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## SEEDTIME (SOWING)

In *Gen. 8:22*, God established the law of seedtime and harvest.

Because Father God sowed His son Jesus (the Word) into the earth He caused a real whirlwind. When the time came, Jesus said the hour has come for Him to be glorified – that unless a grain (seed) of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it produces much fruit (produces many others and yields rich harvest). *John 12:23-24*. God calls Christ “The Seed” in *Galatians 3:16*. He was planted ....., THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG **MANY** BRETHREN.” *Romans 8:29*.

**HIS HARVEST** is doomed men, which are to be restored, and resurrected to that great honor that God has given, that of salvation and eternal life.

**HE IS OUR EXAMPLE.** Just as Father God sowed the Word, we must sow the word which He has given us into our lives and it will produce. As it produces, it will cause others to catch on fire and they will produce after their own kind.

God, in *Gen. 1:11-12*, when He created the earth set forth the “law of Genesis which says “every herb and fruit tree will yield according to its kind (whose seed is in its self). That same principle for sowing is given to us in the new covenant. (*Gal. 6:7-10*). “Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatever a man soweth THAT shall he also **reap**. Sow to the flesh, you reap corruption, sow to the spirit you reap life everlasting.

*"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." Job 4:8. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Ecclesiastes 11:4.*

Begin to sow the word of God toward your vision and you will see it spring forth.

## THE HARVEST

Every harvest begins as a seed. A harvest requires boldness and exercise of authority. *Matt. 11:12* You will begin SPEAKING with a boldness which even Satan cannot stop, nor can he in anyway harm you. *LK. 10:19*. Oh, he will begin to roar against you but the words which you will sow in him will cause him to melt down.

So take the Word and your God given authority to use it and begin to DECLARE GOD'S WORD in this earth, in this realm, and in your own life and break the bondages over your own life that have been there so long.

John 10:10 says that Satan came but for to steal, kill and destroy but Jesus has come that you might have life and that more abundant. God created Satan. He came forth through God's works and His words. And since God has restored you back to favor in Him, you therefore have power over Satan.

You see Father God restored you when He sent His Son to die in your place, that you might regain the throne (seat of authority) with Him. *Eph. 2:5-6* It is through HIS work that we are able to do all things, because He has made US MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. *Romans 8:37*.

AND, Do not think that the time you spend learning is of no value or of no consequence. For surely you **are** receiving manna from heaven as none other receives because they have not the time nor the interest says the Spirit of God.

But God's word WILL be broken down. It is meat, it is rhema, it is for the here and now, the present, it is truth for righteousness sake and He will declare it through man. And you shall declare only what He says, and speak only what He speaks.

**Do not be discouraged.** Do not be taken down by things that happen, for you know in your heart what God said to be true and you will stand on that principle and that word, for He is in our midst, working miracles daily. And He is changing us from glory to glory. (*II Cor. 4:4*). BUT His manifestation here on earth shall be revealed **through you**. And yes, His glory will be all consuming **as you dwell in His presence**.

So enter in today. Enter in and take part and receive and pull down the walls. Bind the enemy. You pull down the walls with your faith. It is not a hard thing **but** you must put forth an effort. As you reach up in the natural, God will reach and pour out in the spirit. As you reach unto Him, He will begin to pour into you. **Pull down the strongholds. You must put forth an effort in the natural and He will be there in the supernatural to give unto you.**

**SEE OUR BROCHURES ON DEVELOPING THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHIN.**



Yes, God has declared His Word over you and many take it lightly and glance at it and say “yes”, and say “My”, BUT they do not digest it in its fullness, so consequently it does not become rhema to them. But as you begin to allow God’s word to be **digested fully** in you, it will be **revealed** in you. It will become part of you, as your very garment, as your flesh for you see like substances attract and you are spirit and God’s word is spirit. It will begin to stick to you, but on the inside and you will be developed (enlarged). And then you will begin to **declare it** from your spiritual standing.

Yes, I’m telling you that you will grab hold as you begin to understand that God’s desire is to teach you and open up the mysteries of the kingdom and unfold them in your very presence. Revelation will begin to beam and go forth. Has God not said that this is as the days of Azusa Street, but it is the degree of revelation knowledge what sets us apart for today.

You see, God can only work through those that serve Him and know Him. Consequently His word has to be fulfilled (carried out) in them, as it was His Son. Do you not understand that the Word was fulfilled through and by His Son? And so it is with man.

