

# NOTES - Soil & Seed – The Keys to the Kingdom: Soil That Endures the Sun

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## Characteristics of the Seed

### 1) The Seed Is in Itself

- *Everything I need is in the SEED!*

### 2) The Seed Produces According to Its Own Kind

- **Kind – mîyn**: category, class, species, type; things distinguished by some common characteristic or quality
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#### Mark 4: 1–3, 14 (NKJV)

“And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: ‘Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow... The sower sows the word.’”

- **Sow – spëirō**: to scatter seed in or on the ground for future growth; action taken now for a benefit to be experienced later
  - **Word – lõgōs**: what is preached, or said about the gospel of Jesus Christ
  - **Stony ground – pëtrōdēs**: a rocky substance or bedrock covered by a thin layer of earth
  - **Earth – ghay**: top soil; part of the soil that is conducive for growth
  - **Wayside – hōdōs**: road, highway, street, thoroughfare; busy place with traffic
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#### Mark 4: 5 (NKJV)

“Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.”

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**Mark 4: 4, 15 (NKJV)**

“And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.”

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**Hebrews 3: 15 (NKJV)**

“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

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**Mark 4: 16 (NKJV)**

“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness.”

- **Immediately – ěuthěōs**: without delay, hesitation; quick to respond
  - **Receive – lambanō**: take, get hold, seize
  - **Gladness – chara**: joy, cheerfulness, delight
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**Mark 4: 6 (NKJV)**

“But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.”

- **Scorched – kaumatizō**: to burn; become dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight
  - **Withered – xērainō**: dry out, shrivel up; dehydrated
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**Mark 4: 17 (NKJV)**

“And they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble.”

- **Root**: the unseen part of the plant that provides:
  1. Stability
  2. Sustenance
- **Endure – ěimi**: to exist; quality of being

- **Time – prōskairōs**: temporary, season, momentary, not lasting
- **Tribulation – thlipsis**: pressure, affliction, hardship, suffering
- **Persecution – diōgmōs**: oppress, harass, eager pursuit, hostility
- **Sake – dia**: cause or reason; channel of an act
- **Stumble – skandalizō**: trap, cause to sin; take or give offense

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#### **John 14: 17 (NKJV)**

“The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

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#### **Colossians 2: 6–7 (NKJV)**

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

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#### **John 7: 38–39 (NKJV)**

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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#### **Ephesians 5: 26 (NKJV)**

“That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.”

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#### **Jeremiah 17: 7–8 (NKJV)**

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”