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The Seed That Never Perishes

It has been near 20 years since Mt St. Helen irrupted and covered 100 of thousands of acres with ash and lava. The great scientists made claims that it would be many decades before the land would produce and come to life again. Well once again the mind of man is shown to be foolish before God. God's created life form found in the seed prevailed again. Within just a year signs of life began to appear. And today there is tremendous life throughout the devastated area of the volcano.

Why did this happen. For it is written -

Genesis 1:11-12

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: **seed-bearing** plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with **seed in it**, according to their various kinds." And it was so. [12] The land produced vegetation: **plants bearing seed according to their kinds** and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

The seed that God created produced as it was SPOKEN by God.

There was another event where there were graves and tombs uncovered in Egypt that were said to be over 4,000 years old. Within the tombs were found seed. When these seeds were planted they grew. WOW - the power of life God has put into His seed.

Tonight I wish to study with you the parable of the Sower that is found in all three of the Synoptic Gospel, Matthew, Mark and Luke. We may look at all three of the accounts before the lesson is over in hope to view line upon line for complete understanding as it is written in

Isaiah 28:9-10

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. [10] For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

This should always be one's guide in studying God's Word in hope to grow into maturity.

Before we go to the main parable I first want to read a parable Jesus spoke

Mark 4:26-29

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. [27] Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. [28] All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then

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the head, then the full kernel in the head. [29] As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

In the natural, we can see this truth in the Mt. St. Helen and the Egyptian Tombs seeds. The seed produced and we do not know how. But what is the seed in this parable? It is the Word of God, and its power to produce. What does it produce? Believers and much more.

I want you to look back at the Gen 1:11. Notice how the first seeds of the earth come into existence.

Genesis 1:11

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." **And it was so.**

If you do not get anything from this lesson except this one thing - GOD SAID and it WAS SO, you will have the beginning of creative power - the most important seed from God's Word. From here will determine your destiny. Destiny that comes from your free will to choose and believe. There is power in the word, the seed of God.

If you study the creation in Genesis, EVERYTHING God created was spoken into existence. YOU MUST understand this one MAJOR principle of the Kingdom of God if you are to live as a productive child of God, as an heir with Jesus, a citizen of the Kingdom of God - reaping the harvest of the promises of God, which are yes to those who are in Christ.

2 Cor. 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the **"Amen" is spoken by us** to the glory of God.

It is glory to God when we say Amen, so be it, to the promises that God has given us. Where do we find these precious promises - **powerful promises**. ONLY IN THE WORD OF GOD, the Holy Bible.

1 Cor. 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk **but of power**.

Let us read Mark's account of this sower and seed parable:

Mark 4:3-8

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4] As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. [5] Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. [6] But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. [7] Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. [8] Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

We all should be able to give the understanding of this parable because Jesus did explain this one. First - what are the elements of the parable. I think there are basically three.

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Sower - Seed - Soil. Wow, 3 S's and I did not try to do this.

Now I want to pay close attention to verse 13

Mark 4:13

Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? **How then will you understand any parable?**

Here I believe Jesus has made a profoundly important statement. If we do not understand this parable, how are we to understand any parable. This could be looked at as saying either

1. The understanding of this will be a critical key to understanding the all other parables
2. OR if you can not understand this simple parable, how can you understand any of the others.

Since this was the first parable of ten that Jesus spoke this day, I chose to focus on the first explanation because it was needed for the other parables to come and hopefully I will reveal this more clearly as the lesson progresses.

Now let us see what Jesus said was the meaning of this parable.

Mark 4:14

The farmer sows the word.

Here the farmer can be anyone how speaks the Word of God. This verse identifies the sower but also the seed. The seed is the word of God.

We read in Luke -

Luke 8:11

"This is the meaning of the parable: **The seed is the word of God.**

The Sower is one who spreads the Word of God.

The seed is the Word of God.

This then leaves the soil to be defined. I will go to Matthew for this one

Matthew 13:19

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away **what was sown in his heart**. This is the seed sown along the path.

As we can see, in all the accounts that the soil is the person who hears the Word of God, but more specifically the person's heart. Though we will not discuss the heart and what it is because of time, the heart is part of the soul and the spirit. I have come to call it a valve that connects the two, spirit and soul. It is NOT the mind, which is found in the soul. (You can get the study called 'The Triune Man's Battle' where this is discussed in more detail). The objective is to get the heart and mind to agree, agree with God and then the Spirit of God is Lord and then controls our lives.

