

Soil & Seed – The Keys to the Kingdom – Faith Is the Fertilizer

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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.”

Kingdom – *basilēia* – Domain or realm ruled by a king

Is as if – *hōs* – Like; adverbial comparative word

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Scatter – *ballo* – To throw or scatter seed in or on the ground for future growth

- Action taken now for a benefit to be experienced later

Characteristics of the Seed

1) Seed produces according to its own kind

Kind – *mîyn* – Category; class, species, type; things distinguished by some common characteristic or quality

2) The seed is in itself — the seed is Jesus, the Word of God

- *Everything I need is in the SEED!*

Galatians 3:16 (NKJV)

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

John 1:1, 14 (NKJV)

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Mark 4:14 (NKJV)

The sower sows the word.

Mark 4:26 (NKJV)

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On the ground – *ghay* – Topsoil; material in the top layer of the surface of the earth in which plants can grow

Genesis 1:11 (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.

How Do We Sow the Word?

Plant the Word of God into our hearts by **reading, listening, speaking, and meditating** on it!

Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Profit – Beneficial, useful, advantage

Mixed – Commingle, blend, combine parts into a whole

Luke 17:20–21 (NKJV)

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

The Kingdom of God does not work by need; it works by seed.

Mark 4:27 (NKJV)

And should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

Sprout – *blastanō* – Germinate, yield, produce

Grow – *mēkunō* – To lengthen; enlarge

Mark 4:28 (NKJV)

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

Mark 4:29 (NKJV)

But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Ripens – *paradidōmi* – To surrender, yield up, deliver, supply

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
