

Harvest of Word Seed
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[Mar 4:13-21 NASB95] 13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? 14 "The sower sows the word. 15 "These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. 16 "In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky [places,] who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have no [firm] root in themselves, but are [only] temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. 18 "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." 21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not [brought] to be put on the lampstand?

- **Jesus intends for us see the harvest of the Kingdom of God in our lives.**

How does the Kingdom of God manifest in our lives?

The parable of the seed shows us how the Kingdom of God manifests in our lives.

I. Purpose – Revelation.

- a. Mark 4:11
- b. [1Co 2:9-16 NASB95] 9 but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND [which] HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." 10 For to us God revealed [them] through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the [thoughts] of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the [thoughts] of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual [thoughts] with spiritual [words.] 14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.
- c. God wants us know how to walk in His Promises.

II. Priority - Must understand this to understand anything in the kingdom (other parables).

- a. Mark 4:13
- b. David Guzik - Jesus considered this parable as essential to understanding His other parables.
- c. It is the lens through which all the parables of the Kingdom of God interpreted.

III. Power - The Seed is the Word of God.

- a. Mark 4:14
- b. [1Pe 1:22-25 NASB95] 22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, [that is,] through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL

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ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."
And this is the word which was preached to you.

- c. [Heb 4:11-12 NASB95] 11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through [following] the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- d. Like seed, the Word looks docile, but it has the power to produce fruit.
- e. Important note on harvest: deep root=sweet fruit.

IV. Place - Process and Produce happen on earth.

- a. Mark 4:15-20
- b. [Gen 8:20-22 NASB95] 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."
- c. Seed goes into ground.
- d. Subject to spiritual forces.
- e. Subject to external forces.
- f. Subject to internal forces.
- g. Seed in good soil produces harvest.

V. Point - God desires harvest in your life.

- a. Mark 4:20
- b. [1Co 3:5-9 NASB95] 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave [opportunity] to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
- c. Harvest, increase, multiplication.
- d. He is alpha & omega. He fully intends to see you to the finish. If you let Him and don't quit, He will manifest the Kingdom of God in your life.

VI. Plan - The activation of the active Word.

- a. [Rom 10:8-10 NASB95] 8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- b. Activates healing. [Pro 4:20-21 NASB95] 20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart.
- c. Activates angels.
 - i. [Psa 103:20 NASB95] 20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!
 - ii. [Heb 1:14 NASB95] 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

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- iii. [Psa 91:1-2, 11-12 NASB95] 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" ... 11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.
 - d. Activates dead things. [Eze 37:3-4 NASB95] 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." 4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'
 - e. Activates answers to prayer. [1Jo 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us [in] whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
 - f. Activates the transformation of disciples of Jesus.
 - i. [Col 3:10, 16 NASB95] 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him ... 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms [and] hymns [and] spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
 - ii. [1Pe 1:23 NASB95] 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, [that is,] through the living and enduring word of God.
 - g. Activates the power of God to defeat spiritual enemies. [Eph 6:18 NASB95] 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- The Kingdom of God manifests in our lives as we receive His Word as seed that has power to produce the harvest God intends.