

Fundamental Theology

Lesson 1 | The Parable of the Seed & The 3 Angels' Messages



Mark 4:26-29 (KJV) 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.**

Note: There are 3 phases of spiritual growth outlined by Jesus in Mark 4:26-28. There are also 3 angel's messages which allow the Christian to grow spiritually as they receive more light in each progression message. Can Mark 4:26-28 be related on a deeper level than they have hitherto been understood?

Revelation 14:4 (KJV) 4 These [the 144,000] are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, **being the firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:6-12 (KJV) 6 And I saw **another angel** fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed **another angel**, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the **third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

Revelation 14:14-20 (KJV) 14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the **Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a **sharp sickle.** 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.** 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And **another angel** came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a

sharp sickle. 18 And **another angel came out** from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him **that had the sharp sickle**, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And **the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God**. 20 And the **winepress was trodden outside of the city**, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

OBSERVED PATTERN

Soil → Seed → Sun → Sickle → Sup (Marriage Supper after Harvest)

First the blade:

1. (**Sow**) *Fear God* → Prepare the Soil/Open the door (Rev 3:20) → Cast the seed into the ground/Receive Christ into heart → Work of Conviction by the Holy Spirit
2. (The seed *should spring* – Hidden/Below ground) *Give Glory to Him* → Give your time → Water the Soil → Confession/Prayer → Godly Repentance (2 Cor 7:11)
3. (The Seed *should grow* – Seen/Above Ground) *Worship Him* → Seed sprouts and beings to grow above ground → Conversation/Physical change in lifestyle → Justification in Christ

End of Spring Seasonal Events:

1. **Early Rain comes** (James 5:7) → Brings growth to blade of wheat and also waters the weeds, temptation rises up when the Christian begins to grow closer to Jesus (Matt 13:26)
2. **Cross Pollination** – Are you sharing your witness with the nearby plants? Somebody is dying waiting for you to say, “Jesus loves them!” (Matt 5:13-16) Heaven is our destination but destroying hell is our mission! (1 John 3:8)

Then the ear:

4. (**Pruning Process**) *Come out of Babylon* → Plant must be pruned → Pruning allows all energy to be used for fruit production and not diverted to dead vines → Chastisement sign of sonship → Cut off all sinful ties to this world (2 Cor 7:1) → Learning to Walk with God → Process of Sanctification → Character formation (COL 256.2)

The Summer Season

1. **Hot Summer Sun** → Are you a hot Christian? Fireproof? (Heb 12:29, Isa 33:14-15) → Summer heat burns up the dross, removes the fat which represented sin in the sanctuary (Lev 9:22-24)

2. Plants require *heat* for growth → Shallow rooted plants will wither in the summer heat (Matt 13:20-21)
 3. Heat is sign of persecution brought by spiritual growth (2 Cor 6:10)
 4. **PhotoSINthesis** – Don't let sin against you produce sin in you! (Matt 5:10-12; 2 Cor 4:16-18; 1 Pet 5:10; 1 Pet 4:12-13, 16-19; Mar 85.6)
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Then the full corn in the ear:

5. **(Harvest Preparation) Keep my Commandments:** Moral Law → Outward sign of Sanctifying process (Ez 20:12,20) → plant has endured summer season → Some will not (Jer 8:20) → Relationship based on Love (John 14:15) → Perfect Love = Perfect Obedience Chart (see chart on page 4, also see "The Message" video on Protestant Church Ministries YouTube Channel to see chart explained - last ten minutes of the sermon)
6. **(Harvest Preparation) Keep my Commandments:** Health Laws → Before final harvest plants need outpouring of water → Latter Rain → Outpouring of the Holy Spirit → Final nutrients required for harvest are given and absorbed by plants (Deut 11:14, Jer 5:24, Hos 6:3, Joel 2:23, Zch 10:1, Jam 5:7)
7. **(Harvest Time) These are they who have the Faith of Jesus** → Finished Fruit/Full Corn in the Ear → The full corn has reproduced in it the original seed which was the source for its growth since day 1 → Faith was required from the beginning (GC 421.2) → Every man is given "the measure of faith" (Rom 12:3). In other words, it's the quality of our faith not the quantity of faith a man has, because we are given the same amount. → Faith must be perfected – 7 components of our Faith (2 Pet 1:5-10) → the Faith of Jesus merits benefits of the final atonement (GC 421.3, PP 357.3-357.4) → Without this, no plant will bear its fruit/no man will be saved (12MR 19.3)



ENDTIME SIGNS

Destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70): Preview of a Global Crisis

- 1) **Negative Signs: Deadly & Deceptive** (key word: "many" = global issues: Mt 24:5, 9-13)
Deception - Wars - Famines - Pestilences - Earthquakes - Hatred - Coldness (Mt 24:1-13)
- 2) **Positive Sign: Life-Saving** - "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Mt 24:14) - *Are you part of this message?!*
- 3) **Final Warnings from ...** Nature (Mt 24:32) | Noah (Mt 24:37) | Normal Life (24:40,41)
- 4) **Specific Signs (Mt 24:29): The Millerite Awakening and the Roots of the Advent Movement**
 - **Lisbon Earthquake:** Nov. 1, 1755 - All Saints day, before All Souls' Day = judgment on spiritualism
 - **Darkness & Moon:** May 19, 1780 - New England (precise territory of Great Advent Movement)
 - **Star Shower:** Nov. 13, 1833 - "The most grand and brilliant celestial phenomenon ever beheld and recorded by man" (R. M. Devens, *Our First Century*, 1876, p. 329).

THE FINAL HARVESTS

Final Option - Final Outcome Outcomes

Angel to Jesus: "Thrust in your sickle, and reap: for the time is come for you to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped" (Revelation 14:15-16).

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URGENT. IRREVERSIBLE. FINAL.

ARE YOU READY?!

"Prepare to meet your God!" (Amos 4:12)

- **Prioritize:** Disciples @ the Temple: Wow! Jesus: Woe! Temporal things won't last! *Eternity > Earth*
Matthew 24-25: 1/3 Prophetic Details, 2/3 Personal Devotion + Dedication *Focus Daily!*
- **Prepare:** 3 Practical Parables: 10 Virgins: **Watching** (Spiritual) | Talents: **Working** (Secular) | Sheep/Goats: **Welfare** (Social)
- **Plan:** What do **YOU** need to do **NOW** before the Second Coming of Christ? *Is Jesus changing your life?*

👉 **Final CheckPoint:** "Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **And such were [past tense!] some of you.** But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:9-11). *Do you want to inherit the kingdom of God?! 👉*

My Preparation . . .

Get Ready!

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Genesis 2:16-17, 25; 3:7-10, Romans 5:19

1 John 4:17-18, 20-21, Matthew 22:37-40, John 14:15, 2 John 1:6,

