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Wednesday, January 27, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: The Mechanics Of The Kingdom

Lesson Series Text: (*Mark 4:24-29*)

Lesson 4: The Purpose Of Seasons

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All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. To understand and learn a new truth, we must go through a season of death, burial, and resurrection. (*1 Cor. 15:3-4 - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*)
 - A. When we get a new truth, we must die to the world system or flesh in order for the seed of that truth to germinate and produce the fruit of that seed.
 - B. The Father wants to create separation and division from the world system. (*2 Cor. 6:14-7:1*)
 - C. A season shows you how to lose your old natural life and how to gain your higher Zoe life.
 - D. Sacrifices are made against our old nature to kill it.
 - E. Sacrifices are made for your new nature to cause it to live.
- II. When you first get truth; you must go through a season in order to produce understanding.
 - A. Truth without experience is knowledge pregnant with doubt.
 - B. God doesn't just want you to have knowledge, but He wants you to have His life, which produces His knowledge.
- III. In school, when an instructor teaches on a certain subject, a test is given to gage whether you understood the subject.
 - A. When ministers preach on any given subject; the Lord allows us to be tested on that subject, by the enemy, to see if we understood the subject. (*Mat. 13:19-When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*)
 - B. If you understood the subject, the enemy brings persecution and tribulations to offend you for the word sake. (*Mat. 13:21-Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.*)
 - C. If persecution and tribulations don't work; the enemy tries to distract you with the cares of this world and the deceitfulness, of the riches of this life, in order to choke the growth of the word. (*Mat. 13:22-He also that received seed among the*

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- thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.)*
- D. If you pass all these tests; fruit is produced, the season is over, and you are ready for the harvest time of your fall in that season. (*Mat. 13:23-But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*)
- IV. There are cycles in the process of your ultimate God ordained season; similar to the natural cycles of agriculture; which is seedtime and harvest. (*Gen. 8:22*)
- A. Spring time brings rains and planting.
- a. The ground is broken up and prepared for planting.
 1. The Father may need to disorient you.
 - b. Seeds are planted.
 1. Prayers are prayed.
 2. Declarations are made.
- B. Summer brings an end to the rains.
- a. The sun creates stress for the plants.
 1. You are subjected to pressure and persecution.
 - b. Roots must go deeper in the soil in order to find moisture and nutrients.
 1. You must feed yourself on the Word. Sundays and Wednesdays are not enough.
 - c. In case of a drought, the plant can go dormant in order to preserve life.
 1. You must learn how to stand and wait on the Lord.
 2. Your character is developed.
 3. You discover your gift in the middle of your problem.
 4. You discover that your problem is the means to your promotion.
 5. You begin to produce your fruit.
- C. Fall is a time to harvest the fruit.
- a. You gather the fruit and preserve it.
 1. You grow is your gifting and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 2. You learn how your anointing works.
- D. Winter is a time of rest.
- a. You eat and enjoy from the bounty of your harvest.
 1. You enter into the rest of your labors.
- V. Giving birth to your vision is similar to and can be compared to the natural seasons of life.
- A. The beginning of your season. (*Intimacy*)
 - B. The result of your intimacy. (*Conception*)
 - C. Gestation - Toxins have to go. (*Protecting the seed*)
 - D. Fullness of Time. (*Pressure*)
 - E. Giving Birth. (*Push against pain*)
 - F. Birth. (*Caring and preserving the fruit*)
 - G. Resting. (*Enjoying the fruit*)

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- VI. God places us as children under tutors and governors during our seasons until the appointed time. (*Gal. 4:1-2-Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.*)
- A. Even though we are His children, we were still under the bondage and elements of this world system. (*Gal. 4:3-Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world*)
 - B. The tutors and governors are to train us until the fullness of time; until we understand; until Christ is formed in us. (*Gal. 4:4-5 - But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*)

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