

Key Word 

BED = ?



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BED = Sabbath

Luke 11:7 “...my children are with me in bed ...”.

Isa.57:2 “...They shall rest in their beds ...”.

Isa.66:1 “Thus saith the Lord... where is the place of my rest?”.

Gen.2:2 “And...God...rested on the seventh day

Ex.20:10 “But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord...”.

Ex.20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy”.

The “**Bed**” represents the “**Sabbath Rest and Relationship**”

SUMMARY

REAL OBJECTS

SPIRITUAL MEANING

Friend

Someone you Trust
The Lord

Midnight

The End of Time when
Spiritual Error is the Greatest

3 Loaves of Bread

3 Messages from God's Word
3 Angel's Message

Door (shut)

End of Probation

My Children

God's People

Bed

7th day Sabbath
Spiritual Rest and Relationship

Importunity

Reverence for God
and Spiritual Need

LUKE 11:5-8

a **friend**

5 And he said unto them, which of you shall have, ()

midnight

and shall go unto him at (), and say unto

friend

three loaves

him, () lend me (); **6** For a friend of mine in

his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ?

7 And he from within shall answer and say,

the **door** is now **shut**

trouble me not :, (),

my **children**

bed

and () are with me in ();

I cannot rise and give thee. **8** I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of

importunity

his () he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

LUKE 11:5-8

5 *And he said unto them, which of you*

a friend

shall have, (someone you trust) and

midnight

shall go unto him at (at the End of Time), and say

Friend

three loaves

unto him, (Lord Jesus) lend me (3 Angel's Message);

6 *For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me,
and I have nothing to set before him ?*

7 *And he from within shall answer and say,*

the door is now shut

trouble me not ;, (Probation has closed),

my children

and (my People) are

bed

*with me in (the Sabbath Rest and Relationship); I cannot rise and give thee. **8** I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of*

importunity

his (reverence and need) he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

PARAPHRASE 1

LUKE 11:5-8

During the time of **Greatest Spiritual Error** (midnight), people who have **nothing to satisfy their spiritual hunger** (nothing to set before him) will plead with the **Lord** (Friend) for the **truth from His Word** which is in **three parts** (three loaves of bread).

God's people (my children) who are with Him in the **Sabbath Rest and Relationship** (with him in bed) have had their **Probation close** (door shut).

Yet, because of the **reverence and need** (importunity) of those outside who hunger after the truth, the Lord will satisfy their spiritual hunger with the truth of the **Three Angel's Message** (three loaves) before their probation closes (he will rise and give him as many as he needeth).

PARAPHRASE 2

LUKE 11:5-8

Which of you shall have someone you trust (friend) and shall go to him at the **End of Time** when **Error is Greatest** (midnight) and say to him, **Lord** (friend) give me the **3 messages** of the 3 Angels from your word (3 loaves).

A friend of mine has come to visit me and I have nothing to satisfy his **Spiritual Hunger** (nothing to set before him). And the **Lord** (he from within) shall answer and say, **Probation** has **closed** on **my people** (door shut) who are with me in the **Sabbath Rest and Relationship** (with me in bed). I can't rise and give you.

Even though he is not his friend, yet because of his **need** and his **reverence** (importunity) he will rise and give him the **3 Angel's Message** (as many as he needeth) before his probation closes.

COMMENTS

“The time of God’s destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched: His hand of mercy is still stretched out to save, while the **door** is **closed** to those who would not enter”.

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“The mercy of God is shown in His long forbearance, He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. Oh if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done!”

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“The Three Angel’s Messages are to be combined, giving their three fold light to the world. In Revelation, John says, “I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightened with his glory”. This represents the giving of the last and three fold messages of warning to the world”.

MS 52 ; 1900

THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

Luke 11:5-8

CONCLUSIONS

This Parable teaches the following

1. God Identifies His Church with a Unique Message :
The **3 Angels Message**.
2. The Three Angel's Message will **satisfy** the Spiritual hunger of people.
3. The Three Angel's Message will go to everyone before **Probation closes** for the world.
4. Probation closes on God's Church **first** and then closes on the rest of the world, after they have heard the 3 Angel's Message.
5. God's Church is identified as "**resting**" **with Him** (keeping the 7th day Sabbath) while those outside are **not** "resting" **with Him**.

