



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

Lesson 5 July 1, 2025

SEED-TIME AND HARVEST-
TIME

Background Reading:

- ❖ Exodus 34:21
- ❖ Ecclesiastes 3:2
- ❖ Isaiah 55:10
- ❖ Mark 4:2-20; 30-32
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Mark 4:26-29

Background Reading

Exodus 34:21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

Ecclesiastes 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater

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Mark 4:2-20; 30-32

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

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7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

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12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

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- 17** And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
- 18** And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
- 19** And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
- 20** And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.
- 30** And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

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31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

2 Corinthians 9:11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Background Reading

Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalm 148:12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Psalm 148:13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Jeremiah 1:7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Devotional Reading

Mark 4:26-29

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Central Verse

Genesis 8:22

“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.”

INTRODUCTION

The harvest is a time to celebrate and gather the joys of previous seasons, but some preparations must be made for this event. There are laws of the harvest that must be observed before a believer can reap his harvest. The believer must give bountifully and cheerfully to receive the abundance that God promised in His word.

Words are seeds that will produce if they are in the right setting. They produce one small seed at a time with God's help. Faith is a booster that, when applied right, will help seeds to flourish. For a person's life to be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, the person must have the "fruits of the Spirit" planted into his life, as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23.

INTRODUCTION

Believer's lives are like spiritual gardens, waiting to become beautiful and flourishing. They need time and effort led by the Holy Spirit to work the soil by pruning, watering, and shining upon it. It takes time and effort to bring them to the place of fulfillment. The seed cannot be sown and brought to harvest until the soil has been prepared.

DISCUSSION

The sower of seed must make sure that his seed (Gospel) is being sowed into good ground. The sower sowed the same seed into four distinct types of soil and each one responded differently. It is important that the sower knows the kind of soil into which he is sowing. In the parable that Jesus shared, the sower sowed, and some of the seed fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and ate it up. And some fell on stony ground, where there was not enough earth, and immediately it sprang up. Because there was not enough earth when the sun came out, it was too hot and scorched it, and because it had no roots it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, choked it, and yielded no fruit. Others fell on good ground; it wasn't too rocky, it had enough soil, and it was able to produce good fruit, which sprang up and increased and produced some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold blessing.

DISCUSSION

Jesus told His disciples that the sower sows the word and the enemy, Satan comes immediately and takes the word out of their hearts. Then there are some that were sown on stony ground, who, when they heard it, received it with gladness. But it didn't last because they had no roots in themselves to endure but for a little while. For the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But thank God there are some whose ground was good and who received the word and brought forth good fruit.

DISCUSSION

There is a process, led by the Holy Spirit, that will help the sower make the soil of the heart soft and receptive to God. Included in this process is the believer's communion with His Father God as he engages in continual conversation with his loving, heavenly Father.

This process includes a time for seeding, planting, and watering. Each can-not succeed without the other because they all work together to give good results. The presence, the will, and the love of God help the believers to allow their hearts to be tilled and become responsive. The Holy Spirit cultivates good soil so the world can produce and bear fruit. The Spirit of God breaks up the fallow ground, and the Word is sowed and produces fruit.

DISCUSSION

Grace is the seed that makes spiritual growth and maturity possible. Grace is simple, profound, and ever-growing, deeper and deeper than the believer can ever imagine. The believers were dead, but God rescued them so that they could have grace for the ages to come. With grace or the seed of righteousness, life, and discipleship are possible.

God gave the command to Adam to be fruitful and multiply. He has been consistent in His command and his persevering promise that through "Abra-ham's seed, all nations will be blessed." This is relevant to each believer to-day as he seeks to live in daily obedience to God's Great Commission. Our children are our seed, and David said that he had "never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging for bread" (Psalm 37:25).

DISCUSSION

In Matthew 13:18-23, Jesus taught His disciples the power of words. The seed, which is sown, represents the Word of God. The ground receiving the seed symbolizes the condition of the hearts of mankind. The fruit that came forth is the manifestation of the Word. The words the believers speak im-pacts their lives and the lives of others. It is important that believers remember to speak positive things, for his words are seeds, and they will produce a harvest. Also, the power of life and death is in the tongue.

CONCLUSION

God has made some promises to the believer, and one of them comes to reassure him that he will never have to worry. As long as the earth remains, there will always be seed-time and harvest time. He can count on the sun coming up, and certain things will be constant. God is so wise and caring for His children. He gave the command for Adam to work and dress the garden, but He also told him to take time and rest. The body cannot be healthy and produce all the things that God wants them to without proper eating and proper resting.

God has given man the right time to do everything he needs to do if he observes the correct time. He says there is a time and a season for every purpose under the sun. So, seedtime and harvest must be done at the appropriate time.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**God will always give seed to the
sower and the sower must prepare
for the harvest.**

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Lesson 6

Treating Others Right