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Acts 4:32

All the **believers were one in heart and mind....**

Now that the 3 parts are defined -

Sower - One who shares the Word of God

Seed - Is the Word of God

Soil - Is the heart of the one who hears

It is the soil / heart that is the most critical part of this parable. Why do I say this when the Word is important too.

This is the basis for my title. It goes without saying, there is NO life without a seed. But when it comes to the seed, the Word of God, it is NEVER the seed that is unproductive. It is ALWAYS based on the soil or the heart that the seed has been sown in. The seed, the Word of God never perishes. Look at these scriptures -

Isaiah 55:11

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and **achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

The reason it will achieve the purpose it was spoken is found in Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:12

The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for **I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.**"

The Great and Powerful God, **I AM**, watches over it and make sure it is fulfilled. Praise God. For we can be this confident as though we were God speaking when we speak and sow His Word. For it is He, God, who looks over His Word.

Oh child of God, if only you can grasp this and believe. This is why Jesus said -

Mark 9:23

" 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

What is the soil - It is the heart. We must believe with our heart.

Romans 10:10

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Likewise it is the heart where doubt can rob you of the truth - and the victory God has given you through His word

Mark 11:23

"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and

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does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Many - I will say again - MANY of those who have heard the Word of God will be quick to agree with all that has been said to this point. But I have come to see that, though they say with their mouth they believe, it is evident that they believe by their mind and not their heart. The evidence is their confession or what they speak and say.

Luke 6:45

The good man brings good things out of the good **stored up in his heart**, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. **For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.**

Why do we do this. This parable gives us much insight to answer this question. It is a powerful truth that we must use daily to guard our hearts, the soil that holds the seed, the Word of God.

Let us continue now to see the four (4) kinds of soil found in the people that hear the Word of God.

1 - ALONG THE PATH:

Mark 4:3-4

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4] As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the **birds came and ate it up.**

Matthew 13:3-4

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4] As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and **the birds came and ate it up.**

Luke 8:5

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; **it was trampled on**, and the birds of the air ate it up.

Two things we can see here, the seed, Word of God was trampled on and the birds came and ate it up. It is not clear what was meant by trampled but let us consider it.

My first thought is someone else tramples it with their unbelieving heart that lacks understanding. For example - When God said see this land is for you, full of milk and honey. Two believe (Joshua & Caleb) and the others did not understand and believe what God said - Go and possess. Instead they trampled it with their own views and did not believe the simple command. Results - they all died in the wilderness except the two that believed.

Jesus explained this as the work of the Satan, the evil one, the devil.

Mark 4:15

Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. **As soon as they**

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hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

Matthew 13:19

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom **and does not understand** it, the **evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart**. This is the seed sown along the path.

Luke 8:12

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the **devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts**, so that they may not believe and be saved.

What do you see in these verses, line upon line?

I see first, that it is immediately stolen. Why was it stolen? Because there was no understanding in the heart of the one who received the Word. Then there is the thief, which is made very clear - Satan who is the evil one, who is the devil steal the Word.

This is why it is written

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The thief is Satan, the evil one, the devil who comes to steal. Here in these verses Jesus makes it very clear that this is the first thing Satan does - is steal the Word. But note that in John 10:10 in the same breath, Jesus says he came to give life, a full life or abundant life as translated by the KJV.

John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have **life, and that they might have it more abundantly**.

What was the results of the thief's stealing the Word? This is found in Luke:

Luke 8:12

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, **so that they may not believe and be saved**.

So they may not be believe! And if the do not believe what then happens. They are not saved.

Just as Roman 10:9-10 says

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved**. [10] **For it is with your heart that you believe** and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

I wish to expand somewhat on this 'saved'. Most Christians are quick to relate this salvation, or to be saved to the eternal life, the spirit. However let us look at the Greek

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word that is translated saved, salvation. It is the Greek word, SOZO, Greek 4982.

sozo, Greek 4982, Strong's

sozo, *sode'-zo*; from a primary **sos** (contracted for obsolete **saos**, "safe"); to *save*, i.e. *deliver* or *protect* (literal or figurative) :- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Notice that the SOZO is for all levels of life.

