

# The Seed

## LESSON 11 – OUTLINE

- I. Jesus interpreted the parable of the sower for His disciples.
  - A. The seed being sown is the Word of God (Mark 4:14).
  - B. So, this whole parable isn't really about how to be a farmer and get a crop; it's about how the kingdom of God works, and it works off of the Word of God.
  - C. The whole kingdom of God—the Christian life, your victory, your success as a believer—is as simple as taking the Word of God and sowing it in your heart.
  - D. If you will just cooperate with it and let the Word of God germinate, you will change effortlessly.
  
- II. If we didn't do any necessary things to grow a garden, we wouldn't be surprised when a garden doesn't grow.
  - A. Yet, in the spiritual realm, people are constantly surprised at this outcome.
  - B. They've been praying and asking God, but they haven't taken His Word and the promises therein and sown those truths in their lives.
  - C. They don't have a scripture to stand on.
  - D. They don't have a promise.
  
- III. There's benefit in knowing the addresses of promises in the Word of God.
  - A. Specifically, it helps you to be able to share these truths with other people.
  - B. You may have to refresh your memory and look something up.
  - C. But those truths—those revelations—ought to be yours.
  - D. When you have symptoms of sickness in your body and you're lying on your bed, ready to puke your guts out, it's not sufficient to cry out to God, saying, "I know that somewhere in the Bible, it says that You want to heal me."

- IV. I'm just trying to be forceful with this because so many people are missing it big time.
  - A. The average person isn't meditating in the Word of God.
  - B. They aren't spending time—both quality and quantity amounts of time—in God's Word.
  - C. The average person doesn't have a good understanding of the Word of God.
  - D. Or they might say, "My pastor said..." or "I believe the Bible says this somewhere."
  - E. The Word of God must become revelation to you.
  - F. It has to be alive in you.
  - G. You have to take the promises like a seed, plant them in your heart, and meditate on them to see the Word of God work.
- V. God has established spiritual laws, and He won't break them.
  - A. One reason the Lord used this parable about a man sowing seed is because the process of germination is a natural system, not a social system that can be broken or manipulated.
  - B. This parable says that in the same way there are laws that govern how a physical, natural seed has to be planted and germinate, there are laws that govern the spiritual realm.
  - C. If you desire certain kingdom fruit in your marriage, relationships, finances, health, emotions—whatever you need—take the seeds (promises in God's Word that speak about those specific things) and plant them in your life.
  - D. If you will give them the proper nourishment and take care of them the way this parable tells you to, then it's inevitable that you will reap the fruit you want.
  - E. This is so simple that you have to have somebody help you misunderstand it!
- VI. Most people don't follow this pattern.
  - A. They wait until they're already in a crisis situation and then pray, wanting God to pull them out by a miracle.
  - B. Pardon me for being blunt, but that's just as stupid as the farmer who waits to plant their crop a week before it's due to harvest, and then gets upset with God because "the laws didn't work."

- C. There's nothing wrong with the spiritual laws; you just have to learn what they are and cooperate with them.
- D. That's one of the truths this parable teaches.

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## LESSON 11 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 4:14-20. What happens where the Word is sown by the wayside?
2. Why are those offended who represent the stony ground?
3. What chokes the Word in those among the thorns?
4. Read Luke 8:11. The seed is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - A. Letter
  - B. Spirit
  - C. Word
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
5. According to Isaiah 53:4-5, even though Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, what did we do?
6. **“But he was wounded for \_\_\_\_\_ transgressions.”**
7. With what are we healed?
8. According to Matthew 8:16-17, Jesus cast out the spirits with what?
9. He healed \_\_\_\_\_ that were sick.
10. By this, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy from which book?
11. According to Proverbs 4:22, if you find God’s words, what are they?
12. Read Psalm 107:20. What two things did God do for you?
  - A. Blessed and cursed me
  - B. Healed and delivered me
  - C. Smote and spurned me
  - D. Afflicted and wounded me
  - E. Gave and took away from me

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## **LESSON 11 – SCRIPTURES**

### **MARK 4:14-20**

**The sower soweth the word. [15] And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. [16] And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17] And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. [18] And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, [19] And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. [20] And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.**

### **LUKE 8:11**

**Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**

### **ISAIAH 53:4-5**

**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

### **MATTHEW 8:16-17**

**When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: [17] That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

### **PROVERBS 4:22**

**For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.**

### **PSALM 107:20**

**He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**