SEVEN WOMEN TAKE HOLD OF ONE MAN

Understanding the **Hidden Meaning** of a Bible text

1. Read the Bible Text carefully.
2. Determine the Questions you have about the text.
3. Identify the REAL OBJECTS
4. Paraphrase the text Physically and Spiritually.
5. Discover the Spiritual meaning of the REAL OBJECTS by using the Bible Word Pictures or a Concordance and your Bible.
6. Substitute the Spiritual meaning for each REAL OBJECT back into the Bible verse.
7. Paraphrase the text in your own words.

SEVEN WOMEN AND ONE MAN

Bible Verse *Isaiah 4:1*

"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach".

QUESTIONS:

1. What are the REAL OBJECTS and what are their Spiritual meanings?
2. What is going on when a woman is "called" by a man's name?
3. What is meant by the 7 women "taking hold" of the man?
4. What type of women are these seven?
5. What is the reason that the women want to be "called" by the man's name?
6. What is the "reproach" of the women?
7. What have the women agreed to do?
8. Who is the man?
9. When does this take place?

IDENTIFY THE **REAL OBJECTS** and KEY WORDS

Bible Verse *Isaiah 4:1*

*"And in that day seven **women**
shall take hold of one man,
saying, we will **eat** our own **bread**,
and wear our own **apparel**:
only let us be called by thy name,
to take away our reproach".*

women	seven
man	called by thy name
eat	take away reproach
bread	day
apparel	take hold

PHYSICAL PARAPHRASE

And in that day seven (Physical) women shall (Physically) take hold of one man, saying, we will (Physically) eat our own (Physical) bread, and (Physically) wear our own (Physical) apparel: only let us be called by thy (Physical) name, to take away our (Physical) reproach.

SPIRITUAL PARAPHRASE

And in that day seven (Spiritual) women shall (Spiritually) take hold of one man, saying, we will (Spiritually) eat our own (Spiritual) bread, and (Spiritually) wear our own (Spiritual) apparel: only let us be called by thy (Spiritual) name, to take away our (Spiritual) reproach.

Now it is time to Discover the **Spiritual Meaning** of the REAL OBJECTS and Key Words.

Key Word



WOMAN = ?

(Pure, dressed in white)



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WOMAN = God's Church
(Pure) (True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called **thee**, as a **woman**... and a wife..."

Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."

Key Word



WOMAN = ?

(Harlot, whore dressed in purple, red with gold, precious stones and pearls)



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WOMAN = Satan's Church system
(whore) false Church

Rev.17:1-6 "...The great whore... with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication... the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet... gold, precious stones and pearls"

Rev.2:20 "...That woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants..."

Key Word



NUMBER 7 = ?

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NUMBER 7 = Completeness, rest, all

Gen.2:3 "And God blessed the **seventh** day... because He had **rested** from **all** his work..."

Key Word



HOLD = Make strong, (# 2388) Help, Repair

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Key Word



ONE MAN HEAD = ?





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ONE MAN = Head of Wives
(husband of 7 women) Eph. 5:23

HEAD = Leader
Psms 110:6

HEAD = Leader of Churches
(ONE MAN)

Key Word 


EAT = ?
(break bread) 


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EAT = Read (to gain knowledge)
to "feed" = to "teach"

Jer.15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart"

Acts 2:46 "... and breaking bread from house to house, did eat ...".

Key Word 





EAT BREAD = ?

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EAT BREAD = Read the Bible
(Read God's word)

Jere.15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart".

Key Word 



GARMENT = ?

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GARMENT = Character or Life


Gen.35:2 "...Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments".

Zech.3:4 "...Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment".

The **garment** represents a person's life or **character**. A person's **name** also represents their **character**. *Exodus 33:19* "I will proclaim the **name** of the Lord...". *34:5-6* "And the Lord descended... and...proclaimed the **name** of the Lord. The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness..."

Garment = Character = Name

Key Word 

CLOTHED = ?
(with garment) 

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CLOTHED = clothed with either:
Christ's Life "His Righteousness"
or our own "works"

Job 29:14 "I put on righteousness and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe".

