

Youth Bible Study Notes: “Seed Time and Harvest”

(Gen. 1:11-12)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

(Gen. 8:20-22)

And Noah...offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake...While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

This is the method that God has chosen for this planet, and it will be that way as long as this planet is in existence.

(Mark 4:26-29)

The Kingdom of God works this way. It's as if a man should cast seed into the ground. Look at what Jesus had to say about the Kingdom:
So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth no how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

- This is something you can do. Jesus said that you are the one planting the seed. You speak it out of your mouth. When you speak it, it is as a seed, it goes into the heart—the human spirit—and there it begins to grow and produce.

The Kingdom of God is as if a man should cast seed into the ground. Mark 4:15-20 shows that the heart of man is the soil or ground.

Notice Jesus said, "For the earth (the heart of man) bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28). Sometimes people give up before the harvest. They give up during the

growth process.

In Mark 11:23, Jesus tells us the principle of the law of faith: "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him."

That is the God-kind of faith. That is the way it works.

- **The Seed Is A Necessity**

Sometimes people think it's going to happen just because they say it. Saying it is involved in planting it.

But it won't necessarily happen just because you say it. I want you to get this point, because many people get hold of Mark 11:23 and run off into left field and make a mess of things.

It won't work just because you say it. But saying it is involved in working it. It's like saying to a farmer about farming, "You won't necessarily have a harvest just because you plant. But you will never have a harvest if you don't plant."

We get criticized for teaching people to confess the Word of God and say what God said. Some people say, "Confessing God's Word is just too mechanical." But we're talking about planting seeds for a harvest.

When you're talking about the power of words, you're talking about the power of seeds. It is the life in that seed the farmer plants which causes the manifestation of the very thing he planted.

There is life in God's Word—in the promise itself. It is the life that God breathed into it. God's Word is incorruptible seed. So what are you going to use for seed if you don't use God's Word?

Nothing! God's promises *are* seeds for a harvest!