

# Luke 8a: HG Bishop Youssef

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## Some Women Minister to the Lord Jesus Christ

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<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, <sup>2</sup> and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

- Ch 8 is a Turning Point in the Lord Jesus' Ministry
  - Before Ch 8, the Lord's base was in Capernaum. But now, He is journeying with His disciples from place to place
  - Before Ch 8, His teaching was very direct - He did not use parables. But now, He will use parables.
- Preaching and Bringing the Glad Tidings of the Kingdom of God
  - John the Baptist preached preparation for the Kingdom of God is coming
  - Christ preached the Kingdom, Itself
- Women's Ministry
  - Three women by name and many others
  - Women's rights were very limited in the 1st Century - both religious and civil rights

- St Luke, in several places, notices the love and devotion of women to our Lord Jesus Christ
- This new position of women is because of the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - The Lord taught that women are fellow heirs with men in the Kingdom of God
  - In the Kingdom of God, there is no male or female... all are equal
  - Christianity preached equality between men and women in Christ
- Provided for Him from their substance
  - See the humble condition of the Lord - He appeared as a needy person
  - He accepted their support out of His humility
- Mary Magdalene
  - Mary (Miriam) was a common name among Hebrew Women...
  - This Mary was from Magdala, a small town near Tiberias
  - Some believe Mary Magdalene is the sinner woman in Chapter 7, but the Fathers of the Church don't agree
    - Origen rejects the notion
    - St Augustine, St Ambrose, St Jerome are doubtful
- Joanna
  - She must have been a person of great wealth and high rank because of the position of her husband
  - We will read about her again among the faithful women at the Resurrection (Luke 24:10)
  - Some suggest that Chuza is the Nobleman of Capernaum whose dying son was healed by Christ (John 4:46-54)
- Susanna and many other women

## The Parable of the Sower

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<sup>4</sup> And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded <sup>[e]</sup>a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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