

complete by His word

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We have been covering the topic of the parable of the sower in both **Mark 4** and in **Matthew 13**.

In **Mark chapter 4**, Jesus refers to himself as the sower. In **Matthew 13** we not only see the parable of the sower, but Jesus also explains the purpose of speaking in parables; so that natural man's knowledge is left out of the understanding. "For them to know", implies there is another meaning beyond the surface.

In **Matthew 13:18-23** he explains the different types of ground that the seed falls on, but then adds another parable that is not found in Mark 4. He speaks of the parable of the wheat and the tares, the leaven and the prophetic outcome in relation to the parables. Notice he added the parable of the tares; why? Because there were more "sowers" mentioned besides solely than Jesus.

In **verse 39**; Satan is mentioned. Of course we know the outcome of those appointed by Satan in **verses 40-42**. But what caught my attention was the fact that the seed they were sowing into the ground was being planted into the hearts of mankind, good seed or bad seed. Then the parables that follow have a great meaning as to why God was willing to pay the price necessary to purchase what was of great value to him.

Notice the "pearl of great price" mentioned in **verses 45 and 46**. Then in **verses 47 and 48**, the dragnet is cast out to separate the wheat from the tares. Turn to **Genesis 3:15**, notice He said that "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed." His "seed" is the flesh and her "seed" is the spirit.

There again, when a man is born again he becomes good ground, for when God's word is planted in his spirit he will grow. But the seed of the flesh, (his nature) has to be put to death in order for its authority not to rule over man. (**Rom 6:6-12**) In **Genesis 3:15** her seed, he; Jesus shall bruise, literally, crush or remove one's position of authority.

Matthew 16:18 says I will build my church and the gates (government structure) of Hades shall not prevail (be victorious) against it. **Verse 19** when translated *in the Greek* says, "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth will already have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will already have been loose in heaven."

Having faith in the **completed** work of Christ is really why we

have rule and authority over Satan, but not only over just him. We also need to have rule over his base of operation; (his seed) the nature that is rooted in the flesh.

Getting back to the reality that both seeds are being planted in us thus requires the significance of the role of the Holy Spirit. He, the Holy Spirit is able to impart the discernment in our spirit to what we accept as truth, in order not to allow Satan to plant his seed (tares) in our outer man. That is what causes conflict in **Genesis 3:15** and **Galatians 5:17**. Please read these scripture verses.

Every true child of God has the abiding experience of conflict within, as stated in **Galatians 5:17**, but not every child of God understands the doctrine concerning it. To have experience without understanding can be the onset of confusion, discouragement or loss of direction in one's life. This also could lead to eternal disaster.

The only remedy for this is to learn directly from the word of God. Dig in deeper to find out ALL that is taught concerning the two natures inherited through the generation of the first Adam and the nature inherited through regeneration by Christ, the second Adam.

When the principle of these two natures is clearly understood, then that which was the cause of doubt is not only removed, but becomes the proper groundwork for the good seed to be planted in our spirit; that good work which He himself will perfect and complete: spirit, soul, and body at his return. (**Philippians 1:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:23**).

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