

Power Key: *Lambano*

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Lambano: (Strong's NT 2983, pronounced: lam-ban'-o)

This Greek word means to hold onto like a man would hold onto a life preserver when overboard in a raging sea. It is often translated "receive" in the KJV. Here it means to "receive" as if you were a football player trying to catch a ball in the middle of a group of strong defenders. You catch it and the defenders now try to knock and grab the ball from your hand so you must defend and keep the ball in your hands as you run toward the goal. Another meaning is to carry a very heavy item, like a very heavy bucket, and carry it no matter how far or difficult the ground, and deliver it full and on time.

This word is a key part of the mysteries of God as revealed by Jesus. There is nothing casual about *lambano*; it is an intense work describing intense action and commitment, or single-minded purpose. Look at the way this word is used in the parable of the sower and the seed. Before we look at the parable, first look at the preamble where Jesus stresses how important this parable is for your success in God.

Matt 13:11 "He (*Jesus*) answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

This preamble to the parable tells us how critical it is to understand and live this parable of the Sower and the Seed. Mark 4:11 "And he (*Jesus*) said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?" This in verse 11 Jesus says this is the secret of the Kingdom of God and in verse 13, if you do not understand this parable, how will you understand the

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others? So this is a fundamental principle of life with God on this earth. Which is why the use of *lambano* here is so important.

Note the other Greek words for receive mean to insert deep as putting seed into the ground, or to hold onto, *lambano*, with joy, gladness and delight. In all cases it is not passive, but requires participation of the one who wants the fruit of the Word of God.

Matt 13:18 "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy ***lambano/receiveth*** it; 21 yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received (*with diligent gladness, joy and meekness*) seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

And again: Mark 4:16 "And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately ***lambano/receive*** it with gladness." Notice it is the combination of *lambano* with gladness that draws the attack of the enemy. Thus holding tight with gladness, delight, and joy are major elements to bringing the Word to fruitage. The big message to me is that when you start to believe God for anything, you are now in a battle. For all those who say, "This is easy, it must be God," I suggest you go read this key to the Kingdom one more time. If it is easy, rejoice. If it is hard, rejoice and proclaim the promise you are *lambano*-ing with vigor.

See James 1 for more on this. First we are to count it all joy trials, tests and tribulation because we are proclaiming God's promise over that situation. Then notice the definition of how to *agape* love God. James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of *zoe*/life, which the Lord hath promised to them that *agape*/love him." In terms of the parable of the Sower and the Seed, the one who continues to *lambano* with gladness and joy is the one who brings forth abundance and demonstrates actually *agape* loving God.

This is included in this scripture: James 1:21 "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to *sozo*/save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." And that first level of doing is the count it all joy, and therefore doing the acts of joy, knowing you will bear fruit and see the goodness of the Lord as you *agape* love God by holding onto His Word rather than the evil circumstance you are in.

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You do the *agape* love of God and for God when you hold on to, *lambano* with gladness the promise, until victory. *Lambano* is the ultimate command to stay in gladness, meekness (no argument with God) and joy, and not give up on God. For you the promise of 100, 60 and 30 fold abundance can be had.

For those who do this the promise is: Rom 8:28 "And we know that all things (*that God has given and you lambano in the face of evil trials by walking the Word of the Gospel of Christ in you the hope of glory*) work together for good to them that *agape/love* God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." There is no fruit and no good to those who do not *lambano* with gladness and meekness.

Many have held onto, *lambano*, this Rom 8:28 scripture as their only hope in God, and those who have done this do get the fruit. Most have done it out of religious obstinacy, or *lambano*, and not understanding, but they got the fruit because what matters is what you do, even if your theology is not quite complete.

The use of *lambano* in the Sower and Seed parable indicates holding onto the promise of God, the word of God, no matter what, else you do not bear the fruit of God. Since the devil's primary weapon is to tempt us to hold back or doubt, we must hold on with righteous confession the truths of the new creation. Heb 3:1 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession (*confession-agreeing what God has said is true*), Christ Jesus;" Heb 13:15 "By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks (*or making confession*) to (*and by*) his name." And thus fulfill: Philem 6 "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." Thus we *lambano* the new creation truths by confessing, agreeing out loud with what God has said, including every good thing we have in Jesus Christ to make our faith effective in bringing Heaven to Earth right now in this life. As we make these confessions, Jesus, our High Priest and Apostle-messenger, will manifest Himself in and through us more and more.

Consider this passage: John 1:12 "But as many as ***lambano/received*** him, to them gave he power-*authority* to become (*operate as*) the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Notice the level of Christ-like authority is dependent on how well the born-again Christian *lambanos* the word of God against all resistance, apparent defeats, and supposed delay in God' answer.

The great promise of walking with God to fulfill His purpose, our destiny of bringing the Kingdom of God to earth, is found in *lambano*. Rom 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death reigned *as king to enforce the law of sin and death* by one; much more they which ***lambano/receive*** abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign *as kings for Jesus* in zoe-life by one, Jesus Christ.)"

If we want to walk as God's kings we must *lambano* His word of righteousness. James 1:21 "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and ***lambano/receive*** with meekness the

engrafted word , which is able to save your souls.” This puts us right back into the parable of the sower of the seed in Matt 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8.

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The understanding here is not just to *lambano* with joy, but to know that the Word will be attacked. The amount of “root” is measured by how much offense and distraction you can withstand and *lambano* the Word to success.

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