

“SOWN SEED”

“26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; 27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. 28 The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come,” Mk. 4:26-29.

Those of us who are gardeners know what this is speaking of. We plant our seed in the garden, watch and wait from night to day until it germinates and comes forth. One can be assured the gardener observes each and every step of the growth of what he has planted. He looks, carefully, observes, and notices every little change from day to day. Does he understand how all of this happens? No! He is mindful of the time when a harvest is to be had.

We can understand all of this associated with physical seed; because, we have lived with this fact and it is repeated year after year as the garden is planted, cultivated, and brought to harvest time and with great joy he enjoys the harvest. The parable of the seed and the sower illustrates this truth.

There is **another seed** and another **growth** that needs to be taken into consideration. This has to do with a **“spiritual seed”** and a **“spiritual growth,”** this is really what Mk. 4:26-29 is teaching. The **“word of God”** is declared to be a **“seed,”** Lk. 8:11. This **word**, seed, goes to the very depth of a man’s soul, Heb. 4:12: *“12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents o the heart.”* The spiritual seed is **planted** in the heart, soul, of a man and is **living** and **active** within the man’s heart. If you please, it is working in the heart of a man and if allowed, by the person to take root, will lead him to ask, *“36 Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”* Acts 8:36. The seed was **planted**, **germinated** and came forth to **harvest** in the heart of the Eunuch.

An explanation is given of this process in I Pet. 1:22-25: *“22 Seeing ye purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: 23 having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. 24 For, All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth: 25 But the word of the lord abideth for ever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.* This is how one is born of the water and the Spirit, Jno. 3:5. The expression in v. 22, *“Seeing ye purified your souls in your obedience to the truth,”* is how this has happened. In the Word (seed) we are told to have **faith**, **repent**, **confess** and be **baptized** and thus, to walk in newness of life; and thus, through obedience to the word (seed) we **“walk in newness of life,”** Rom. 6:4.

We are informed in Jno. 6:63, *“63 It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.”* According to Matt. 13:14-15, *“14By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: 15 For this people’s heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.”* A man must open his ears, open his eyes and open his heart before the word (seed) can work on his heart. I may not understand it all; but, that is the way God works on the hearts of men! Mk. 4:26-29.

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