Yes, He has already paid the price, which no man must pay again. For Jesus shed His blood for the redemption but you must come into the fullness (completeness) of His Word and begin to declare it. You see, as God begins to speak to your heart, and build you up on your most holy faith, and begins to reveal the word, oh it will begin to rise up in your inner most being **and revelation knowledge shall abound**. For when you take the time to study God’s word and set yourself apart, He can share with you treasures and riches that He cannot unfold to those people that are in a hurry and do not have (or take) time on a daily basis to seek Him.

## THE WORD OF GOD AS SEED

Jesus said *“the sower sows the word.” Mark 4:14*. It is the Word of God that will take you into places men dare not tread. *“..... The Gospel (word) of Christ it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth....” Romans 1:16*, it is the Word of God that will cause you to find favor wherever you go. It is the Word of God that will cause you to stand up and be counted. It is the Word of God that will cause you to worship Him.

Wherever you go, you are going to begin to burst forth and begin to speak and you will say “Oh my goodness Lord, what did I say?” But it is because of the Word that you are going to sow within you.

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD DEFINED

The Kingdom of God is the work of God in man given to us to meet our every need on earth. With it He gave us His ability to do all, say all and walk as Jesus Christ His anointed Son. God Himself lives in us. *II Cor. 6:16; I Cor. 6:19*.

## GOD’S WILL FOR YOU

Take this not lightly for God has planted YOU. He desires that you know all that He is. He has strategically positioned you so that He can teach you what His will is for your life. That YOU through overcoming faith:

- Can believe WHAT He is planting inside of you and Can believe that YOU CAN begin to declare it and watch it spring forth.

You see *1 Cor. 3:9* declares that “we are laborers together with God. We are:

- His garden
- His field under cultivation; and His building.

He is bringing forth **His** harvest **in and through us**. “*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.*” *Lk 10:2*. He wants us to sow the seed of His Word in our spirit **that** we may reveal to those walking in darkness, the light of His great love and glory.

## END-TIME HARVEST

God is causing this end-time harvest to begin to produce like none other!

IT WILL BE:

- The words that YOU declare and that YOU begin to speak.
- It will be the WORD OF GOD, which you have taken down on the inside of you (your spirit) and has matured. **That word** you will then release (declare) with boldness and authority.

So, EXPECT THE RESULTS says the Spirit of God.

## CONCLUSION

*Matthew 6:33* says to “seek **FIRST** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things will be added unto you.” We must seek God, pursue Him, **to enter into His presence**. For in His presence is where we receive all our needs met. As you enter into His throne room, you enter into His presence. And as you take to time to set at the Master’s feet, He will surely feed you. He will reveal to you His Word.

You see, God desires that we **grow up, develop**, and come into His fullness and understand in His fullness, WHO HE IS, AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR OUR REDEMPTION.

Yes, you have been bought with a price. You have been purchased with the shed blood of God’s dear Son Jesus Christ and you have been redeemed from the wicked one and all that he has to give. **BUT** you were brought into the family of God to receive all that He has to give. So prepare to receive and prepare to understand in the light of the Word (*Col. 1:12-13*) WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ARE and grab hold of that and DECLARE IT!

**DO NOT ALLOW CIRCUMSTANCES** to dictate “where you are and who you are.” But rise up out of your circumstances by the Word and for the Word’s sake. For as you walk in the word and begin to **declare the word**, CIRCUMSTANCES CAN NO LONGER HOLD YOU BACK AND KEEP YOU IN BONDAGE. For you are **free** from the curse of the law. *Galatians 3:13*. You have been redeemed by the blood and yes you are joint heirs with Jesus. You are esteemed high above all men because you are God’s children. You are His chosen generation, a royal priesthood.



your words and fashion them and you will speak and you will:

- Cause joy to spring forth in a weary soul
- Speak away depression over a person's life
- Begin to declare joy and peace (brings hope)
- Speak health and healing to those that come across your path, all because God is going to send them. BUT, He cannot send them WHEN **you** have no hope to offer them.

Yes, He will send them and you will be able to encourage, and you will see souls delivered, you will see souls healed, you will see souls set free and see chains broken off of those that are in bondage. For you HAVE been given the ministry of reconciliation (*II Cor. 5:19*). And don't always be so quick to see what you can do out of your pocket but it is out of your spirit that you will do a mighty thing says the Spirit of the Living God.

## PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING GOD'S KINGDOM WITHIN US

Development is defined as a process of growth, strengthening; to build up, expand. The apostle Paul said by the Spirit of God *"I have planted, Apollos watered; and God gave the increase."* *I Cor. 3:6* when you were born again, God's kingdom came within you and He gave you **all** the ability (power, sufficiency) to be able to do and say and to walk as His anointed Son Jesus did. (*John 1:12; 14:12*) **BUT until you are** developed and are able to do kingdom business, you are blinded to the truth of what **IS** inside you. You must **develop the kingdom that is within you**. You must understand, **WITHOUT GOD'S WORD INSIDE** of you, **revelation** of that kingdom that is in you is **not able** to come forth. *Mark 4:21-24*.

As God told His son Joshua, he was to meditate upon the word day and night. (*Joshua 1:8*) Joshua KNEW he had the kingdom power within him as he stood against the fiery darts of the enemy, when he was given the position as leader and stepped into the position Moses had left him. But GOD TAUGHT him what was of value and HE showed (revealed to) him all the things that he should do.

## RECEIVING REVELATION BY MEDITATION OF THE WORD

The Apostle Paul spoke of the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of kingdom business that was to be given to the believers. (*Eph. 1:17-18*) If YOU do not take time and allow the kingdom to be developed (revealed,

expanded) within you (as Joshua did through meditating in the word of God), you can't utilize nor have THE BLESSING **that God** has made available for you. That is why the world and religious people seek after **THINGS** and begin to get into works that do not profit them. They have (or take) no time to study to show themselves approved a workman. (II Tim. 2:15)

As born again believers, we have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in us now, because we have Christ in us. Eph. 1:17

Salvation is no longer a mystery, for the things that are hidden, have now been revealed. Rom 1:20; Eph. 3:4-5. YOU are no longer blinded to the truth of the glorious gospel (II Cor. 3:14) for God has given you the KEYS of KNOWLEDGE AND He has given you His Holy Spirit to teach you. Lk 11:52; Matt 16:19

The Sons of God are NOW led by the Spirit of the Lord because the Kingdom of God does live and abide mightily in you. He follows you. He follows you to bless you, in the city and in the basket. It is there BUT you must develop **everything that God has given you**. That's why **it goes back to seeking** FIRST the kingdom of God, (Matt. 6:33), so that you KNOW and you are DEVELOPED.

## DECLARING THE WORD

As you begin to hear and understand by (through) revelation of the Word of God:

- What our rights and privileges are
- And know the need that we must sow for,

Satan catches you unaware when you have **not** sowed the Word IN YOU. That is when he can derail you. But the life giving food that God has given us through His Word will stabilize you. (Matt. 4:4) You will be rooted and planted firmly in what He has told you to do and nothing shall by any means harm you. Luke 10:19.

But know this! Satan cannot derail you **because** you are rooted and grounded (Eph. 3:17) in God (Love) and His Word is in you, and you and He have become one together. John 17

So know your authority and your boldness BUT know the importance of spending time with Him, so that He can give you boldness and confidence through His Word.

## GROW UP—YOU ARE A CO-LABORER WITH GOD

Henceforth, from this time forward, the GREATER REVELATION is that God desires for YOU to KNOW His Word. He will speak to your heart and give you instruction and direction about this life BUT He is drawing you to Him. **For** there are yet souls that He is drawing you to and when you spend time in His presence, He will order your steps and will cause someone to come across your path and you will have a word to give them, you will have hope to offer them. You will show them a future. You will show them joy and peace (which gives hope). It is all by His Word. It is through the revelation knowledge that is going to beam up on the inside of you.

Yes, the KINGDOM OF GOD IS IN YOU. It is to lead and guide you into all truth BUT it is ALSO to snatch those that are headed to the gates of hell. It is to snatch them from the fire and lead them into a repentant life. The Holy Spirit will order

and destroy (*John 10:10*) but Jesus has already come that you could have that abundant life.

Begin to get into God's Word and spend time with Him and He will reveal to your heart:

- that road that you should walk down
- that move that you should make
- that loan that you should pursue or
- That husband or that wife that you have need of.

God knows what you desire and He will begin to **lead** you through your spirit man which is inside of you. His Holy Spirit is leading and guiding you, drawing you from the things of this world and pulling you into the things of the spirit. God has given you His Holy Spirit who **will** teach and lead and guide you. *John 16; Romans 8:14*

## HINDRANCES COME

DO NOT allow the enemy to divert your course or to distract you. You see he comes against those that are determined to do what God has called them to do. Look **NOT** at the enemy. **Look at the vision (desire)**, which God has given you to walk in. Look at the Word (of promise) God has given you. *Heb. 12:2*

Spend time in God's presence, spend time seeking God's face AND **YOU WILL HAVE** the required confidence and assurance (seed faith) to give substance to the things hoped for. *Hebrews 11:1.*

VISUALIZE yourself **sowing** and reaping. Begin to speak the Word and EXPECT it to produce. Jesus said when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all the other herbs.

