Sermon Notes: Soil & Seed – The Keys to the Kingdom – Plant the Seed!

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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."

- Beginning (rê 'shîyth): The first in place, time, order, or rank; state of being; start of something.
- **Created** (*bârâ*'): To form, produce, create; to bring into existence something that did not exist before.
- Earth ('erets): To be firm; ground, land, or soil; the solid part of the earth's surface.
- **Form** (*tôhûw*): No distinct shape; worthless; confusion.
- Void (bôhûw): Empty area of space.

Genesis 1:10-13 (NKJV)

"And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 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."

Bring forth (dâshâ): Sprout; spring forth green shoots.

Characteristics of the Seed

- 1. The seed is in itself
- Potential

- Perpetual
- 2. The seed produces after its own kind
- **Kind** (*mîyn*): Category, class, species, type; things distinguished by some common characteristic or quality.

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.

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.
- Image (tselem): Resemblance; visual appearance of someone; what you look like.
- **Likeness** (*demûwth*): Model; similarity in appearance, character, or nature.

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.

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.

Genesis 2:18-25 (NKJV)

"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.' Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

- Woman ('ishshâh): Woman, wife, female of a species; counterpart of the male.
- Man ('îsh): Man, husband, male of a species.

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** (*ballo*): To throw; let drop.
- **Ground** (*ghay*): Topsoil; material in the top layer of the earth in which plants can grow.
- **Earth** (*ghay*): Topsoil; material in the top layer of the earth in which plants can grow.