Isa.59:6 "Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity".

Key Word



REPROACH = ?

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The **REPROACH** = To be
of women **BARREN** or
CHILDLESS

Gen.30:23,24

"...God remembered Rachel...
And she conceived and **bare**
a son: and said, God hath
taken away my **reproach**".

Key Word



BARREN = ?
(Childless, unfruitful)

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BARREN = No converts for Jesus

2Pet.1:8 "...Neither be barren nor
unfruitful in the the knowledge of
our Lord Jesus Christ".

1Pet.1:23 "Being born... again by the
word of God".

Gen.11:30 "...was barren, she had
no child".

Key Word



GIVE BIRTH = ?
(Beareth, travail, labor)

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**GIVE BIRTH = Bring to
spiritual conversion**

Gal.4:19 "My little children,
of whom I travail in birth again
until Christ be formed in you".

Key Word



BABY = ?
(Babe, child)

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BABY = Newly converted Christian

1Peter.2:2

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere
milk of the Word, that ye may grow
thereby".

1Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of
corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God...".

REAL OBJECTS

Seven
 Woman (pure)
 Woman (harlot)
 Hold # 2388
 One Man
 (married to
 7 women)
 Bread
 Eat own Bread
 Garment
 Wear own Garment
 Woman (barren)
 or (reproached)
 Give Birth
 Baby New Convert

SPIRITUAL MEANING

All or Complete
 God's Church
 False Church
 Help, Repair, Make strong
Head of an Adulterous
 Union of False Churches

 God's Word (Bible)
 Own understanding of the Bible
 Character or Life or Identity
 Have own Identity (instead of another's)
 Church without converts

 Make a Convert

Substitute the **Spiritual** meaning into the **Bible Verse: Isaiah 4:1**

(LAST DAYS) (ALL) (FALSE CHURCHES)
*"And in that day seven **women...***

(HELP STRENGTHEN) (ONE LEADER)
shall take hold of one man,...

(UNDERSTAND) (BIBLE)
*saying, we will **eat** our own **bread**,*

(KEEP OUR OWN "NAME:" OR CHARACTER)
*and wear our own **apparel***

(JOIN TOGETHER IN UNION)
only let us be called by thy name,

(TO MAKE SPIRITUAL CONVERTS)
to take away our reproach".

PARAPHRASE

(day) *(adulterous women)*

In the **last days all** the **False Churches**

(take hold of) *(one man)*
help strengthen one **Leader** or **Head**.

They will say, we want our own

(eat) *(bread)*

Understanding of the **Bible** and we

(wear our own garment)

want to keep our own **Name** but we

(only let us be called by thy name)

want to **Join together** in a **Spiritual Union** with you as the **Head**,

(take away our reproach)

so that we can **Convert** people.

PARAPHRASE

In the **last days all** the **False Churches** **help strengthen** one **Leader** or **Head**. They will say, we want our own **Understanding** of the **Bible** and we want to keep our own **Name** but we want to **Join together** in a **Spiritual Union** with you as the **Head**, so that we can **Convert** people.

THE PHYSICAL AND THE SPIRITUAL

1. *What is going on when a woman is “called” by a man’s name?*

Physical: A Physical **Union** or Physical **marriage** is made between them.

Spiritual: A Spiritual **Union** or Spiritual **marriage** is made between them.

The Spiritual *women* want to make a Spiritual *union* with one Spiritual man.

The **Churches** want to make a **Spiritual Union** with one **Spiritual Leader**.

2. *What is meant by the 7 women “taking hold” of the man?*

Physical: The Physical women want to help make the Physical man Physical stronger.

Spiritual: The Spiritual women want to help make the Spiritual man Spiritual stronger.

3. *What type of women are these seven?*

Physical: These are Physically **adulterous** women because all seven are Physically marrying the same man.

Spiritual: These are Spiritually **adulterous** Churches who all want to make a Spiritual Union with the same Spiritual Leader.

4. *What is the reason that the women want to be “called by the man’s name” or to make this “marriage” or Union?*

Physical: To have their Physical “**reproach**” taken away.

Spiritual: To have their Spiritual “**reproach**” taken away.

5. *What is the “reproach” of the women?*

Physical: The Physical women are unmarried OR “barren” and have no Physical Children.