To save - to deliver - to protect - to heal - to preserve - to do well - to be made whole.

This is a salvation for the complete triune man, spirit, soul and body. To be saved is continuous. True the rebirth that Jesus spoke of in John 3:3 is the first event but what Jesus preached was the Kingdom of God and what it like. The Kingdom of God that is here NOW and which is for the NOW salvation of the soul and body. Again this is why Jesus said. What did Jesus Say? Jesus spoke and said the Word. Why - because He is the Word and the Word is God and the Word is life. Oh Brother and Sister - do not be remiss in getting this into your heart, the soil so to bring forth a full crop.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**

John 1:14

The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:3

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God **unless he is born again.**"

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth **and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Word of God is the seed. God said in the beginning that the seed was to produce of according to its kind. You plant tomato seed, you work the soil and you get tomatoes. You plant a pecan, you get a pecan tree. So it is with the Word of God. What harvest do you want or need? What salvation do you need? The Word of God is the seed which is powerful and is not perishing. It will do what it is intended to do. The success is the soil, the heart. Is your heart like the path that was trampled and the devil comes and steals the seed?

2 - ROCKY SOIL:

Mark 4:5-6

Some **fell on rocky places**, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. [6] But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

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Matthew 13:5-6

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Luke 8:6

Some **fell on rock**, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

The seed did not have enough soil and water.

This is how Jesus explained it

Mark 4:16-17

Others, like seed sown on rocky places, **hear the word and at once receive it with joy**. [17] But **since they have no root**, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, **they quickly fall away**.

Matthew 13:20-21

The **one who received the seed** that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. [21] But **since he has no root**, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, **he quickly falls away**.

Luke 8:13

Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. **They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away**.

So as we can see, the Word was received and with joy, but there was no root because the soil was shallow. Then when the testing of the Word came, the trouble, persecution, they that had believed fall away. This means the seed that was sown could not produce with time. There was no perseverance. They did not remain in the Word so the Word would remain in them and continue to believe but gave themselves over to the things seen.

John 15:7

If you remain in me **and my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, {the Word} the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. {[author's inserts]}

Just as I referred above to the Israelites. They at first believed but when they saw the giants they looked at the giants and could not longer believe what God said, go possess the land with milk and honey.

I think we can safely say the rocks in the soil were the troubles and the testing of the word

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which was sown in the soil. Both the seed and rocks were in the soil but guess what prevailed. Also I would say that the rocks are not placed by God, but by the evil one, Satan. Just as he is the thief that steals, he is the one who kills. Here he is able to kill the growth of the seed, the Word, with the troubles and persecutions that come because of the Word.

Paul when writing to the Corinthians warned them

2 Cor. 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. [17] For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. [18] **So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,** but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Do not loose heart. Do not let the soil become shallow because we do not continue to believe. But we must fix our eye on the Word, Jesus, who will perfect our faith so we can stand in all trials.

Isaiah 7:9b

... If you do not stand firm in your faith,
you will not stand at all.' "

It is critical that the root be established. There was a class room experiment that I heard once. The teacher took two pots of soil. One just an inch or two deep and the other was 6 or 7 inches deep. He then chose a seed - tomatoes. He planted them the same, watered them the same and asked the students, which will grow and live. Each day he would ask. In the beginning the shallow pot produced a plant. They continue to care for the two pots. A week or so had passed and the shallow plant was now a foot tall and the student began supporting this one to be victories. Then finally the other pot produced a plant. Well as you can guess the first one eventually died and toppled over. Why because there was no root system to support or nourish the plant. Yet the other had built and grew a solid root system FIRST and then was able to survive and eventually produced many more seeds through the tomatoes that grew.

I tell this because I want you to see a couple of important things. **First - the soil must be a heart of perseverance, that will endure the test. How does this occur?**

One must believe in order to be saved. SOZO. This is saved from all things eternal and currently. Believing is the active part of faith. We all have faith, **the measure of faith.**

Romans 12:3

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with **the measure of faith God has given you.**

Then God sent His Word, the seeds, so we can utilize this one measure of faith given.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God.**

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So it becomes a CHOICE that we make. Will we believe or will choke on the rocks?

