

The Word Must Grow

"... some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." (Matt. 13:1-9,18-23).

The Word is a Seed. And you put a seed in the ground, and the next morning you go out and dig it up, and say, "My corn isn't growing yet," put it back, and cover it up. The next morning, "See if it's growing again." **It never will grow like that.** No, no. **Every time you dig it up, you delay it.** Isn't that right?

What do you do? You know the earth was made to grow the seed. And you plant the seed, commit it to the earth, **and forget about it. God does the rest of it.** Well, **that's the way you do with the Word of God. You just plant It. Don't dig It up. Just keep on believing It (Rom. 10:8-10). Commit it to God. He makes It grow.** That's right.

Any promise that God makes, **you just plant it in your heart and say, "It's mine. God gave it to me."** See? Now, you may not see any results right now. You never see a corn crop as soon as you plant your corn, **but potentially it's there. As long as you'll leave it alone, and keep watering it, it'll grow. Don't worry about that.** If it's a germitized seed... **And every Word of God is germitized by God Himself. God is in the Word, so it will grow.** You know it will.

We have to take His Word, accept It, believe It, commit It, and It grows. That's right. Don't keep digging It up now. **You'll ruin It.** You'll ruin your crop every time you do that. So just commit it to God and believe it (*I Cor. 3:5-8*). [1]

The Word is a Seed. And the seed in the right kind of ground will grow, if you don't dig it up every morning to find out whether it's grown or not. You just plant it, commit it to God, and leave it there. That's the way to let it grow, just to leave It the way it's in the ground. And that's

where It's supposed to be, **the ground of your heart. Faith is watering It, hourly, saying, "If God said so, it's mine!"** That's the way to do it. [2]

And **when we take a promise of God, drop it into our heart, we keep watering it with faith; and it keeps pushing out, pushing out. Hallelujah! When Christ is planted in our heart, the Holy Ghost, the only thing we do is drink in the Word of God. And it pushes out salvation; it pushes out Divine healing; it pushes out glory; it pushes out everything that we have need of; is right in us when we're planted in Christ Jesus (Col. 2:9-10).** [3]

When Jesus told them to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, that Word fell on their ears. **They were in the temple continually praising God day and night (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:13-14).** What were they doing? **Watering the promise.** And all of a sudden there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were setting (*Acts 2:1-4*). **The Word was being watered. And It took life and started growing.**

You're wanting a revival, start watering the Word, the promise. If you want to come out of the wheelchair, **start watering the Word.** If you want to come from that cancer, **start watering the Word.** Here is a testimony that God heals cancer. He heals cancer; He heals all our sicknesses. Thousands times thousands of infallible proofs of it, we've seen. [5]

Notice, Rebekah, when the servant of Abraham, Eliezer, when he came to get Rebekah, he mounted her up on a camel, the very camel she watered. And she rode this camel to meet her unseen bridegroom. **The very thing she watered was the thing that took her to her future home and husband (Gen. 24:1).**

And it's the same thing today. **The very thing that the Church is watering, that is the Seed, the Seed of the Word; it's the very Word that becomes alive and carries us to our unseen Bridegroom (I Peter 1:8-12).**

And look how perfectly. Isaac had left the home and was out in the field away from his home when Rebekah saw him; **and the Church meets Christ in the air (I Thess. 4:13-17), and then He takes Her back into the Father's home where the mansions are prepared (John 14:1-3).** Isaac took Rebekah the same way.

And notice, it was love at the first sight. Yes. Oh my, she just run to meet him! And that's the way the Church will meet Christ in the air and forever be with Him (*I Thess. 4:13-18*). [6]

As a little flower, when a **seed comes to light, he starts growing. It drinks from God's fountain**, keeps pushing up till it gets to the bud part, gets up into the flower, up into the blossom.

