MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Ezekiel 36:26; Jer. 4:1-4
- Mat. 13:3-23; Deut. 30:1-6
- Romans 2:14-15; 25-29
- Matthew 25:14-30; 16:19

HEART POSTURE

- Cultivating the Soil of Your Heart
- A Heart to Steward God's Assignment

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

"**I will also give you a new heart**, and I will put a **new spirit** within you. I will **take away the stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will **give you a heart of flesh.**" Ezekiel 36:26 WEBUS

"For Yahweh says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, **"Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart…**" Jeremiah 4:3-4 WEBUS

"He answered them, **"To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven,** but it is not given to them." Matthew 13:11 WEBUS

"**Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring,** to love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live." Deuteronomy 30:6 WEBUS

"For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, **neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh**; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and **circumcision is that of the heart,** in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God." Romans 2:28-29 WEBUS

"For to **everyone who has will be given**, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, **even that which he has will be taken away.**" Matthew 25:29 WEBUS

"**I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven." Matthew 16:19 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Let's get into the heart of the matter. And, it's not the muscular organ beating in your chest to which I am referring. Instead, I'm hoping you can wrap your mind around a critical idea. The heart of the matter is your mind on a matter. Y'shua connected the heart and the mind like this: "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." And the Scripture says, "For the word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." If you are going to step into your highest calling, you will need a new heart on the matter—a new heart posture!

Your posture is your particular way of dealing with or considering something; it's your approach or attitude towards some idea or belief. Your heart posture will inspire the particular way you behave and will convey a specific impression about what you believe. So once your eyes are opened and your ears tuned in, you ought to develop a new heart posture consistent with God's magnificent offer: "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven." And, if you don't use the opportunity, you just might lose the opportunity. "Because, to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away." So, if your heart posture is closed off to such prophetic promises, or is hard and callous about prophetic ideas that are difficult to comprehend, "Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart…"

PREVIOUS LESSON: A FIRM FOUNDATION REQUIRES SOFT SOIL

1. The First Biblical Blueprint in The Heart of David

A. <u>The Journey and Destination</u>

(1) The **Journey and Destination** is **Personal**

(a) Object lesson…

1. "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into **various temptations**, knowing that **the testing of your faith** produces endurance. **Let endurance have its perfect work**, that you may be **perfect and complete**, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4
   a) Captivity: bondage to sin, a hard heart
   b) Wilderness: endure trials that test your faith
      1) Purpose of the wilderness… *"**To humble you**, to **test you**, to **know what was in your heart…**"* Deuteronomy 8:2
   c) Promised Land: endurance produces perfect and complete, lacking in nothing

(2) The **Journey and Destination** is **Corporate**

(a) The Body of Christ must be called out of the world and into the Wilderness ("Let My People Go!").

1. "… **"Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don't receive of her plagues…**" (see Rev. 18:2-5)

(b) Paul dealt with this his whole minstry.

1. "**For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality,** each one of you **know how to control his own body in sanctification**

and honor, not in the passion of lust, **even as the Gentiles who don't know God**," 1 Thess. 4:3-5

(3) **The Wilderness is Supernatural: *(before and in)**

(a) *We were led by a cloud by day and fire by night. (Exodus 13:21)

(b) *We were protected supernaturally from our enemy, right before Egypt was destroyed. (Exodus 14:13-14).

(c) *The water parts before us! (Exodus 14:21)

(d) Bread *falls down from Heaven*. (Exodus 16:4)

(e) Meat *springs up from the Earth*. (Exodus 16:13)

(f) Water *pours out from a Rock*. (Exodus 17:6)

(g) Shoes and clothes don't wear out. (Deuteronomy 29:5)

(h) In the Wilderness, *the Soil is Supernatural!* You too must go there!

1. "Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, **that our fathers** were all **under the cloud**, and all **passed through the sea**; and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all **ate the same spiritual food**; and all **drank the same spiritual drink**. For they **drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.**" 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

B. <u>The Forerunner: The spirit that calls the Church into the Wilderness comes before the Lord's return.</u>

(1) **There must be a "restoration of all things" before Christ's second coming.**

(a) That restoration needs leaders…

1. "…"**why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?**" Jesus answered them, **"Elijah indeed comes first, and will restore all things;**" Matthew 17:10-11
2. "Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet before** the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. **He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers**, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."" Malachi 4:5-6

(b) That restoration **takes place in the Wilderness.**

1. "**John the Baptizer** came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, *"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"* **For this is he** who was **spoken of by Isaiah** the prophet, saying, **"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, make the way of the Lord ready!** Make his paths straight!" Mat. 3:1-3
2. "The voice of one who calls out, **"Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness!** Make a level highway in the desert for our God." Isaiah 40:3

(2) **The Forerunner:** God uses forerunners to prepare the way for His people to follow. ***It could be you…***

(a) Elisha and Elijah's relationship in 2 Kings 2:1-15 is a perfect picture….

