

# The Gospel of Luke

*a verse-by-verse study*

## Session 12

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## CHAPTER 8

Verse 16 onwards...

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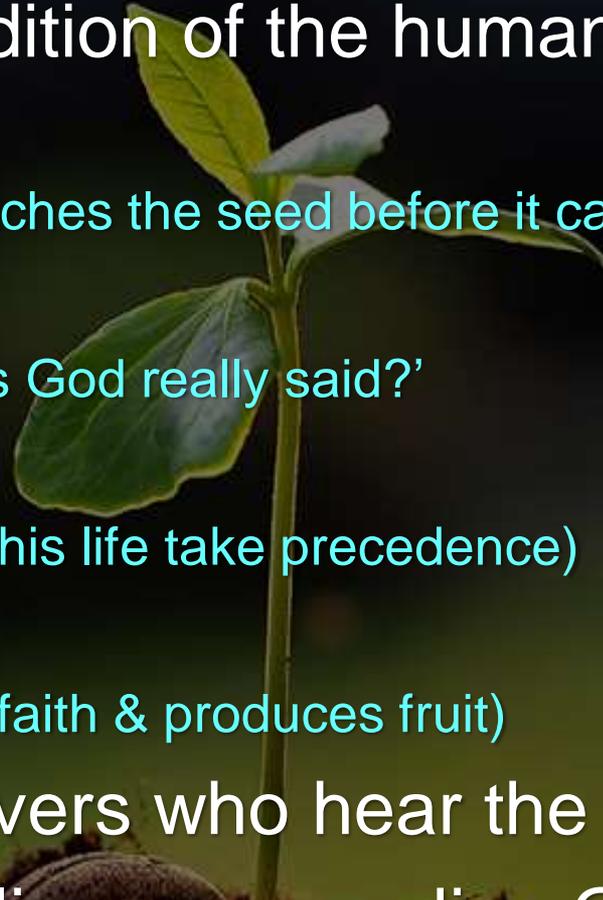


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# The Four Soils

Luke 8:4-15

- A summary of the condition of the human heart
  - **The way side**
    - Rejection (the Devil snatches the seed before it can germinate)
  - **Rocky Soil**
    - Doubt (temptation... 'has God really said?')
  - **Thorny soil**
    - Indifferent (the cares of this life take precedence)
  - **Good soil**
    - Believing (received with faith & produces fruit)
- This is true for unbelievers who hear the gospel
- But it is also true of believers regarding God's promises



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**44** *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.*

**Matthew 13:44**

<sup>1</sup> And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

<sup>2</sup> And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

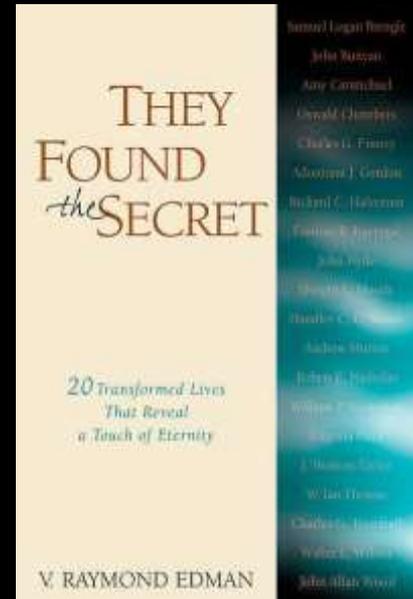
**Leviticus 10:1-3**

- Leviticus 16:12 – incense to be burnt by holy fire

# Holy Fire

*“Every now and then we come across a life that is radiant, revealing a richness, a warmth, a triumph that intrigues and challenges us.*

*The details of their experiences are usually quite different yet as we listen to their stories and watch their lives, we begin to see a pattern that reveals their secret”.*

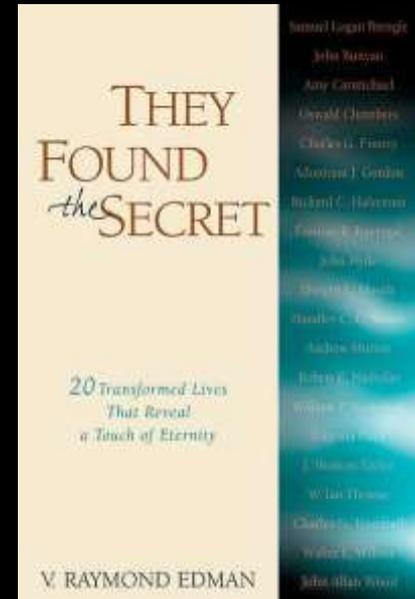


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*“Out of discouragement and defeat they have come into victory.*

*Out of weakness and weariness they have been made strong.*

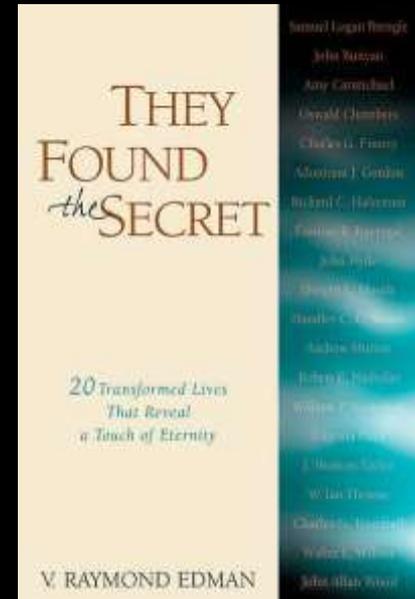
*Out of ineffectiveness and apparent uselessness they have become efficient and enthusiastic”.*



# Holy Fire

*“The pattern seems to be self-centeredness, self effort, increasing inner dissatisfaction and outer discouragement, a temptation to give it all up because there is no better way, and then...*

*finding the spirit of God to be their strength, their guide, their confidence and companion - in a word, their life!”*



18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

**Luke 8:18**

- What is your hearing like?
- Do you hear His voice?
- Jesus says ‘take heed’ to how you receive (hear) God’s Word
  - what is the quality of the soil in your heart like?
- *“Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place” – 2 Chron 7:14 #*
  - God sets the standard: The type of hearing required is that which results in action!

5 Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works  
which thou hast done,  
and thy thoughts which are to us-ward:  
they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee:  
if I would declare and speak of them,  
they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire;  
mine ears hast thou opened:  
burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

**Psalm 40:5-6**

- Are our ears opened yet?
- Are we hearing what God is saying?

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- Consider what you have been given!
  - The priceless gift of the Holy Spirit to equip and enable you to be a witness for Jesus in this world!
  - What have you produced?
  - Matt 25:14-29
  - See 1 Cor 3:11-15

19 Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.

20 And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

**Luke 8:19-21**



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