Many people speak the Word but with no power, no authority and **no expectation (which comes from gaining hope in the word)**. But you know your rights and privileges and you know you have them because of the shed blood of God's dear Son Jesus. It is because you do know this that you will allow God's Word to work well within you. You know it will accomplish what you send it forth to do. (*Isa. 55:10-11*)

Many people send it forth expecting **GOD** to do it but He has given YOU the power and authority to do it. How? Begin to **speak with confidence**. Begin to **DECLARE** it and reverence God like you've never revered Him before, **because He has** given you the power and authority. *Matt. 16:19; Matt. 28:18.* Reverence of God is the beginning of **wisdom**.

The mature man (one who receives the word) **is able to stand** against the fiery darts of the enemy **because he knows** the kingdom of God is within Him. That's why it is very important to develop yourself in the Word of God. **We put on the whole Armour, (Eph. 6:10) and pray in the spirit, building yourself up (Jude 20)** so you will be developed (built up) to do kingdom business says the Spirit of God.

All have been given the same new birth (*II Cor. 5:17*). We all have been given the same measure of faith (*Romans 12:3*). All have the same measure of grace (*Eph. 4:7*). All have the same love of God (*Romans 5:5*). And all things have been given to us **through** the precious promises of God (*II Peter 1:2-4*). But many people do not want to do kingdom business because they are unaware of what they have. **They perish for lack of knowledge**. They don't know the blessings God wants to give them. They don't know what Jesus died for. They don't know

about His blood. But you are no longer blinded says the Spirit of God. You are without excuse. No longer shall salvation be a mystery to you for the things that are hidden have now been revealed. *Mark 4:22; Eph. 3:4-5; Rom 1:20.*

Now you **KNOW** as you develop yourself, as you begin to study, you will be so developed **in knowing (through revelation of the word) that** when the enemy comes in you will SAY “**NO**, I know who I am”. You will stand up and you will possess what God has given you because it is time. *II Cor. 6:2.* The kingdom business is at hand for you to be developed in the things that God has called you to do. *Job 22:28 says “you will also **declare** a thing and it will be established for you: So **LIGHT** will shine on your ways.”*

So never think that you can't **do it**. For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. *(I John 4:4).* You **have** His ability (because you have His kingdom in you). So be developed in doing God's business says the Spirit of the Living God.

Go forth! Begin to **SEEK** God. Begin to **EXPECT** of Him. Watch Him move. Begin to **SPEND TIME WITH** Him **and He will reveal** unto you those things that are important and relevant to your life. For you seek after **man** to get answers to problems in your life **when you should be** seeking after Christ. He has already come and He has already given you the best of what He has to give. And He will reveal unto your heart and unto your spirit that thing that you should do, where you should go, which road you should walk down, which move you should make for your own life. **FOR YES, HE IS WITHIN YOU.** Praise Him!

## BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOT CIRCUMSTANCES

When you were born again (received Jesus as Lord), when you received the Word, when you received the Holy Spirit, **you received the Kingdom of God** and it is inside of you. *(LK. 17:21)* And did Jesus not say in *John 16:13* that He would go away but that He would send the comforter who would lead and guide you in all truth? So-o-o, look unto Him and **EXPECT HIM TO DIRECT YOU.** Allow Him to do His job!

Do not be so quick to shun or dismiss what is bubbling up in your spirit. Do not be so quick to put down what He is telling you. Do not be so quick to run away from the word.

Begin to pursue Him with all vigor **and** diligence. Begin to read His Word with an **expectancy** that He will speak back to your heart and He will direct you and order your life. For God knows what you have need of **BUT** He desires that you would **FIRST** come unto Him and get His counsel, get His guidance, get His authority on things, *(Matt. 6:33)* for it is **HIS WORD** that will instruct and speak to your heart.

**Then**, when you get that revelation, when a light goes on inside of you, that light that God gives you, **THAT** is the revelation that will begin to spring forth from your inner most being. Does not *John 1:4* say that the life was the **light** of men? He is developing in you His Kingdom.

So-o-o, when you desire a thing begin to pursue it. It does not matter what **MAN** will tell you about it **WHEN** you already have God's counsel on it. For Satan comes but for to steal, kill