

BELIEF IS FROM THE HEART

Last week we talked about the purpose of the seed. Seeds are how God intended for his design to be multiplied on the earth.

Here is the spiritual law: Every seed reproduces after its own kind.

Every seed needs a place of conception.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Your heart is the place where your thoughts (seeds) are conceived.

How does this conception happen?

Proverbs 4:20-23 NKJV My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Attend means to fix your mind upon. Also to remain or abide.

Incline is the picture of leaning in to get the full understanding of the words.

Depart means to deviate from, to forsake.

Solomon is saying to lean in to get the full understanding, then remain or abide and don't deviate from these truths, the essence of this is to meditate.

(Derek Prince)

The definition of meditation in the Bible is generally to "mutter or speak quietly". ... The word meditate in Psalm 1 is from the Hebrew word, hagah. As Strong's translates this word, it means "to murmur (in pleasure or anger); by implication, to ponder: imagine, meditate, mourn, mutter... speak, study, talk, utter".

The purpose of meditation is to paint a picture of the desired results in your heart. If you want a tomato seed to produce fruit the seed has to stay in the soil. The soil contains the necessary nutrients that will allow the seed to produce a harvest.

The Bible calls God's word a seed and your heart soil. If you want the promises of God's word to reproduce a harvest you have to keep the seed in the soil, the process is called meditation.

Everything that God wants you to experience comes with a seed that will produce after its own kind, your job is to provide a place for its conception.

Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Everything that Satan wants you to experience also comes with a seed that will produce after its own kind, all you have to do is provide a place for its conception.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

You were designed with the capacity to believe that all things are possible.

Ephesians 1:18 NKJV the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of **His inheritance in the saints.**

Paul prayed not that God would do something but that we could believe what he has already done. Paul is telling us that our inheritance is not in heaven, it is in us (in our spirit). The key to the Christian life is to believe what you already have,

The Greek word that was translated “understanding” in this verse is “DIANOIA,” and it means “deep thought” (Strong’s Concordance). This same word is translated “imagination.

When you think deeply (meditate) on something your imagination begins to paint a picture in your heart.

You don’t enjoy a single thing in your life that you didn’t think about first.

Your marriage started with a thought. You saw them across the room and you thought, wow, they are good looking, then you met and if you liked them you began to think about them more. You began to see yourself going out with them. Having dinner, going to the movies, as things got more serious the woman began to write her first name with your last name, Teresa Nave.

The more this happens the more vivid the picture becomes and then what you imagine becomes a reality. This is true of anything that has ever been created.

Do you think that the first time Leonardo Da Vinci saw the Mona Lisa was when he painted the last brush stroke? No way, he thought about her, meditated on her until he saw every detail of her face in his imagination, then he transferred what was in his heart onto a canvas.

Sports physiology has figured out the power of imagination. They have done experiments where they took 10 baseball players that needed to improve their batting average, they took 5 and had them practice two hours a day in a batting cage and then the other 5 they had them visualize themselves hitting the ball for two hours and at the end of a month the improvement was the same for the ones who visualized as the ones who actually practiced.

You will have whatever you meditate on, the only question is, whose words are you meditating on?

Meditating on God’s word always produces the desired results.

Joshua 1:8 CEV Long ago I promised the ancestors of Israel that I would give this land to their descendants. So be strong and brave! Be careful to do everything my servant Moses taught you.

Never stop reading The Book of the Law he gave you. Day and night you must think about what it says. If you obey it completely, you and Israel will be able to take this land.

Receiving the promise

Numbers 13:26-33 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly [g]flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the [h]giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Numbers 14:1-9- So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4 So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

God's word always produces abundance.

Joshua and Caleb had been meditating on the Promised Land for so long that the promise was bigger than all the obstacles, what they saw was the blessing that would come through possessing the Land, because of this, the fortified cities, the giants and the armies were irrelevant to them and they saw themselves as giant slayers and they possessed the land just like God promised.

Satan's words always produce destruction.

The ten spies were only focused on what they lacked, they didn't trust God's promise so the obstacles were bigger than God's promises. All they could see was the fortified cities, the giants and armies and they saw themselves as grasshoppers and they never inherited the promise and died in the desert.

A lesson from Jesus.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Jesus is saying that in order for you to receive what you desire, you have to have a seed abiding in you that can reproduce the desired harvest.

To ask God to answer a prayer that you have no seed for is like a farmer asking God to produce a harvest that he never planted.