Spiritual: The Spiritual women are unmarried OR “barren” and have no Spiritual Children.

The Churches are **Spiritually** “**barren**” and have no Spiritual Children or **Converts**.

6. *What have the women agreed to do?*

Physical: The Physical women have agreed to Physically eat their own Physical bread and to Physically wear their own Physical garment.

Spiritual: The Spiritual women have agreed to Spiritually **eat** their own Spiritual **bread** and to Spiritually **wear** their own Spiritual **garment**.

The Churches have all agreed to have their own **understanding** (eat) of the **Bible** (bread) and to keep their own "name" or **Character** (garment).

7. *Who is the "one man"?*

Physical: The Physical "husband" or "head" of an adulterous Physical union.

Spiritual: The Spiritual "husband" or "head" of an adulterous Spiritual union.

The "**one man**" is the Spiritual Leader or "**Head**" of an adulterous Union of **False Churches**.

8. *When does this "union" or "marriage" take place?*

The **Union of the Churches** takes place during the **Last Days** of earth's history which occurs during the time of the **judgment** (*Isa.3:12-26, 4:1-4*)

*Isa 3:12 "As for my people... **women rule over them**. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. The Lord standeth up to... **judge the people**".*

*Isa.4:1 "And in that day seven **women** shall take hold of one man... When the Lord shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem... by the spirit of **judgment**..."*

PARAPHRASE

In the **last days** all the **False Churches** help **strengthen** one **Leader** or **Head**. They will say, we want our own Understanding of the **Bible** and we want to keep our own Name but we want to **Join together** in a **Spiritual Union** with you as the **Head**, so that we can **Convert** people.

FUTURE UNITING

*Hos.1:11 "Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves **one head**, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel".*

*Isaiah 9: "The ancient and honourable, he is the **head**; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail".*

*Revelation 19:20 "And the **beast** was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image...".*

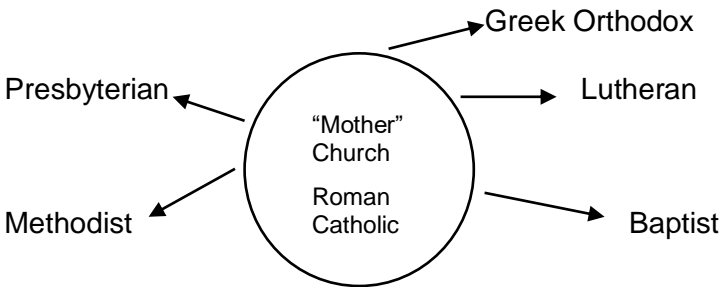
Thus, the **Head**, the **Ancient** and **Honorable**, and the **Beast** are the same power or same person.

THE ANCIENT ONE TO BE THE “HEAD”

During the time known in history as the “Dark Ages”, the Catholic church had both civil and religious power. It ruled with an “iron hand” and **persecuted** anyone who dared to disagree with its teachings. Martin Luther was one of the first to **protest** against its teachings which were not Biblical. Other men, who were to become great church leaders, like John Wesley, and John Calvin did the same and these men became known as “**Protestants**” as they tried to “**refrom**” the Catholic church. This eventually caused a separation to occur between these “**reformation churches**” and the Catholic church. Thus the description of a “**Mother**” church and her “**daughter**” churches in *Revelation 17:5*.

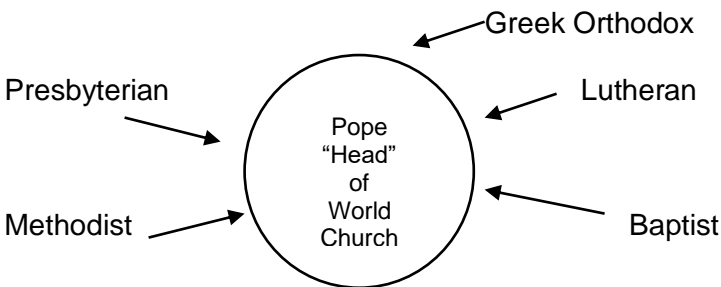
PAST SEPARATION

Protestant “Daughter” Churches



FUTURE UNITING

The Ecumenical Movement



THE “**ANCIENT ONE**” TO BE “**THE HEAD**” COULD ONLY BE THE POPE “**HEAD**” OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH !!

