

Sowing and Reaping

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Fall is a wonderful time of year. The leaves changing colors, the cool refreshing days with no bugs, the angle of the sun in the sky and the fields that are ripe for harvest. It is a miracle of how God created everything to work together especially the sowing of seed, the miracle of the growing of the seed to fullness and the reaping of the harvest.

God is a God of sowing and reaping. This is "THE" KINGDOM PRINCIPLE. There is one principle that defines the kingdom of God. The principle of how the kingdom operates, how the kingdom functions. Sowing and Reaping.

Please open your Bible to Matthew 13 and read along with this article. The bulk of this chapter deals the Principle of Sowing and Reaping. Seedtime and harvest. If we are going to be kingdom minded we need to be seed minded about everything. Because that's how God sees it and that's how He set it up. Sowing and reaping, everything operates off of this principle.

In Matthew 13 Jesus says that "the sower went forth to sow." Why is he teaching this? Verse 10-11. To reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom of God and how it operates.

In verse 7 some of what fell among the thorns? SEED

In verses 8-11 What's He talking about? The Kingdom of God and how the kingdom operates. Since they asked Him about it, He in private explained the parable to them.

This is what had been a mystery, the prophets couldn't see, they knew about God, they knew about miracles, but what was this? One that would be born of a virgin, and the government would be on His shoulders and of His kingdom there would be no end. They didn't see and they couldn't understand.

But you and I we don't just hear about the kingdom, we're in the kingdom and the kingdom is in us. NOW! This is it! This is what everything was going towards, it is not just about Jew and Gentile, nation and race, male and female. It's are you born again? Do you know Christ as your Savior? If you are in Christ, then you are in the kingdom and the kingdom is in you! This is an ever lasting kingdom. This is not imaginary. This is real. Soon and very soon there will be no more worldly government of any kind, no more nations, there will be one Government, one Kingdom, one Ruler. The Kingdom of God!

He explains to them in verses 18-23. When any one heareth the what? The Word. Not just the Word but the Word of the Kingdom

Remember the WORD of the Kingdom is the SEED. We in general have not understood the preciousness about the seed. We have a tendency to take it for granted. But the seed is a miracle... you can take a small acorn seed and that whole oak tree is in there. You can take that small human seed—a seed that you can't even see --- and all the color of your eyes, the length of your nose, your height, your fingers and your toes—its all in that microscopic seed. Isn't that right? GOD IS IN THE SEED. Glory to God. Hallelujah. GOD IS IN HIS SEED. And He has given us His seed. God is huge, He fills heaven and earth. God has the ability to condense it into a seed then plant it in you and I and it germinates, and it starts to grow. The thing about supernatural seed is that it never stops growing. It doesn't reach it maximum and then stop growing like a natural seed. It's God's seed. It is SUPERNATURAL. That's why it is possible for you and I to become filled with all the fullness of God. Most people don't believe that. But it is God's Word. In Eph. 3 it says that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. How can we be filled with the fullness of God? Well don't put a time limit on it. It's not limited to this natural life. It's our destiny and it starts with a seed. Everything you see around you-EVERYTHING- came from a seed. Your body came from a seed. The building you are sitting in came from a seed. Every piece of wood came from a seed, every piece of fabric came from a seed, even the plastic came from the seed of an idea. The newspaper and ink that you are reading from came from a seed. The chair you are sitting in. Every thought, every idea, every word, every action is a seed. Seeds

will bring up a good crop or it will bring up a bad crop. EVERYTHING comes from a seed. This is a big principle as big as God himself.

The ultimate sowing was God sowing His seed Jesus into the earth that He might have a harvest of souls in us.

In Verse 19 what is the evil one interested in? Stealing the seed. He knows that if that seed gets down in you and germinates then there is nothing that will stop you. He is interested in stealing that seed. Keep you from being in service, keep you from reading your bible, or if you are there he gets you day dreaming about something else.

In verses 20-22 Where did the thorns come from? A seed too. Can you have bad seed and good seeds in the same patch of ground? What happens in that case? The more bad seed that is growing and developing takes away from the nourishment of the good seed. The bad seed choked out the Word. Is that possible? Is it possible to go to church, receive the good seed of the Word- seed that produces faith and joy and victory- but yet the rest of the week let seeds of doubt, fear and failure get in you? Is it possible to give more heed to the bad seed until it chokes out the good seed that was planted? Chokes out your faith, your victory? Has it happened? Too many times! That's why He said take heed what you hear, take heed what you plant in you. Every time someone is talking to you, their words are seed. Everytime you watch tv and everytime you listen to the radio -that is seed,. 'Well I don't know what they are singing, but I like the beat'. Be careful what you are planting. 'Well I don't take much heed to that tv—I know its all about violence, drugs and sex but it doesn't matter'. Take heed what you hear! It is seed. There is seed trying to get in you. The enemy is sowing seed and God is sowing seed. From the time you get up in the morning until the moment you close your eyes to rest, seed is trying to be planted in you. Do you see the powerful potential of the seed? A lot of seed never makes it in, but some seed gets in, then some bad seed gets in. Does a garden need to be weeded?

V 22 is the 'care' of this world a seed? Is worry a seed? Fear a seed? 'Well I've got to worry about my kids'. Well then you have no faith for your kids, so if you are full of fear for your kids then your faith has no value, you have undone your prayer with your mouth. If you talk worry and fear more than you talk faith then the fear and worry will choke out your faith.

We need to be careful about what seeds are being planted in us. The devil is very subtle. He can plant just a little itty-bitty seed. If he can get you to think about it a little bit, then he can water it... he is very persistent... he knows the power of the seed. He'll work at getting a seed germinated in you for 15 years, a seed of lying and stealing, a seed of adultery, a seed of fear. In the beginning you wouldn't even think about it, but he is persistent, year after year, month after month, day after day he persists with his seed and gets someone to water it and if he can get it to germinate soon enough there will be fruit from it. Bad fruit. Ungodly fruit. Verses 23-29 says what kind of seed the devil sows. Weeds and junk.

This answers a lot of questions of why does the Lord let some of this stuff go? Because it would be too difficult and disruptive to the earth to separate it right now. The Lord of the harvest knows what he is doing.

Take heed what you hear! Take heed what you sow!

Galatians 6:7-9 (KJV) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. [8] For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. [9] And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Nothing happens by mistake or coincidence it is a result of sowing. Any harvest is a result of seed being sown. Your life is a seed. Sow kindness, sow faithfulness. Sow compassion, sow love, sow forgiveness, sow integrity, sow honesty, sow diligence, sow gentleness, sow joy, sow self control. If you don't like what you are harvesting in your life right now, repent, uproot those bad seeds. It is never too late to start sowing good seed. Never too late.

God's promises are 'Yes' and 'Amen' and He guarantees that you will reap what you have sown. Choose wisely what you sow for the harvest is coming.

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