



## 2.11 - The Bible Principle - Seed, Time & Harvest.

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(Scriptures from KJV)

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### 1. The Law of Genesis

#### Gen 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. (KJV)

- A **right understanding** of this principle **will help you understand God's ways**. The Law of seedtime and harvest is God's principle method throughout the Word of God and applies to every area of life.

#### **God's Covenant with Creation**

#### Gen 8:20-22

<sup>20</sup> And Noah built an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> 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; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite (destroy) any more everything living, as I have done. <sup>22</sup> **While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.** (KJV)

- **Seedtime and harvest is God's method.** The law of Genesis is one of God's fixed laws.
- Everything **produces after its kind and the seed is in itself**. It works that way in everything.
- That's why He sent His Word.

#### Mark 4:26-29 (Jesus Speaking)

#### **The Parable of the Growing Seed**

<sup>26</sup> And he said, So is **the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;** <sup>27</sup> And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> **For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.** <sup>29</sup> But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (KJV)

- 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 (throw or sow) seed into the ground. Mark 4:15-20 shows that **the heart of man is the soil, or ground**.
- Sometimes people give up before the harvest comes, they give up during the growing process and therefore lose their harvest.

#### Mark 11:23

<sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** (KJV)

- This is the God-kind of faith - that is the way it God made it to function.
- The Mountain Jesus is talking about is any problem or situation in your life that needs to be changed, removed or brought into existence.



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### 2. Speaking the Seed is Part of the Process!

Saying it is involved in planting or sowing but it won't necessarily happen just because you said it.

Confessing God's Word may just seem too mechanical but is the necessary process of planting.

- 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 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? **God's promises are seeds for a harvest.**

Act as God would act in a similar situation.

- God spoke and called light instead of darkness.
- He spoke the thing desired so are we to follow His example as Jesus did.

#### Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. (KJV)*

How was man going to have dominion?

- Like God, with the power of faith-filled words.

Mark 11:24 - Jesus said.

<sup>24</sup> *Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. (KJV)*

In other words, pray the desired; don't pray the thing that you don't desire. Speak the thing desired, even when you pray.

### 3. Planting is Involved to Obtain a Harvest.

**We have been taught that we should" tell it like it is." That is not a Bible method.**

- If your wants are in line with the Word of God, then say it the way you want it. Say it the way God said it. When you see lack and problems in your life, speak abundance and peace. That's the seed you are sowing.
- Go to the Word of God, find the promise, and plant the seed that you want for a harvest.

The problem has been that people say a few things, they plant a few seeds, then go off and leave them. You don't necessarily have a harvest just because you plant the seed. **You must care for that seed.** It takes time for these things to manifest (to grow).

- The farmer is not necessarily going to have a harvest just because he planted. **But planting is involved in obtaining a harvest. There will be no harvest without planting.**
- But the very thing which God has designed to cause us to be victorious in life **can also work in reverse for us**, if we don't follow the instruction book — God's Word.



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- People say, "This confession teaching **just puts me in bondage**. I can't say anything anymore, because I have to watch what I'm saying."
- People are normally **continually confessing the negative** and not what God says.

### 4. And it Would Obey You!

#### Luke 17:5-6

<sup>5</sup> And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, **If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine (mulberry) tree, Be you plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** (KJV)

- Jesus is talking about their "**force of Faith**" ("**the servant to the believer**" - Luke 17:7-10) obeying them which would then be used to remove the tree.

Jesus, He said it would obey you.

- Jesus was saying to the Apostles, you don't need more faith, you need to understand that faith works like a seed and unless you plant it, it will not produce a harvest.
- Faith does not come by asking, Faith comes by hearing the spoken Word of God. (Rom 10:17)
- A seed does not produce unless you plant it, when you plant it, it will produce a harvest of itself.
- The disciples had to be willing to plant their faith for it to grow.
- **People who only mentally ascend to God's Word do not plant their faith.**

The Word of God is the Will of God but it won't happen in our life just because it's God's will.