SOUTHERN TIDINGS JANUARY 2000
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FEATURE
BY NATHANIEL G. HIGGS

“The document, *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium* is an instrument of reconciliation for evangelical Protestants and Catholic Christians.

The document is an amicable attempt to bring **all Christian churches**, including the Eastern Orthodox Church, **into one fellowship by the year 2000**. If realized, this may well be the greatest misadventure of Y2K. The document infers that there is one Christ and one mission ; hence, there should be one Christian church. This document was signed by dozens of influential Catholic and Protestant leaders.

According to *Religion Today*, it has been reported that **nine Protestant churches** have agreed toward steps of **unity** which will allow them to celebrate communion together, share one baptism and recognize each as authentic expressions of one church in Jesus Christ. These churches, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal and the International Council of Community Churches **signed an agreement to unite by 2002**.

On June 25, 1998, the world **Lutheran Church** decided to reconcile with its mother church. Cardinal William Keeler of the **Catholic Church** said, “This is the most significant development in any dialog we have had with **churches** that came from the **reformation**”.

THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

**The Acted Parable or Story of:
"The Woman with the Issue of blood"**

Matthew 9:20-21 "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour".

Discover the Hidden Treasure

1. Locate the **REAL OBJECTS**.
2. Discover their Spiritual meaning.
3. Consider the Relationship of the **Physical** to the **Spiritual**.
4. Use the Concordance to look up any words you don't understand.

Locate the REAL OBJECTS and Key Words

*Matthew 9:20-21 "And, behold, a **woman**, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his **garment**: For she said within herself, if I may but touch his **garment**, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour".*

WOMAN = ?

ISSUE OF BLOOD = ?


COME BEHIND = ?


HEM = ?

GARMENT = ?

word "WHOLE" = ?

word "TOUCH" = ?

Key Word




WOMAN = ?

(Pure, dressed in white)

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WOMAN = God's Church

(Pure) (True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called **thee**, as a **woman**... and a wife...".

Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white...".

Matthew 9:18-25

<p>What does a woman represent? ()</p>	<p>18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.</p>	<p>The problem What does a dead woman represent? ()</p>
<p>The solution to the problem</p>	<p>20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 For she said within herself, May I but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, she sleepeth. And they laughed at him to scorn. 25 But when the people were forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.</p>	<p>Seems out of order in the story</p>

Living woman living
()

What **Questions** do you have? THINK!!!

- 1 Why does the Bible start with one story and in the middle of it tell another story?
- 2 What does a “woman” represent Spiritually?
- 3 What does a “woman with an issue of blood” represent Spiritually?
- 4 What does the “issue of blood” represent Spiritually?
- 5 What are some of the results of having an issue of blood for 12 years?
- 6 Is there another place in the Bible that it mentions a woman with an issue of blood?
- 7 Is there anything significant about the woman coming behind Jesus?
- 8 What does the “garment” represent Spiritually?
- 9 Is there anything significant about the “hem” of the garment?
- 10 Was it necessary to “touch” the hem of the garment or was it insignificant Spiritually?
- 11 What did the woman have to do in order to “touch” the hem of the garment?
- 12 What did the woman have that allowed Jesus to heal her?
- 13 What does it mean to be made “whole”?

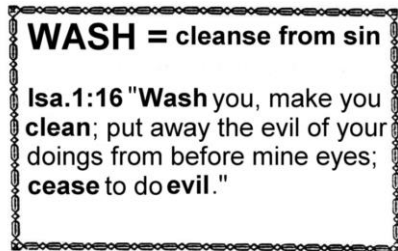
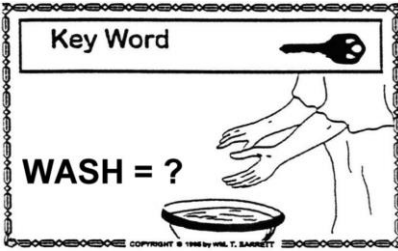
The Acted Parable Understood