In James God makes it clear that we must persevere and not doubt His word so that we will mature. As we already read in 2 Cor 4:16, do not loose heart - God commands. Now we read that we should consider it pure joy when testing comes. You must understand the joy is not for rocks in your life but the truth in God's Word. The fact that we can trust, rely on and BELIEVE it to be our victory. This is the joy. Again in 2 Cor 4:18, it says these trials are LIGHT and MOMENTARY and they will pass and are temporary.

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, [3] because you know that the **testing of your faith develops perseverance**. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

It is a CHOICE, will you believe the Word or the tests, the trials and hardships. There is no power greater than God's Word - ONLY IF YOU PERSEVERE AND BELIEVE AND NOT FALL AWAY!!!!

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. [6] But when he asks, **he must believe and not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] **That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord**; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Still the answer is not completed, **how will we endure the test and how does this occur?**

We first begin to work the soil, the heart, by the willingness to believe God. As we do this we plant a seed. Above all, the first seed must be the seed of eternal life through Christ Jesus for the forgiveness of ALL our sins and to believe that He was raised from the dead so we too will be raised from the grave without judgement for our sins. This is the first seed that usually is planted. Next is the seeds of other promises and Words God has spoken. Again they must be planted. This is the Word of God put into our hearts. Then nurtured with a believing heart. That is to say we CHOOSE not to doubt regardless of what we see. WE MUST CONTINUE TO MEDITATE ON THE SEED GIVEN TO THE HEART TO KEEP OUR MIND - MINDFUL OF SUCH as well as keeping **the soil loose and in use**.

Then comes the testing. It may be a small test but when we persevere in the little test the next is harder and we become more mature. This is the making of a strong, believing Christian that will be a testimony with power of the Word. Yet the question remains. Are you going to pick and choose the seeds you will plant and believe? Sadly enough this is the case many times. Man's traditions and man's unbelieving experiences dictate what we choose to believe.

Critical to continue to nurture the seed with mediation and awareness of its planting. So we can benefit from it.

Joshua 1:8

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Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may **be careful to do** everything written in it. **Then you will be** prosperous and successful.

It is a process to build on the roots. But the soil must be willing to believe and then the we must continually sow the Word. It takes times and sometimes years and decades. It is all directly related to the time one is willing to give God, His Word in reading and studying as we build the roots of God's Word for the testing and hardships that will come.

I assure you, if you have not given much time, not just quality, but quantity to the seed, your harvest will be small, if any.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and **my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

3 - AMONG THORNS:

Mark 4:7

Other seed **fell among thorns**, which grew up and **choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.**

Matthew 13:7

Other seed **fell among thorns**, which grew up and choked the plants.

Luke 8:7

Other seed **fell among thorns**, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

Here we see the seed fell among the thorns and did not bear grain, fruit because it was choked out by all the thorns.

Mark 4:18-19

Still others, like seed sown among thorns, **hear the word**; [19] **but the worries of this life**, the **deceitfulness of wealth** and the **desires for other things come in and choke** the word, **making it unfruitful.**

Matthew 13:22

The one who **received the seed** that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

Luke 8:14

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and **they do not mature.**

When Jesus explained this one, He said the seed, the Word was received and was heard. This is good. But then notice the enemy caused the worries of this life to invade us. The concerns of riches, which many times deals with our wants and how we obtain our needs.

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These cares of this life then become the distraction from the TRUE seed, the Word of God and make it unfruitful.

This I believe is the major area of most Christians today. They have believed the Word, but loose their focus on God, the Word and relationship with Him and the soil is crowded with all the other things that are perishing.

They began to worry or pursue pleasures void of God. God clears commands -

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

How do we seek the Kingdom of God, Him, His Word.. First by the Word, then by prayer and then by meditation on His commands. We study, we talk about His ways, we acknowledge Him in all we do. Then we seek after His righteousness. First this is Jesus the person. The relationship with Him, through His Word we learn what pleases Him, what we are to do day to day. We come to recognize the difference in the things of the world and the things of the flesh or soul that are in conflict with Him.

Again this is done through quantity of time, not just quality time. How much time do we spend chasing and doing the days work and affairs of the day compared to time with Jesus, His Word and the Father. Guilty - Guilty, I stand. May my life even as I study and prepare this be changed by the fact I see my foolishness of wasting time with perishing things and worries of life. Forgive me Lord.

