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The Kingdom Parable of A Man Scattering Seed.

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The Kingdom Parable of a Man Scattering Seed.

- **Mark 4:26-29:** Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The man scattering the seed in this parable can refer to any brother or sister in Christ who shares their faith with others. The Kingdom of God in focus is the present spiritual Kingdom established by faith and love in the heart and mind of every faithful brother and sister in Christ and manifested outwardly in love, compassion, mercy, grace and forgiveness toward others and good works and collectively through the faithful churches scattered amongst the nations worldwide. At this present time this global Kingdom is in the growing stage since every faithful brother and sister who belong to it are still scattering seed worldwide and many of the seeds that have been scattered are still growing.

NOTICE: there are three stages of growth in this present spiritual existing Kingdom of God on earth.

1. The planting.
2. The growth.
3. The Harvest.

The ground in this parable is a symbol of humanity. Jesus words, "The sower scatters the seed on the ground" imply that those who are scattering the seed do not know what part of the ground will produce. Jesus is telling the twelve and those with him (and by extension all of us) if they go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel message it will fall on all kinds of hearts, but when it falls on a good heart it will produce of itself. This is because it is the Gospel message of God's love mercy and grace sown in a receptive heart that produces the growth. Since no one can know another persons heart and therefore cannot know who will respond to the Gospel the word of the Lord should be proclaimed to all without judgment.

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THIS PARABLE SHOWS US THAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS A PROCESS AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING THREE STEPS

1. The blade meaning the seed that has been planted now has a small visible outward sign that life exists within the seed. Just as a natural seed does not grow of its own accord, no-one is saved by works, nevertheless a natural seed does outwardly produces visible evidence that there is life in the seed, likewise there should be some form of visible outward sign that evidences and demonstrates a person's inward faith and love toward the Lord.
- The ear meaning that the small outward evidence of life in the seed has now become very definite and clear evidence to all that strong and healthy life exists in the seed, likewise small outward visible sign that evidenced that there was faith toward the Lord within the heart and mind of a believer is now very clear for everyone to see. No-one is in any doubt that their heart, mind and life are fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. The full grain in the ear, means that the fruit is fully ripe and ready to harvest. Likewise when God's eternal plans for mankind's salvation and His Kingdom that He purposed in His eternal mind before the foundations of the world is complete and those in the

body of Christ are ready for harvest the Lord will return in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign.

When this world changing and majestic event occurs the dead in Christ and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth, or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God. The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

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For further information see titles:

- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

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THIS PARABLE SHOWS THE FOLLOWING TWO THINGS

1. The seed grows of itself.
2. Much of the sowers (i.e., those who witness and share their faith) labour is fruitless from a human standpoint because it is beyond their power to make the seed grow since the growth of the seed like any natural seed planted is dependent on the soil it has been planted in.

This parable also teaches us another important lesson that should be encouraging to every brother or sister in Christ who shares their faith, what is this lesson you might wonder? Simply this, no-one in Christ who shares the Good News of the Gospel should be harsh on themselves because people do not respond. This is because not one of us has any power over how a person is going to respond to the glorious saving message of God in Christ since their response is totally dependent on their

heart attitude. Serving the Lord is not about results, but effort, if Christ was head of the Olympic Games it would not be the winners only that are rewarded with a crown of glory, but all who made the sacrifices and put in the effort to run the race and crossed the finish line.

FOOTNOTE

Even though God only has one Kingdom the following show that throughout history it has existed in various shapes and taken on different forms, under the Judges, it had one form, under David and Solomon another, while it appeared different again under the Kings of Israel, but though it appears in different shapes and forms it is the one Kingdom because regardless of what shape or form it takes God is always its King. Prior to Christ's death and resurrection, the Jews focus was on the promised literal Kingdom of Israel to be restored on earth rather than upon the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and upon the Jews and Gentiles being saved to eternal life through faith in Christ and trust in God's grace.

Obviously, their focus could not be anything else prior to Christ being crucified. But after Christ's death and resurrection the focus of the New Testament writers dramatically changed from the literal Kingdom of Israel to salvation in Jesus name and resurrection to everlasting life and eternal glory. This is because Christ's resurrection ushered in a global worldwide spiritual Kingdom that exists in the heart, mind and conscience of all who confess to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. The King of the Kingdom became the central focus and not the Kingdom itself. This is because whoever belongs to the King's family becomes a natural heir to the eternal inheritance and the eternal Kingdom.

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As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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