1. What is the problem?
A Physically dead woman = A Spiritually dead woman
= A Spiritually dead Church
2. What is the solution?
Have the Physically sick woman go to Jesus for Physical healing
Have the Spiritually sick woman go to Jesus for Spiritual healing
Have the Spiritually sick Church go to Jesus for Spiritual healing

3. What does the “**issue of blood**” represent?

Lev.15:25;30-31 "...if a woman have an issue of blood many days out of the time of her separation... she shall be unclean,...the priest shall make an atonement for her... for the issue of her uncleanness. Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness;"

Physical uncleanness = Spiritual uncleanness



4. What are the **results** of having an “issue of blood” for a long time?
No Physical relationship with her Physical husband
No Spiritual relationship with her Spiritual husband
No Spiritual **relationship** with the Lord **Jesus**
No Physical children No Spiritual children No **Converts**
5. What does a “woman” having an **issue of blood** represent Spiritually
A **Church** whose members are **sinning** and having no relationship with Jesus and producing no converts!!
6. Is there anything significant about the woman coming **behind** Jesus?

*Mat.16:23 "But he turned, and said unto Peter, get thee **behind** me, Satan:..."*


*Gen.19:17,26 "...Escape for thy life; look not **behind** thee neither stay thou in all the plain:... But his wife looked back from **behind** him, and she became a pillar of salt".*


SIN is to be **BEHIND** us!!!

The woman was admitting her **SINFULNESS** by coming **BEHIND** Jesus.

The Church must admit her **SINFULNESS** if she is to receive Spiritual healing from Jesus.

7 What does the “**garment**” represent Spiritually?

Key Word 



GARMENT = ?


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GARMENT = Character or Life
Gen.35:2 "...Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments"
Zech.3:4 "...Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment".

A person’s “**Life**” or “**Character**”

8 What does the “**garment**” of Jesus represent Spiritually?

Key Word 



NEW GARMENT = ?
(clean, white)

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NEW GARMENT = NEW RIGHTEOUS LIFE
ISA.61:10 "...My soul shall be joyful in my God for He hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness ...".
Rev.19:8 "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints".


The **Righteous** life of Jesus!!


9 What was the “Spiritual significance” of the **woman** reaching out and touching the “**garment**” of Jesus?

The **Church** need to “reach out” by faith for the “**Righteous Character**” of Christ, to become like Him in character and to give up sinning!!

10 Was there anything “Spiritually significant” about the “hem” or “**border**” of the garment?

*Luke 8:43,44 "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed by any, came behind him, and touched the **border** of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd".*

Key Word 



BORDER OR HEM = ?
(of the garment)

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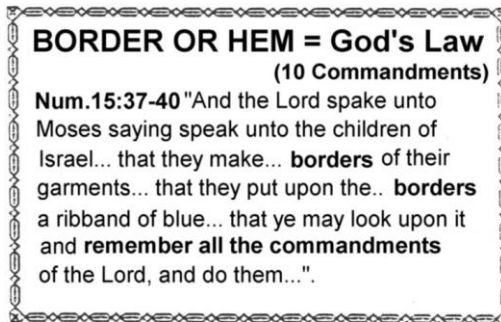
BORDER OR HEM = God's Law
(10 Commandments)
Num.15:37-40 "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying speak unto the children of Israel... that they make... **borders** of their garments... that they put upon the.. **borders** a ribband of blue... that ye may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them...".

The “**HEM**” or “**BORDER**” represents “**GOD’S LAW**”

11 Was it necessary to “**touch**” the “hem” or was it just an accident or Spiritually insignificant?

*Matt.14:34-36 "And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; and besought him that they might only **touch** the **hem** of his garment: and as many as touched were made **perfectly whole**".*

It was necessary to “**touch**” the “hem” because it *symbolized* a willingness to keep **God's Law** (10 Commandments).



12 What does the Bible mean when it says the woman “**touched**” his garment?

*Matt.9:21 "If I may but **touch** his garment...".*

TOUCH # 680 – to attach oneself, to touch
from # 681 – to fasten to

To “**touch**” in this verse, means to “fasten oneself” or attach oneself to. It implies a determination to “**not let go**” of the **hem** or **border** of the garment.

