

# Soil & Seed – The Keys to the Kingdom – Image & Likeness

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## Key Scriptures

### John 3:16–17 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### Psalms 103:2–5 (NKJV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,  
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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## The Seed Principle (Genesis 1:11–13)

### Genesis 1:11–13 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

So the evening and the morning were the third day.

### Characteristics of the Seed

1. The seed is in itself
  - Potential – Everything it will become is already inside
  - Perpetual – Built to reproduce and multiply

2. Seed produces according to its own kind
- Kind – *mîyn* (Hebrew): category, class, species
  - Reproduces what it is—not something else
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## Made in His Image

### Genesis 1:26–27 (NKJV)

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Created – *bârâ* (Hebrew): To form, produce, create; To bring into existence, make something not in existence before
  - Image – *tselem* (Hebrew): Resemblance; visual appearance of someone; what you look like
  - Likeness – *demûwth* (Hebrew): Model; similarity in appearance, character, or nature
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## Jesus: The Image of God

### Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

### 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV)

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

### Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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# Formed with Purpose

## **Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)**

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- Formed – *yâtsar* (Hebrew): To press; form or fashion, shape; create an object out of existing material

## **Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV)**

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

We were:

- Created to become (identity)
  - Formed to do (assignment)
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# Becoming Like Jesus

## **Romans 8:29 (NKJV)**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

## **2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)**

By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.