

The Seed, The Sower, and The Soil

week 2 -The Covenant, The King, and The Kingdom - (4-28-21)

Matt. 13:18-23

The Seed

- I. What is the seed?
 - A. In this parable the seed is the word of God, but many different kinds of seeds can be sown in a person's heart/life.
- II. Vs. 19 - "When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom..."
 - A. It's the words of The Kingdom. Kingdom seeds!
 1. Which kingdom's seeds have you been planting in your life?
- III. The seed produces after it's own kind - Gen. 1:11-12
 - A. The seeds that you sow in your life will produce after it's kind.
 1. Seeds of love = fruit of love, seeds of hate = fruit of hate, seeds of peace = fruit of peace, seeds of fear = fruit of fear.
 2. Seeds of satan's kingdom cannot, and will not, evolve into seeds of God's kingdom, and seeds of God's kingdom cannot devolve into seeds of satan's kingdom.
 - (1) "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."
 3. "You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the number of apples in a seed."
 - B. we are born of incorruptible seed, by the word of God which lives and abides forever. 1 Peter 1:23
 1. What are you doing with the seed that you have been born of?
 2. Your born of the same seed (word) that spoke of a coming savior and king, that was buried and rose again, has prevailed over darkness and is coming back!
 3. Jesus was the word made flesh, and He battled satan's attacks with the word

The Sower

- I. Who is the Sower?
 - A. Who determines what gets sown into your life? God? satan? our friends?
 - B. In Rachel and I's garden, WE decide what seeds get planted, as well as how we take care of them.
 1. We could ask someone else to sow some of the seeds that they have in our garden, but ultimately it was our decision.
 - a) Who or what have you been allowing to sow into your life?
- II. How do we sow seeds in our life?
 - A. How do we activate the word of God in our life?
 1. Through faith!
 2. Faith comes by hearing
 - a) Matt. 13:19 "... when any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not..."
 - (1) Understandeth = Suniemi: to set together or to understand. Usage: I consider, understand, perceive.
 - b) Anything that we are giving our attention to becomes a seed in our life.

- c) The thing or things that we are worshiping become seeds in our life, and they will produce after their kind.
- d) Proverbs 23:7 “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”
- 3. Confession of Faith
 - a) Matt. 12:33-37 “...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh...”
 - b) Be speaking/confessing Kingdom seeds in faith.

The Soil

I. What is the soil?

A. Our heart.

- 1. The core of who we are and what makes do the things that we do and live the way that we live. It is the location of the things that are most important to us, and where the fruit of those things comes out of.
- 2. God wanted to place His word in our hearts (Jerimiah 31:33 & Hebrews 10:16) because anything that is placed and nurtured there is what determines the trajectory of our lives and the person that we become.

II. Types of soil

A. The wayside/hardened

- 1. It's not that this individual is stupid or slow, they just need to prepare their heart to receive the seed.
- 2. I like to take time to prepare my heart each morning before I start to study the word.
- 3. “Life is about survival instead of blessing.”

B. Stony places/shallow

- 1. distracted, too busy for God.

C. Thorns/unkept

- 1. was once fruitful but became unfruitful.
- 2. It has taken too much work to prepare my garden just to let the weeds take over!

D. Good ground

- 1. He understands the word after hearing it because he has already prepared his heart to receive it.
 - a) Gardeners/farmers have to take care of the soil constantly. Before planting to receive the seed, afterward planting to nurture the seed, before and during harvest to protect the seed, and after harvest to prepare for the next season.
- 2. The perfect seed of God's word was only fruitful in one out of all for soils listed.