Spiritually this implies a determination to “**not let go**” of the **Law of God** or the 10 Commandments, but rather to continue holding on to it or continue keeping it!!

Just as the “**hem**” was part of the garment of Jesus, so was the “keeping of God's Law” part of the Character of Jesus.

As the “**woman**” determined to “fasten herself” to the “hem” of the Garment of Jesus, so the **Church** must continue to “fasten herself” to the Law of God and “not let go of it”!!

13. What did the woman have to **do** in order to touch the hem of Jesus garment?

The woman had to get down on her knees.

This implies she had a **humble** and **prayerful** attitude.

Similarly, the attitude of the **Church** should be humble and prayerful.

14. What did the woman **have** that allowed Jesus to Physically heal her?

The woman had **faith!**

Thus, in order to be Spiritually healed the **Church** must have **faith** in Jesus.

15 What does it mean to be made “**whole**” ?

Matt.9:22 "...thy faith hath made thee whole".

WHOLE # 4982 “safe”; to save, deliver, protect, make whole

To be “made whole” means to be made “**safe** to **save**” or to be delivered or protected from Satan Spiritually, as well as being made Physically well.

SUMMARY

REAL OBJECTS

WOMAN

ISSUE OF BLOOD

(no relationship with her husband)

(no children)

CAME BEHIND HIM

HEM OR BORDER

GARMENT (of Jesus)

TOUCH # 680-Strongs

WHOLE # 4982-Strongs

SPIRITUAL MEANING

CHURCH *Isa.54:6, Rev.19:7,8*

NO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Lev.15:25-27 Isa.54:5,6

NO CONVERTS *Gal.4:19*

THE PLACE FOR SIN (behind us)

Gen.19:17,26 Mat.16:23

GOD’S LAW (10 commandments)

Numbers 15:38,38

CHARACTER (of Jesus-)

RIGHTEOUS

Rev.19:7,8 Zec.3:3,4

TO ATTACH ONESELF’ TO

SAFE TO SAVE

BIBLE VERSE

*MAT.9:20-21 "And, behold, a **woman**, which was diseased with an **issue of blood** twelve years, **came behind him**, and touched the **hem** of his **garment**: For she said within herself, If I may but **touch** his garment, I shall be **whole**. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy **faith** hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour".*

PARAPHRASE

Behold a **Church** (woman) which for a long time (12 years) had people in it who were **willfully sinning** (issue of blood) against the Lord. During this time they did **not** have a **relationship** with Jesus, nor were they bringing **new converts** into the church.

Then, the **Church** (woman) realized her condition and went to Jesus with a prayerful and humble attitude and *admitted* her **sinfulness** (came behind him).

Individuals in the **Church** (woman) wanted to be RIGHTEOUS like Jesus, (reached for His garment), and to **keep His Law of 10 Commandments** (hem of the garment). Because of the **faith** of these individuals in the **Church** (woman), God granted their wish and they were made "Safe to **Save**" (whole).

LUKE and MATTHEW COMPARED

Luke 8:

43 And a **woman** having an **issue of blood** twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, **44** **came behind** him, and **touched** the **border** of his **garment**: and immediately her **issue of blood** stanch'd. **45** And Jesus said, who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **46** And Jesus said, somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that **virtue is gone out of me**. **47** And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. **48** And he said unto her, daughter, be of good comfort: **thy faith** hath made thee **whole**; go in peace.

REAL OBJECTS

SPIRITUAL MEANINGS

Woman

The Church (*Isa.54:6*)

Issue of blood

Spiritual "Uncleanness" or Sinfulness
(*Lev.15:19, 25-31*)

Living # 979
(PHY) Physicians
Came **behind** Him

BIOS (LIFE)
(SPR) Physicians or **Ministers**
To **admit sinfulness**
(*Gen.19:17,26 – Matt.16:23*)

Touched # 680
Border or Hem
Garment

ATTACH ONESELF' TO
God's Law (*Num.15:38-40*)
Life or Character
(*Gen.35:2 – Zech.3:4*)

Virtue # 1411
1410

MIRACULOUS POWER
BE ABLE, CAN DO, POSSIBLE

Faith # 4102

Belief, Assurance, Conviction
Persuasion, **Reliance upon Christ**

Whole # 4982

Safe to save, well, delivered

QUESTIONS :

1 What does a “**woman**” having an “**issue of blood**” represent spiritually?

{ A **Church** (woman) filled with people who are **willfully sinning** (issue of blood). }

2 What does it mean Spiritually that the “**woman**” spent all her **living** upon “**PHYSICIANS**” and could not be healed by any?