Now we find out, **that when we start with Christ, we grow the same way, because we grow in grace and in admonition of God.** [7]

It's the earnest, or the potential, the quickening power of your resurrection, when you receive the Holy Spirit. Is then dwelling in you, the potential of it (*II Cor. 1:20-22; Eph. 1:13-14*).

Notice, **you are now on your way, growing to the full resurrection**. No tree just comes up overnight. **It's got to grow, as we grow in the grace and knowledge of God** (*II Peter 3:18*). You are baptized into the Holy Spirit (*I Cor. 12:13*). Now, as the pentecostal Church, baptized into the Holy Spirit, It's begin growing. Limbs have died. They were pruning them off. But the Tree is still growing (*Psalms 1*), is still going on, **because It's got to come to the resurrection.** [8]

Can you plant a seed without it manifesting what it is, if it's growing? Can you plant a grain of corn without making corn, if it grows? Can you plant a potato 'less it raise potato? Can you plant a flower without being that kind of flower? **Then, if you're sowed, and the Seed of God in your heart, It's got to produce That.** [9]

And as long as you're seed inside, growing, you have to produce just exactly what the seed said you would do. That's exactly. **It's His Word. He keeps His Word. He watches over It.** [10]

Notice. Each time that the messenger come, the messenger was always rejected by the church. Now, you go back through history and find out. There never was a time that God ever sent a message in any age, but what the church rejected it. It's true.

Look at Martin Luther, John Wesley. When the message comes forth, **the church rejects it.** Certainly it does. And **we grow and grow and grow and grow**, that little remnant that's coming up **into the seed form again.** Oh, bless His Name! **We're at the end.** That's right. **You can look out and see the handwriting on the wall.**

And every time the messengers that went forth, brought a message of love, grace, and deliverance. **God's message has always been a message of deliverance before judgment.** Noah had deliverance. Lot had deliverance. And though it was a message of deliverance, the people turn it down. **It's mercy and deliverance**, and the people turn it down. [11]

Shortcuts... They're out here today, and they're going on, and tomorrow they want to preach: Pentecostal people letting them do that too. Yeah. **They want a shortcut to heaven**, "Hallelujah, all I have to do is get down here and just don't think of nothing at all, and say, 'Hallelujah, hallelujah, I got on Elijah's garment. I'm going out tomorrow to cast out devils. Hallelujah, hallelujah, I got It.' Praise God, here I go." **They want the shortcut to heaven, taking as much of the world as they can take. You can't take any of it. There's no shortcuts. You come the way of Calvary. You come the way of the brass altar. You come the way of the brazen serpent. You die. You actually die, literally die to yourselves, die to the things of the world, and are born anew (John 12:24-25). Amen. No world, the things of the world is dead. There's no shortcuts. See? They want to come right quick; they don't want to grow. We grow in the Lord. It takes growth and experience.** [12]

And we grow in knowledge, but God can't. To be infinite, He just has to remain just perfect all the time. [13]

God said, *"He that will forsake His own father, mother, wife, husband, homes, houses; I'll give them homes and houses, I'll give them fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, in this world, and Eternal Life in the world to come"* (Luke 18:29-30). It's a promise, friend. **That, oh, that's got to be watered! Every promise God makes comes to pass. Every Seed of God is a promise.**

Come back to the Word! Take that Word, It'll grow. It's got to grow. God's transforming power that brought It up in the first place, **He's just on His road back, taking It back again now. He's going right back again to where it was.**

That Word has to come to pass, It's God's Word! **Plant It in your heart, if you want to go in a Rapture. If you want to be Christians genuine, place this Word (Psalm 119:11). As I believe it was Ezekiel, God said, "Take that scroll and eat it up" (Ezek. 3:1), that the prophet and the Word would become the same. And every promise in there has to manifest itself, because it's God's original Seed.** [14]

Every place you place the Word, **It'll work if It's in the right kind of channel, faith behind it to believe it. Then it's got to grow.** [15]

"And it shall come to pass in the last days," saith God. See, here we are, the over the Word. **As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory, we also become more like Him as we live in His**

Presence; like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him (II Cor. 3:18).

