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Wednesday, February 03, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: The Mechanics Of The Kingdom

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

Lesson 5: Watering Our Seeds

Lesson 5 Text: *(Mark 4:14-20)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. As the rain so shall My Word be.
 - A. As the rain (water) saturate the earth and makes it to bring forth.
 - B. So shall my word.
 - C. The Word saturates the heart (earth) and makes it to bring forth.
 - D. It shall accomplish (*ʿasah*) – to make, prepare, attend to, put in order, press, squeeze, institute, ordain, bring about, etc.
 - E. It shall prosper (*tsalach*) – to rush, advance, succeed, be profitable, cause to prosper, to make progress, etc.
 - F. Instead of the curse, you get the blessings. *(13)*
- II. In scripture, the seed is equated with the word *(Mark 4:14)* and the water is equated with the word. *(Eph. 5:26)*
 - A. Everything has it's beginning with the Word of God. *(Heb. 11:1-3)*
- III. Let's look at the importance of rain to Israel.
 - A. The amount of rainfall in Palestine had a lot to do with the fertility of the land.
 - B. The rainy season usually began in late October or early November and ended in late April to early May.
 - C. May through October was the dry season; which was very hot and dry.
 - a. Most days, clouds were not seen in the sky.
- IV. The rainy season is grouped into three periods.
 - A. The early rains which began in early November and ended approximately by the middle of December.
 - B. The winter rains which began at the middle of December and ended in the middle of March.
 - C. The latter rains which began in the middle of March and ended in the latter part of April.
 - D. The beginning of the rainy season was called the former rain, first rain, or early rain.
 - E. The ending of the rainy season was called the latter rain or ending rain.
 - F. The former and latter rains do not describe two seasons, but two different periods in the same season; the rainy season.
- V. The early rain came at seed planting time and the latter rains came at harvesting time.
 - A. The former rain prepared the earth for the seeds.
 - B. The later rain prepared the seeds for harvest.
 - a. The later rain ripens the fruit.
 - C. The rainy season; whether former, winter, or latter rains were all about the harvest.
 - D. The farmer needed to be patient for the harvest to receive the former and latter rain. *(Jam. 5:7)*

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- VI. Obedience and rain. (*Deu. 11:8-21; Lev. 26:3-5 Read*)
- A. The land is not like Egypt. (10)
 - a. The watering of the seed is different.
 - B. I will give you rain in due season. (14)
 - a. Wine (grapes) and oil (olives) during former rains.
 - b. Corn (wheat and barley) during latter rains.
 - C. The rains would create vegetation for the livestock.
 - D. Disobedience brought drought; which effected fruit bearing and brought about lack. (16-17)
 - a. Lack is a sign of the curse for disobedience.
 - E. God's desire is to multiply us and our seed. (21)
- VII. How do we water our seeds?
- A. Meditate upon God's Words. (*Jos. 1:8; Psa. 1:2*)
 - a. Meditate means to muse, mutter, and to plot.
 - B. This is the way to get the word in our heart and to water the word in our heart.
 - a. God's word must be in our mouth and in our hearts. (*Rom. 10:8-10 Read*)
 - C. Confession is made unto salvation. (10)
 - a. Confession means to say the same thing together, to covenant, to agree with.
 - b. Salvation (*soteria*) – deliverance, preserve, rescue, heal, etc.
- VIII. What will confession do for us?
- A. Plant seeds in the heart. (*Mark 4:14*)
 - B. Cause faith to come. (*Rom. 10:17*)
 - C. Renew the mind. (*Rom. 12:2*)
 - D. Keeps the answer before you. (*Deu. 11:18*)
 - E. Put the Angels to work for you. (*Heb. 1:13-14*)

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