- The **Word must be inside you** and if the Word is inside, it will manifest itself. The Word **produces when it is planted in the heart or spirit of man.**

Jesus said to the apostles, If you had faith as a seed, you would say... or "It would obey your faith-filled words, if you had faith as a seed."

- He's talking about problem areas in your life, about situations that you face and circumstances you don't know how to handle.

#### **Two great foundational truths about faith:**

- **1.** Faith is as a seed and it works like or as a seed.
- **2.** You plant it by speaking it out of your heart.

This is the way Adam was to have dominion in the beginning.

- Adam had to do it with his faith and the power of words to operate in dominion.
- Adam had to operate the way God operated by Faith and Words because he was in God's likeness

### 5. Spiritual Laws Set in Motion by the Tongue.

#### James 1:26

<sup>26</sup> **If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is vain.** (KJV)



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People speak all sorts of things that destroy their faith and deceive their heart.

- They start out in their Christian life having great faith but can end up believing and speaking everything the world says.
- What they believed in the beginning will disappear because “Faith” cometh by hearing and “Fear” also comes the same way.
- **If you pray one thing (Gods Word) and say another (Worlds word), your saying will neutralise your praying.**

Learn to operate in the power of God's Word and the Law of faith. We can all understand natural law.

- There is the natural law of gravity we know it works all the time.
- God's Word is spiritual law and works when you apply it properly to your situation.

We have to realize that we have to go by God's rules and His way of operating in Faith.

- God has some rules and regulations concerning His laws and when we operate in spiritual law, we must operate according to God's rules and regulations that He has established.

We have learned how to operate in the laws of electricity, and as long as we don't violate those laws, we can use electricity safely.

- Electricity is your servant - ready to serve you at any moment so is “Faith.”
- The same force can be destructive if a person violates the laws.

**Proverbs 18:21** says, Death and life are in the power of the tongue. **Faith will build and Fear will destroy** – both using the same system but flowing in opposite spiritual directions.

### 6. The Spirit & Natural Worlds are Controlled by the Word of God.

The spirit world can be controlled by the Word of God.

#### **Matthew 16:19**

*<sup>19</sup> And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)*

- With words you can **bind things** or you can **lose other things**.
- The enemy wants to **operate on the authority** of your words.

Do you realize what negative words can do to your spirit? They may not affect anyone else much, but the will affect you.

- Words spoken are powerful because **you release them** into your spirit.

God's Word in your mouth produces a spiritual force called "Faith" in the human spirit.

**Hebrews 11:1** says this faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is the evidence of things not seen. So faith is the evidence of those things that you hope for.

- That faith comes from God's Word. **Faith is both the substance and the evidence** of the things desired.



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A farmer has the seed for a harvest and the ability to reproduce is in that seed. It will produce the same many times more than he plants.

- God's Word — His promises — are just as powerful.

***Not one bit of the power has departed from My Word. There is as much power in My Word now as there was the day that I spoke it. My Word is not empty of power — but My people are empty of speech. They will not speak what I have said. But they speak what the world says. They speak what the enemy says.***

***Even as there is creative power in My Word to be released when you speak it, there is even also evil power present in the words of the enemy to afflict and oppress everyone who speaks them.***

### 7. Faith & Fear Comes by Hearing

There's also a reciprocal of that truth. Since there is spiritual power in God's Word to release faith, there is also a spiritual power in the words of the enemy to release fear.

- Faith in God comes by hearing the Word of God and faith in the devil comes by hearing the words of the devil. ***Faith in the devil is called fear.***
- I hear the promise of God, and I desire the promise of God. **I speak the promise of God that releases the spiritual force in me called faith, which is the substance of the thing desired.** Faith in God and His Word comes by hearing God's Word.

Fear comes by hearing the words of the devil. So if hearing God's Words produces faith, hearing the devil's words produces fear.

- **Just as faith is the substance of things desired, fear is the substance of things not desired.**

That is why you should resist fear like you resist the devil.