{ The **Church** (woman) spent her **entire life** (living) relying upon the **Ministers** (SPIRITUAL PHYSICIANS) to **cure** her **sin problem** and they could not do it. }

3 When the “**woman**” came behind Jesus ? What was the Spiritual Significance?

{ When the people in the **Church** (woman) are **willing** to admit their sinfulness (come behind Jesus), and go to Jesus for help, **He will cure them** of their **sin problem**. }

4 When the “**woman**” touched the “**border**” of Jesus “**garment**”, what was the spiritual significance?

{ When the people in the **Church** (woman) **reach out** (touch garment and hem) for **Jesus’ help**, He will **cure them** by making them **like him**. They will be given **His RIGHTEOUSNESS** (His garment) and the ability to keep His Commandments. (Hem of the garment). }

5 What is the Spiritual significance of “**virtue**” going “out of Jesus” to heal the “**woman**” ?

{ The “**virtue**” that went out from Jesus to the “**woman**”, represents the **Miraculous Power** that Jesus gives the **people in the Church**, so that they **can be like Him** and **keep His Law**. }

6 What is the Spiritual significance of the “woman” “not being hid” and “**declaring**” before **all the people** ?

{ When the people in the **Church really** began to **be like Jesus**, they will be **noticed** (not hid) by the world and will be given an opportunity to **witness to them**. }

7 What was the “**message**” that the “woman” **declared** before all the people?

{ How she had been **unable** to cure her **sin problem** until she **went to Jesus** for help, and how **He** had given her **His Righteousness** by **faith** and the **Miraculous Power** required to **keep His Law**. }

8 What did the “woman” **have** that allowed Jesus to make her “whole” ?

{ The people in the **Church** that have **Faith** will be made “**whole**”! }

9 When the “woman” was “made **whole**”, how **long** did it take?

{ She was made “**whole**” **immediately!** }

10 After the “woman” was “made **whole**”, **what** did she **have**?

{ **Peace!** }

11 What does it **mean** to be “made **whole**” Spiritually?

{ It means to be made “**safe to save**” and to be “**delivered**” from the **power of sin** and to be “**protected**” from satan by **Christ’s Righteousness!!!** }

Luke 8

Spiritual Woman
(The Church)
(Spiritual
condition sinful)
No Spiritual
Relationship
with Jesus
No Spiritual
Children
(No Converts)

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Greek BIOS
"life"
Spiritual
Physicians
("Ministers")

Christ's
Character
His
Righteousness

Greek
Dynamis
("Miraculous
Power")

People
"watch"
the Church

The Church
begins
to Witness

Through
Faith
the Church is
made "whole"
(Greek SOZO
"safe to save")

PARAPHRASE

Luke 8:43-48

Behold a **Church** (woman) which for a long time (12 years) had people in it who were **willfully sinning** (issue of blood) against the Lord. During this time the people in the **Church** (woman) had relied upon their Ministers (Physicians) to cure them of their **sin problem** (issue of blood), but **they** couldn't do it! Finally, the people in the **Church** (woman) were willing to admit their sinfulness (came behind Him) and individually went to **Jesus** for help! They began to **reach out** (touch) to Him by **faith** and He gave them **His Righteousness** (His garment), and **Miraculous Power** (virtue) to enable them to **be like him** and to keep His Law (Hem of garment). When people in the **Church** (woman) began to **really be like Jesus**, the world began to notice (not hid) and the **Church** (woman) began to **witness** to the people of the world (declare before the people) she told them how she had been unable to cure her sin problem until she went to Jesus for help, and how He had given her **His Righteousness** (garment) by faith and **Miraculous Power** (virtue) to keep His Law (hem). She told how she had struggled for years, but **Jesus** had cured her immediately and had given her **PEACE!** Now that the Church (woman) was cured and had a relationship with Jesus (husband) she began to **convert people** (have children).

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