In all of these things that are found in the soil, trampled down or rocks, trouble and trials or just too much of life's concerns, worries and deceptions, it is clear we need soil, a heart, with the least amount of intrusions. This is the kind of soil found in the fourth kind.

4 - GOOD SOIL:

Mark 4:8-9

Still other seed **fell on good soil**. It came up, grew and **produced a crop**, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." [9] Then Jesus said, "**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**"

Matthew 13:8-9

Still other seed **fell on good soil**, where it **produced a crop**--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. [9] **He who has ears, let him hear.**"

Luke 8:8

Still other seed fell on **good soil**. It came up and **yielded a crop**, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**"

The seed fell on good soil but what I want to point out, Jesus concludes with the statement in all three accounts "**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**"

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I think this is showing to us that this is an ACT of a Willing Heart. A heart that is not trapped man's traditions or foolish reasoning or resentful and rebellious against God. It is for those who will HUMBLY receive as a child. It is a CHOICE. What have you chosen?

Jesus explained the good soil as a noble and good heart, they hear and ACCEPT it. That is they believe with their heart.

Mark 4:20

Others, like seed sown on **good soil, hear the word, accept it**, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Matthew 13:23

But the one who received the seed that fell on **good soil** is the man who **hears the word and understands it**. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Luke 8:15

But the seed on **good soil** stands for those **with a noble and good heart**, who **hear the word, retain it**, and by persevering produce a crop.

The good soil is the heart that is noble and good, that is to say, it is not scornful or contemptuous toward God. But believes Him. One who is earnestly seeking after God.

The results is a 30, 60 even 100 times what was sown.

The heart receives the Word as truth and understands the Word and retains the Word.

Just as we have seen in John 15:7, the word remains in us then we produce fruit.

These four (4) soils are the answers to many of your own problems and success through them. What kind of soil do you have? I think that each time you plant a seed there is the risk of having on of the types of soil. I do know as time goes and one nurtures the heart with a direct relationship with Jesus the person , the Word and the Father the soil can be made more and more consistent that noble and good soil. So then when a need seed is sown, a new Word of God, a new promise is found, it is easier and more sure to produce.

Look at the parable we first looked at.

Mark 4:26-29

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. [27] Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. [28] All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. [29] As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

This supports what I have tried to impart here. The seed will produce even when we do not know how. But notice when it produces it is a step process.

First the stalk
then the head

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then the full kernel in the head.
FINALLY the harvest.

Again this is perseverance issue. When you see the new plant growing, do you go dig to see if it has a root? NO. You patiently wait knowing it will grow or else you destroy your future harvest. The same that we must do in the Word. Be patient, KNOWING it is and will produce. We are not to let the small test come and still or destroy. WHY, because we believe. If we do not believe we perish. But the Seed, will never perish. It is the heart, and the heart is ours to nurture.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

How import is it to Trust God? This was the previous lesson which is available to anyone. But tonight, I have, in hope of maturing first in my heart and then yours, given you God's position on the importance of the His Word. The seed that must be planted and nurtured by us simply believing ALL that He has revealed to us through His infallible Word of Truth.

As we first read in Genesis.

Then God said, "..." And it was so.

Can you get to this level of believing. Can you kick down the man made wall and traditions to LITERALLY believe ALL that God has spoken. If you can there is nothing impossible for you.

Mark 9:23

" 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "**Everything is possible for him who believes.**"

I tell you the truth, I believe. I have not yet attained it but the soil is maturing and I am determined by my free will to believe and speak it – Confess it – to my death if need be. God's Word is true. EVERY Word.

You bring glory to God when you agree with HIM. Simply say AMEN, so be it.

2 Cor. 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us **to the glory of God.**

OR do you say maybe - when I see it I will believe and bring shame to God instead of glory. This is of utmost importance. Unbelief brings on God's anger and His wrath, His righteous wrath.

Hebrews 3:11

So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.' "

Hebrews 3:19

So we see that they were not able to enter, **because of their unbelief.**

Remember this is a life long venture. It does not happen over night. It begins with the small things and grows with a solid root system that will withstand all the storms and trials.

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The maturing is painful but the results are eternal rewards.

Rev. 13:10

If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity he will go.

If anyone is to be killed
with the sword, with the sword he will be killed.

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

May you persevere for the end of the age grow near and will require maturity.

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