- <sup>25</sup> ***For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. (KJV) Job 3:25***

How do you overcome fear? By speaking the Word of God.

- <sup>4</sup> ***But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (KJV) Matt. 4:4***
- **When you are speaking contrary to the Word of God, you are producing fear.**

### 8. Don't Speak what the Enemy Says - the Words of World.

#### **Psalm 45:1**

<sup>1</sup> ***My heart is inditing (overflowing) a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (KJV)***

**If you speak the words of the enemy, you are writing the words of the enemy on the table of your heart.**

- The reason some people are so filled with fear is that they believe everything they see and hear on television.

**Luke 21:26** (Jesus speaking about the last Days)

<sup>26</sup> ***Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (KJV)***



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- Jesus is talking about the spiritual part of man. — the human spirit. **He's talking about "soil"** that He put in you - where the kingdom is living reality.
- Jesus is saying **that the kingdom in the heart of man will fail to function properly because of fear.**

### 9. Speak the Words of Life – Gods Word.

#### John 6:63

<sup>63</sup> *It is the spirit that quickens (life); the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)*

There is life in every Word of God. In fact, Jesus said it this way: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

- There is spirit life in every Word of God.
- **Your words affect your spirit and you can speak words of life to your spirit** agreeing with God.
- **You can speak words of death to your spirit by agreeing with the devil.**

#### Pro 18:14

<sup>14</sup> *The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? (KJV)*

- The spirit of man, the human spirit, will sustain his weakness. One translation says the human spirit will hold off or hold in weakness or infirmity. It will work either way. The human spirit, the heart of man, **will hold off — or hold in — weakness, depending upon what you speak into your spirit.**
- That is what the Word of God says about it. The heart will hold weakness off or hold it.

### 10. Be Careful What You Plant.

Be careful what you plant. People sometimes pray the wrong things.

- If you pray the problem in prayer, **you then will have more faith in the problem**, because faith cometh by hearing.
- **You can destroy your faith by your praying when you pray the problem and** what that prayer did was open the door to the devil.
- The solution to that situation? It is simple — find the answer in God's Word, **then pray the answer.**

You'll get up from that prayer having faith in the promises of God to meet your need.

- **Not because you asked for faith, but because you quoted the promise of God in your prayer. Faith in God comes by hearing the Word of God.**

God has magnified His Word above His Name (Psalms 138:2). That's why God's Word is important in our lives.

- We must set a watch on our mouths and **determine to speak only things which agree with God's Word.** Speak things which are in agreement with His Word.

Jesus said that He spoke only that which He heard His Father say. (John 8:26.)

- You will see things change in your situation when you **begin to confess in faith that which you want.**
- **If you continue to do it, because God's Word works to bring the manifestation of what God promised. Remember the seed is in the promise itself.**



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Don't tell God what the devil says – change the confession about the situation to the promise of God's Word.

- **Confess the truth over the fact – it is not a lie because God's Word is Truth** (John 17:17).
- It doesn't happen overnight, it is a process of renewing my mind that takes some time.

You hear so many people saying, I don't ever hear from God.

- They **are quick to tell you what the devil said to them** and have more faith in him than God's voice.
- **Start to confess that you hear the voice** of the Good Shepherd and I do not hear the voice of a stranger.

### 11. Your Actions Must Match Your Faith.

But you must do it - It is not a matter of saying, your Faith and Actions must agree or your actions must follow your Faith.

The Kingdom of God is as if a man cast seed into the ground.

- You must sow the seed and believe according to Mark 11:22-26, then the harvest will come.
- The harvest has no choice. It must come. It is God's promise.
- If you will sow the seed, you eventually will **receive a harvest for the law of seedtime and harvest** is still in effect.
- **It will never cease** (stop) as long as the earth remains. This is God's method and it will work for you.

**The choice is yours. But you must make a decision to do it. If you are not satisfied with your harvest, check up on the seed you are sowing. If you are sowing the incorruptible seed of God's Word, your harvest is on the way.**

**JESUS IS LORD!**