1. Elisha is persistent; he wants a double portion of what Elijah has. (Greater works; John 14:12)
   a) Elijah passed into the Wilderness on dry ground and was taken up by Yahweh.
   b) Elisha immediately took up Elijah's *mantle (his garment);* symbolic of taking up his *mantle (a mission passed onto a progeny)*.
   c) Elisha also passed out of the Wilderness on dry ground.
   d) "The spirit of Elijah *[the Wilderness Prophet]* rests on Elisha *[this should be you!]*."
   e) This is exactly what Y'shua did!
      1) *"Jesus was* ***led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted*** *by the devil."* Matthew 4:1
      2) When He exited the Wilderness… *"Jesus* ***began to preach, and to say, "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.""*** Matthew 4:17
   f) This is what you must do (as His progeny)!
      1) *"As you go, preach, saying,* ***'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!'"*** Matthew 10:7

g) It is in the wilderness where you get prepared…

1) *"…**through many afflictions we must enter into God's Kingdom.**"* Acts 14:22

(b) The 12 spies in Num. 13 is another perfect prototype…

1. 12 forerunners are sent out of the Wilderness to survey the Promised Land.

a) Some are fearful and some are faithful.

1) The fearful bring a Bad Report.

2) The faithful bring a Good Report.

3) Your Report: *"Let My People Go!"*

CULTIVATING THE SOIL OF YOUR HEART

2. Cultivating Healthy Soil

A. <u>Groundwork</u>

(1) **Before David's prayer, we must first do some groundwork.**

(a) Ezekiel said it best when he prophesied that God would soften our hard hearts.

1. "**I will also give you a new heart**, and I will put a **new spirit** within you. I will **take away the stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will **give you a heart of flesh.**" Ezekiel 36:26 WEBUS

a) Any farmer hoping for a good yield will cultivate his soil before he plants his seed.

1) The soil is your heart and, more importantly, the corporate heart of the Church.
2) It is my deepest desire that *The Heart of David* will prepare you for this heart transplant.

b) The Correct Diagnosis
1) The first step in preparing for transplant surgery is making the correct diagnosis.
2) You won't seek a remedy if you don't know you have a disease.
3) Diagnosing the condition of your heart can be done by using a diagnostic Biblical tool.

c) The Tool
1) Learning to read "Biblical Blueprints."
2) Recognize and understand prophetic overlays (patterns).
3) See: Introduction to The Heart of David

(2) Your Heart

(a) If your heart is too hard, burdened by the cares of the world, and you cannot receive this message, then you need to pray for the Lord to soften your heart.

1. "**"If you will return, Israel," says Yahweh, "if you will return to me**, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you will not be

removed; and you will swear, 'As Yahweh lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations will bless themselves in him, and they will glory in him." For Yahweh says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, **"Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart,** you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings." Jeremiah 4:1-4 WEBUS

a) The Blueprint
    1) God's people must "return to Yahweh."
    2) To return means to turn again to God, or in language more common to Christians, to repent!
    3) Jeremiah uses language that connects repentance to the heart and to circumcision, a practice given as a sign that one has been set-apart for God. (See Gen. 17:9-11)
    4) In this instance, Jeremiah likens a hard infertile heart to soil that is uncultivated, soil in which weeds, thorns, and thistles have taken over.
    5) This soil cannot bear fruit.

b) Pray with boldness and faith that Yahweh will begin to prepare the soil of your heart.

1) If seed is sown on good soil, then *The Heart of David* will yield a bountiful harvest, similar to the harvest you reaped when you prayed for salvation with a genuine heart of faith.

c) *"Break up your fallow ground and do not sow among thorns."*

1) God uses soil as a metaphor for the heart and identifies thorns as what choke the life out of it!

2) *"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and take away the foreskins of your hearts."*

3) Jesus taught about the soil of the heart 600 years later, as He recalled the words of Jeremiah and relayed the lesson to those who had ears to hear and eyes to see.