Watch what the sun does. You plant a seed, what happens? That seed rots (*John 12:24*). **Inside the seed is a life. The life comes forth and brings forth a stalk.** Now, that doesn't look like the first.

There is Luther. It was a stalk. The stalk went on and, the first thing you know, it brought forth a tassel. See, **that was the Wesleyan revival;** wasn't like the other. Then along came **the Pentecostal revival,** see, brought forth the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

But God is still there to make that just the same. Notice, what does it do? **It finally returns back to the original Seed again.** When He come in the form of Martin Luther; when He come in the form of John Wesley; when He come in the form of the Pentecostal; **He is supposed to reveal Himself again like the same Seed went in, the Son of man.** He revealed Himself as Son of God, through the stalk age and so forth, **but in this last age He's to reveal Himself as Son of man again (Luke 17:26-30).** **Like the beginning, molded!**

And what does that stalk grow? **It's growing all the time (Eph. 2:19-22).** That little stalk grows, still it's not like the original grain. Neither was Luther's message; no, along come the other messages, Finney, Sankey, Knox, Calvin, on down, none of them. They were still the message but, what it was, **they didn't get the complete Revelation of It 'cause it wasn't time.** And then, **finally, there comes back again the original Seed that went into the ground.** [16]

Remember that the Holy Ghost descended on Jesus, which, Jesus was a part of the earth. Why? **The germ of God, the Life of God, was designed in the womb of a woman, which was the earth.** All right. And then the Life of God came in, so, "He was the beginning of the creation of God." (*Rev. 3:14*). See? And then that Blood of God, that was there by that germ; when it was shed at Calvary, dropped back upon the earth. What for? **To redeem the earth.** Now, it's been justified; it's been sanctified; called, and claimed; and **now it's to receive its baptism of Fire, and be cleansed for Jesus and His Bride.**

And you are these other parts that's drawn out of this earth. The earth, **you're a part of the earth; your body. Your soul is part of God, an attribute of God, displayed here on earth in a body. The body is to be redeemed (Rom. 8:22-23).** Now, **the soul is redeemed, because it was in sin. So God come down, by a process of justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, and redeemed your soul.**

And you, being part of the earth, it's redeemed by it. **You're in the process now. It's growing on.** Your body was justified under Noah's baptism. Amen! **And the earth is to be cleansed by Fire** (*II Peter 3:11-13*), the place where you'll live, **with the baptism of the Holy Ghost**; a dwelling Place for Christ and His Bride, **the New Jerusalem** (*Rev. 21:2-5*). [17]

Not just say, "Well, I believe Jesus Christ, Son of God." That's all right. **Then add the rest of It to it.** You say, "I been justified. I give my hand to the minister. I believe in Jesus Christ." **Then you've got to be born-again** (*I Peter 1:22-23*). **You must be filled with the Holy Ghost.** See? **Just keep adding on, as you keep on going. You're growing into the stature of a son and daughter of God** (*II Peter 1:3-11*).

God, able to prepare us, and to give to us that crave in our life, **that we want to see something.** How many in here want more of God? Why, **it goes to show there is more for you.** See? **You're craving it.** Your little birth pains are coming on. See? **You need more, so that we can be happy, and free, and perfect. We got to be.**

Like the little germ of life being in the bosom of God, just like, and the germ of life is in the bosom of the mother. **God is growing; and going, gone, to prepare the place for us, the Eternal place with Himself; not a place where there's a pesthouse, a dying, sin, adultery, and filth of the world here.** If your mind is on that, it shows it never has come in contact with God. See? You're worked up. You got a mental illusion.

