

## SOIL THAT PRODUCES A HARVEST

We are continuing to learn about the law of conception.

Jesus gave us this great promise....

Mark 9:23 NKJV Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.

The question is did God have a plan for us to create belief?

The law of conception.

1) God gave us his word that always produces after its own kind.

Luke 1:37 AMPC For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

2) He gave us a place (our heart) for the seed to be conceived.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

3) God gave us a way to reap the harvest.

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

Over the last three weeks we have been learning from Jesus about different heart conditions and the impact they have on our harvest.

The 1<sup>st</sup> type of soil produced no harvest because lack of knowledge allowed Satan to steal the word before it could produce a harvest.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> type of soil produced no harvest, because it did not have its own root system.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> type of soil did not produce a harvest because the cares of this world choke out the word of God and that causes us to doubt the reality of God's word.

This week we are going to look at the 4<sup>th</sup> type of soil.

Matthew 13:23 NKJV But he who received seed on the good ground is he who **hears the word and understands it**, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Jesus said that there are two keys to a successful harvest.

**The first key is hearing the word.**

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Every word of God carries the faith to conceive after its own kind.

God's word is designed to paint a picture in your heart so that you can see yourself living out the promise.

You have to see yourself possessing the promise in your heart before it will become a reality.

You have to see yourself blessed because God's word says you are.

You have to see yourself healthy because God's word says you are.

You have to see yourself free from addiction or depression because God's word says you are.

The world knows this very well, this is why athletes are taught to visualize themselves hitting the walk off homerun, or catching a touchdown with no time on the clock.

This is why business people create a picture board with the house, or car they want on it.

It is how God designed us to receive from him.

I want to go back to a very important point that Jesus made about hearing.

Matthew 13:13-15 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.

How is it possible to have ears and not hear and eyes and not see?

God is love and love can only be expressed in the context of relationships.

### **Natural ears**

You were born a natural man/woman and you live with these horizontal relationships between parents, spouses, kids and friends. These relationships are developed as you share life together, so God gave you natural ears to hear natural people. These ears are only designed to understand natural knowledge.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

### **Spiritual ears**

When you got born again you entered into a vertical relationship with a supernatural God, in order to communicate with him he gave you spiritual ears to receive spiritual realities.

1 Corinthians 2:12 For we did not receive the spirit of this world system but the Spirit of God, so that we might come to understand and experience all that grace has lavished upon us.

God is a Spirit and he created you to live in a relationship with him based on dependency and trust, which means you must be able to speak to him and hear from him. And you speak to him from your born again spirit and you hear from him through the ears of your spirit.

Matthew 16:13-17 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, **"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

Everyone else was seeing Jesus as a natural man because they saw him walk and work, they also heard him speak, teach and preach so they were associating him with natural men like Elijah. The Father revealed the truth to Peter through His spiritual ears.

The soil or heart that produces a good harvest is the one that is always looking to abide with the Father, who is the source of all good things.

**The second key to fruitful soil is understanding the word.**

We need to understand that the word of God is based on the unchanging nature of God.

God always keeps his covenants.

Psalm 89:34 NKJV My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

It is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:13-18 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Think about Abraham.

Romans 4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Abraham and other Old Testament saints received the yet to be fulfilled promises of God because they took him at his word.

How much easier should it be for us New Testament saints to receive the promises when they were already paid for 2,000 years ago through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection?

It is impossible for God to lie, and he said.....

2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

If the God who cannot lie tells us that all of these redemptive promises have already been fulfilled, why do so many of us find ourselves as if Jesus never came?

We are still buying into the same deception that Adam and Eve bought into in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Satan deceived Eve into believing that she had to DO something to receive what she already possessed.

Jesus warned us of this same deception in one of his most famous parables.

Luke 15:25-32 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

The righteous son was jealous, he said "all of this time I have served you, yet you never threw a party for me or gave me a robe, a ring, or sandals."

Let the words of Jesus penetrate your heart. He told his son you are always abiding with me and everything I have is yours. Have a party whenever you want, the robe is yours, the ring is yours, the sandals are yours.

You already possess everything that God intended for you to have.

2 Peter 1:3 TPT Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power.

Yet because of this deception, we have been taught that we need to beg and plead with God to give us what he says we already possess.

Your inheritance is summed up by one word, salvation. It means restored relationship, healing, deliverance, provision and protection.

Restoration back as if sin never entered into human experience.

How do we receive our inheritance?

Hebrews 6:12 That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Faith is the supernatural ability to believe and act upon what you cannot see, because the God who cannot lie say it's so!

Patience is the time it takes to renew your mind so that you believe his word.

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