4) If the spirit of the forerunner dwells in you (see: A Firm Foundation Requires Soft Soil), and your heart is quickened by the possibilities, you will be **stirred by the words of the prophet.**

(3) **One Seed Many Soils**

(a) Masterfully, Y'shua gave us the parable of the seed and the soils as a lesson about the condition of the heart.

1. “He spoke to them many things in parables, saying, “Behold, a farmer went out to sow. As he sowed, **some seeds fell by the roadside**, and the birds came and devoured them. **Others fell on rocky ground**, where they didn’t have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. When the sun had risen, they were scorched. Because they had no root, they withered away. **Others fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on good soil and yielded fruit:** some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”” Matthew 13:3-9 WEBUS
    a) Fours Soils
        1) **The Roadside:** pavement with no soil at all!
        2) **Rocky Ground:** such little soil that there is nothing to nourish the roots.
        3) **Among Thorns:** enough soil, but the soil is also home to other invasive plants.
        4) **Good Soil:** the only soil that can bear real fruit.

(b) Why did Y’shua use parables to teach His deep lessons?

1. “The disciples came, and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He answered them, “**To**

you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but it is not given to them. **For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever doesn't have, from him will be taken away even that which he has.** Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they don't see, and hearing, they don't hear, neither do they understand. In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, *'By hearing you will hear, and will in no way understand; Seeing you will see, and will in no way perceive; for this people's* ***heart has grown callous, their ears are dull of hearing,*** *and they have closed their eyes; or else perhaps they might perceive with their eyes, hear with their ears,* ***understand with their heart, and would turn again, and I would heal them.'*** "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For most certainly **I tell you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and didn't see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them.**" Matthew 13:10-17 WEBUS

a) **First:** to introduce that the Kingdom has mysteries.

1) He says it is for us (His disciples) to *"Know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven."*
2) This is an incredible offer for His disciples, not for others.
3) Can you imagine the honor it is to understand the deeps things of the Kingdom of Heaven?
4) Many Christians cannot define the "Kingdom of Heaven", let alone decipher its mysteries.
5) Expansive lessons on the Kingdom of Heaven will come later, but for now it is sufficient to recognize that with a dull, infertile heart, you will NEVER comprehend the deep mysteries of God or even realize they are meant for exploration.

b) **Second:** to connect prophesies.
   1) Here Y'shua brings together Jeremiah's words about turning (repentance), fallow ground (an infertile heart), thorns, and a circumcised heart, with Isaiah's words about a callous heart, dull hearing, closed eyes, and the need to turn again (repent)!

c) **Third:** to reveal how privileged we are as disciples!

1) The prophets and righteous men of old desired to see and understand these mysteries, and they could not—but you can!
2) Isn't it exciting to know that we have the opportunity to see things that not even the great prophets of old could see?
3) The condition of your heart is the most important factor in rightly dividing the word of the Kingdom.
4) Simply stated, understanding the Kingdom of Heaven is a heart issue (posture).

(c) Y'shua goes on to explain the parable…

1. ""Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. When **anyone hears the word of the Kingdom** and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown by the roadside. What was sown on the rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately with joy receives it; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. What was sown among the thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of this age

and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. What was sown on the good ground, **this is he who hears the word and understands it, who most certainly bears fruit and produces, some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.**"" Matthew 13:18-23 WEBUS

a) Fours Soils Four Outcomes
    1) **The Roadside:** pavement with no soil at all! You hear the word of the Kingdom, but you have no heart for God at all; the Devil easily snatches away that which has been sown.
    2) **Rocky Ground:** such little soil that there is nothing to nourish the roots. You hear the word and happily receive it, but it never becomes a priority. It remains "real" only until you must defend it; once it is challenged by outside forces you easily abandon it.
    3) **Among Thorns:** enough soil, but the soil is also home to other invasive plants. You hear the word, and it remains "valuable" only until it conflicts with other things that are clearly more important. You easily abandon God's word in pursuit of worldly pleasures.

4) **Good Soil:** the only soil that can bear thirty, sixty, a hundredfold fruit. The fruit is as Y'shua said, *"knowing the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven."* He plants a small seed in the soil of your fertile heart and out of it should flow the knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Kingdom mysteries are to be solved and you have the key.

