

Sermon Notes - Soil & Seed – The Keys to the Kingdom

Genesis 1:1–2 (NKJV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Four Points of Emphasis:

1. **WHEN** – In the beginning
 - *Beginning* – **rê`shiyth**: the first in place, time, order or rank; state of being; start of something

2. **WHO** – God
 - *God* – **’ělôhîym** (plural and singular): the first name of God in the Bible; name for Creator and judge of the universe; strength and power of God the creator

John 1:1–3 (NKJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Additional Points of Emphasis:

3. **HOW** – God created
 - *Created* – **bârâ`**: to form, produce, create; to bring into existence something not previously existing

4. **WHAT** – Heavens and the Earth
 - *Heavens* – **shâmayim**: the area above the earth; sky, stars; the realm of God and the angels

 - *Earth* – **’erets**: to be firm; ground, land, or soil; the solid part of the earth’s surface

Acts 17:24–25 (NKJV)

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”

Genesis 1:9–10 (NKJV)

Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

- *Appear – râ' âh*: to see, come into sight or view
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Genesis 7:11–12 (NKJV)

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

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.

- *Brought forth – yâtsâ'*: to go out or come out; to rise
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Genesis 1:20–25 (NKJV)

Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- *Bring forth* – **yâtsâ'**: to go out or come out; to rise
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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'**: to form, produce, create; to bring into existence something not in existence before
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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**: to press; form or fashion, shape; create an object out of existing material
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Genesis 3:19 (NKJV)

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

- *Dust* – **âphâr**: earth, ground, soil
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Mark 4:26–28 (NKJV)

And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.”

- *Scatter* – **ballō** (Greek): to throw; let drop
- *Ground / Earth* – **ghay** (Greek): top soil; material in the top layer of the earth in which plants can grow

- *Yields* – **karpōphōrēō** (Greek): to bring forth fruit; be fertile; produce a crop