

Notes Part 2 Sunday March 15th 2026 Bob Metcalf

Text: 19:20 *-So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”*

Ecc 8:4a Nkjv *“Where the word of a king is, there is power;”*

Matt 13:24 *““The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;”*

The seed is the word of God.

Gen 1:11-12 *“Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that **yields seed**, and the fruit tree that **yields fruit** according to its kind, **whose seed is in itself**, on the earth”; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”*

1st Corinthians 3:6 says, *“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”*

Mark 4:26-29 NLT says, *“Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, **but he does not understand how it happens.”**”*

1 Peter 1:23 *“We are born again with incorruptible seed, by the Word of God that lives and abides forever.”*

Haggai 2:19 *“Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit.
“But from this day I will bless you.”*

Haggai 1:7-10 NLT *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you!*

⁸ *Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD.*

⁹ *You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses.*

¹⁰ ***It’s because of you** that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops.*

But the people repented and laid down the foundation of the God’s temple

The seed was no good to them as it was in the barn and not being planted on good ground!

- **The Seed must be taken out of the barn and planted on good ground.**

What is good ground?

It's not hard ground, it's not stony ground, and it's not thorny ground.

Jeremiah 4:3 *“For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: “Break up your fallow(hard) ground, And do not sow among thorns.*

Repentance is the plow of ground breaking

Acts 19:18-19 it said this *“And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.*

¹⁹ *Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.*

1st Corinthians 15:38, *God says that He has given to each seed its own body,*
Gen chapter 1 seed bears fruit of itself

- **Seed eventually bears fruit after its own kind.**
- **Each specific Word/Promise from God's word determines the type of harvest that will come from it.**

-Promises of healing, are seeds that will produce healing

-Promises of peace, are seeds that will produce peace

-Promises of salvation, are seeds that will produce salvation

-Promises of Joy, are seeds that will produce joy

-Promises of Hope, are seeds that will produce hope

Psalm 107:20 *says that God sent forth His word, healed people, and delivered them from their destructions.*

- **Whenever God sends His word, He always sends it in seed form. That seed of promise must be planted.**
- **It has to find its way into the soil before it can grow mightily and prevail.**
- **Once it is sown, there is miracle power within it to bring a harvest.**
- **The way it is planted is by hearing it and then hearing it again and again.**

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Jesus said, Mark 4:30-32, Jesus says, *“To what shall we liken the kingdom of God?*

Luke 13:19 *“It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”*

The word of God comes as a seed.

Proverbs 2:10 says, *“When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul...”*

Psalm 126:5-6 says, *“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves”*

(or his harvest with him)

Don't Leave it in the Barn!

Ecclesiastes 11:4 Nlt *“Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.”*

- **Once the seed is in the ground, you must protect it.**

Luke 8:15 *“The good ground are they which, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, **guard it and bring forth fruit with patience.**”*

Mark 4:15 *“And these are the ones by the wayside/footpath where the word/seed is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.”*

Mark 4:16-17 says, *“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.”*

Col 1:23 *“to continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope.*

Mark 4:18-19 says, *“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”*

Notice: The thorns grow in the same soil that the word/seed grows in—in the hearts and the lives of people; but the thorns had to start from seeds, as well.

The devil has sowers just like God has sowers, only they sow different seeds with a totally different harvest in mind.

Pro 6, speaks about those who **sow discord** among brethren.

Pro 16, talks about those who **sow strife**.

Hebrews, chapter 12, tells us to beware and to be on our guard lest any **root of bitterness** spring up in our hearts, trouble us, and defile the whole church. (Because someone sowed a seed of hate or discontent in your heart by their words.)

-Roots start from seeds; and all seeds represent words.

-God's word produces the kind of harvest we want.

-How does your garden grow?

-Have you done any weeding lately?

Deuteronomy 22:9 says, *"You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled."*

Ecc 11:6 *"Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both."*

Let's sow some seed!