(4) **More context for circumcised heart…**

(a) Prior to Israel entering the Promised Land

1. "It shall happen, when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where Yahweh your God has driven you, **and return to Yahweh your God and obey his voice according to all that I command you today,** you and your children, **with all your heart** and with all your soul, that then Yahweh your **God will release you from captivity,** have compassion on you, and **will return** and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there Yahweh your God will gather you, and from there he

will bring you back. Yahweh your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you will possess it. He will do you good, and increase your numbers more than your fathers. **Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring, to love Yahweh your God with all your heart** and with all your soul, that you may live." Deuteronomy 30:1-6 WEBUS

a) Yahweh knew that His people would turn their hearts away from Him.
b) He knew He would need to scatter them into foreign lands until they could learn their lesson.
c) He knew He would call them to return again (repent), to come back to their roots, which means to obey Yahweh's commands.
d) That is what it means for God to release you from captivity (a captive, infertile, dull, hard heart).
e) He does so by circumcising your heart!
f) This is exactly what Paul refers to when he teaches about obedience and the heart.

(b) This is a quick preview of Chapter 2 (The Circumcised Heart), but is used here to show the connection.

1. "(for when Gentiles who don't have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves, **in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts,** their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts among themselves accusing or else excusing them)" Romans 2:14-15 WEBUS
    a) What is the work of the law written on their hearts?
        1) It is a heart that has been softened to obey God.
        2) It is a heart that has become fertile soil.
        3) It is a Heart Posture that will enable you to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. "For **circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of the law,** but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. **If therefore the uncircumcised keep the ordinances of the law, won't his uncircumcision be accounted as circumcision?** Won't those who are physically uncircumcised, but fulfill the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, **neither is that circumcision which is outward in the**

flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God." Romans 2:25-29 WEBUS

a) Contrast Physical Circumcision and Heart Circumcision

1) Circumcision of the flesh is beneficial, but it profits nothing if you do not obey God.

2) Those who come from pagan backgrounds, who came into the faith uncircumcised, and who obey God because their hearts have become soft, fertile ground, are considered "more circumcised" than those having been physically circumcised whose hearts remain, as Jeremiah and Isaiah say, "fallow ground (infertile, callous hearts), choked by thorns, dull of hearing, blinded by other priorities."

A HEART TO STEWARD GOD'S ASSIGNMENT

3. Every Christian has an assignment; what are you doing with yours?

A. <u>Biblical Overlay: Parable of Soils with Parable of Talents</u>

(1) **A Parable about Multiplication (30, 60, 100 fold fruit).**

(a) **Talents:** the Master is away right now and you have a job to do!

1. ""For it is like **a man going** into another country, who **called his own servants and entrusted his goods** to them. To **one he gave** five talents, **to another** two, **to another** one, to each **according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. Immediately** he who received the **five talents** went and traded with them, and made another five talents. In the same way, he also **who got the two** gained another two. But he who received the **one talent** went away and dug in the earth and hid his Lord's money. "**Now after a long time the Lord of those servants came, and settled accounts with them.** He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents in addition to them.' "His Lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant.** You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' "He also who got the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents in addition

to them.' "His Lord said to him, **'Well done, good and faithful servant.** You have been faithful over a few things. I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' "He also who had received the one talent came and said, **'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you didn't sow,** and gathering where you didn't scatter. **I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent** in the earth. **Behold, you have what is yours.'** "But his Lord answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't scatter. You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. **Take away therefore the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away.** Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:14-30 WEBUS

a) Critical Foundations

1) The Master is going away and He leaves His servants with assignments.
2) The assignments differ for each servant according to his specific ability (they are not expected to produce the same results).
3. What is common to each is that they are clear they must produce something for their master when He returns beyond what they are left with.
4) It is also evident that the servants need no further instructions about those assignments while the Master is gone. *(They might need help, but they need no further instructions.)*

b) Two Obedient Servants
1) Two servants immediately get to work to produce fruit beyond what they are given to steward.

c) One Disobedient Servant
1) One servant is afraid, knowing his Master expects fruit beyond what he was given to steward; he panics and becomes paralyzed, and thus produces nothing more.

d) When the Master returns…
1) He is clearly thrilled with the obedient servants.

2) He is clearly angry with the disobedient servant.
3) Those who were faithful stewards receive even more from the Master.
4) The unfaithful steward loses even what he was given.

e) This is the Master's "Kingdom Economy."
1) *"For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away."* Matthew 25:29 WEBUS

f) Don't be like the disobedient servant.
1) Don't hide your talent under a rock so that when your master returns, you have only what your master left and nothing more.
2) The master deals harshly with servants who do not "multiply His/his talents."

g) Do be like the obedient servants.
1) Go immediately to multiply your Master's assignment **30, 60, 100 fold!**

h) And what specifically is that fruit?
1) *"To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven."*

(2) **Keys and the authority to unlock the Kingdom of Heaven**

(a) Our Master went a away on a long journey (2000 years) and left you with a assignment.

1. "**I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven."" Matthew 16:19 WEBUS
    a) One of your greatest privileges is that you are able to access the keys that unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.
        1) You have in your possession the keys and the authority to use them.
        2) Specifically and prophetically speaking, your talents are to *"multiply these mysteries."*
    b) He went away, but you were not left alone. He sent a helper to assist you.
        1) *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth****: It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you.*** *But if I go, I will send him to you."* John 16:7 WEBUS
        2) *"However, when he,* ***the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth****, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he*

hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming." John 16:13 WEBUS

c) If we are left with this legacy, this privilege and calling to unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom, why is it that so many Christians have no idea that these mysteries exist; what these mysteries are; or even what the Kingdom of Heaven is?

1) Jesus said in John 14:12 that we would do even "greater works" than He did.

(3) **Why haven't Christians embraced their assignment yet—their rightful inheritance and place of authority?**

(a) **From Born-again to Christ formed in you…**

1. "If you are Christ's, then **you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise**." Galatians 3:29 WEBUS

a) This sounds wonderful.

1) We get saved and we inherit the promises, all the authority, solve all the mysteries, and do greater works than Jesus, right?

(b) Not so fast!

1. "But **I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a bondservant,** though he is Lord of

all, **but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed by the father.**" Galatians 4:1-2 WEBUS

a) When we are first born again, we become like little children in the faith, who have been given an infinitely large trust fund.
   1) However, newborns can't tell the difference between trust funds and candy wrappers.
   2) Notwithstanding, once we are born again, we become the *"masters of all"* and owners of a huge fortune.
   3) Unfortunately, there is one major complication; we must grow up first in order to use it.

b) Much like a son inheriting a fortune from his earthly father, if he is too young and immature to manage the responsibilities, his father places the inheritance in trust for him.
   1) It remains in trust until a time prearranged by the father, and when older and more mature, the son receives full access.
   2) When is the time prearranged by our heavenly Father for us to receive full access?

(c) The clue is found a few verses later…

1. “My little children, of whom I am again in travail **until Christ is formed in you.**” Galatians 4:19 WEBUS
    a) When Christ is formed in you and you grow up to look like Him, then you will be ready to steward your full inheritance.
    b) What does a grown up Christian that look like?
        1) *“until we all attain to the **unity of the faith** and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, to **a full grown man**, to **the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**,”* Ephesians 4:13 WEBUS
    c) Later in *The Heart of David*, we will complete a detailed exploration into the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven and what it means to be conformed into His image.
        1) We won’t be able to fully comprehend these mysteries until we grow out of spiritual childhood and into spiritual adulthood.
        2) But for now, we will continue to explore heart issues.
        3) Next week we will examine: **Christian Vascular Disease (CVD) and The Dull Heart**

Questions and Discussion

1. **What does it mean to cultivate the soil of your heart?**
   A. Ezekiel 36:26 says we will receive a new, soft heart. How does Jeremiah 4:1-4 portray what needs to happen with your heart?
2. **Describe the four different places that seed could scatter in the Parable of the Seed and Soils (Matthew 13:3-23).**
   A. Why did Y'shua use parables to teach His deep lessons? (See Matthew 13:10-17)
      1) What is Y'shua's explanation of the parable in Matthew 13:18-23.
      2) What does it mean that *"To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven"*?
3. **Compare Deuteronomy 30:1-6 with Romans 2:14-15; 25-29.**
   A. What does it mean to have a circumcised heart?
4. **Do a Biblical Overlay of the Parable of Soils with the Parable of Talents.**
   A. What are the 4 critical foundations of the Parable of the Talents? (You can use the sermon notes for help.)
      1) What happens to each servant when the master returns?
      2) Who is the master in the parable?
      3) Who are you in the parable?

4) How is the good soil in the Parable of the Soils and access to the mysteries of the kingdom related to the wise servants in the Parable of Talents?

5. **What does it mean that you have been given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven? (See Matthew 16:19)**
   A. How does it relate to the master going away in the Parable of the Talents and the sending of the Holy Spirit in John 16:7-13?
6. **Why haven't Christians embraced their assignment yet—their rightful inheritance and place of authority?**
   A. Use Galatians 3:29; 4:1-2, and 4:19 to offer a good explanation.