You just join church and say, "Well, I belong to this. My mother belonged to that." That might have been all right in your mother's day, **but we're living in another day.** [18]

You can't expect a baby to be born a man. It's got to grow to it. **And we grow in Christ to the full stature.** Not somebody get converted today, and tomorrow go to preach the Gospel. **We grow up into manhood, into the stature of Christ.** [19]

You placed that **Divine love in my heart** for the Lord Jesus (*Rom. 5:5*), **and it grows sweeter every day. I'm so happy that we grow in the Lord, till we become in the full stature, the measure, the stature of Christ** (*II Peter 1:3-11*).

And today, we see through a dark glass, but when we see Him face to face, then we'll know as we are known (*I Cor. 13:12*). And here we have troubles and trials, but the attributes of our salvation being so dear to us...

But someday when life is over, it does not yet appear just what kind of a body we'll have, but we know we'll have a body like His own glorious body, **for we shall see Him as He is** (*1 John 3:1-3; Phil. 3:20-21*).

And then, we'll have no more prayer for the sick, no more sermons to the sinner. It'll all be over. And Father, while it's called the day, let us walk (*John 12:35-36*), for the night cometh when no man can work. [20]

Now, the Life that come up through Luther was what made Wesley. The Life that come out of Wesley is what made Pentecost. **The Life that comes out of Pentecost makes the wheat.** But they are carriers. See? The real Life goes through there. **The Message goes through, but It's heading on up into the wheat. That's the reason the wheat come up and brings the whole thing in the Rapture, up here at the top. The Bride, Itself, comes out of each age.** But the denominational stalk dries up and dies. Have you noticed, these last days, how it's begin to pull away now? **When that wheat begins to grow, then the shuck begins to get away from It.**

Look back in that little wheat. You have to take a thirty-power scope to look into it, to see the little bud of wheat back there. It's way back in there, **but It starts growing.** Now, that shuck has to be there, **to shelter That, to give It a chance to get out. But then when It begins to grow and the Message begins to spread, then the shuck pulls away from It.** And the Life goes right out of that shuck, right into the wheat. Goes on! That's the way each age done. It just can't beat nature. That's God's continuity, the way He does things. [21]

The old badger skin, denominations, is tore down. I've broken through that, into the Shekinah Glory, **and I see the Word.** I see the Pillar of Fire moving. I see the Word made manifest. **What He said He would do in these last days, I see it growing. I see the children eating that Shekinah Bread coming from the ripening of that Word, which believes It. Amen! What a wonderful hour we're living in! See, the Shekinah was over the Word; the Spirit gives Life to the Word.**

That Word must grow. In order to grow, It's got to be in the right kind of ground. See? And God makes a promise, and it hits that heart, it cannot fail. [16]

And any man that builds anything, any organization, **or anything outside of upon the Word of God, it's shaking sands and will fall! It'll die as sure as anything, because the Word of God is a growing Body of**

the Bride (Col. 2:16-19). You can't have it all foot, all arm, all thigh. These things come in their season. [22]

Now, I want you to do that: keep yourself in the background. Never be somebody that you're not. I've often wondered, when wheat was growing in the field, you see the little wheat that sticks up and just feels like it's so--**the inferiority complex. A heavy head bows, a full head bows.** A full heart will bow (*Matt. 8:5-13*). [23]

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- [1] "Sir, We Would See Jesus" (62-0724), par. E54
- [2] "The World Is Falling Apart" (63-1115), par. 86
- [3] "Show Us The Father And It Will Suffice Us" (62-0722), par. E52
- [4] "The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed" (62-0318), par. 349
- [5] "Mary's Belief" (59-0409), par. E20-E21
- [6] "The Fifth Seal" (63-0322), par. 97-100
- [7] "God's Provided Place of Worship" (65-0425), par. 104-106
- [8] "The Easter Seal" (65-0410), par. 97-99
- [9] "Wisdom Versus Faith" (62-0401), par. 475-476
- [10] "Power of Transformation" (65-1031M), par. 294
- [11] "Escape Hither, Come Quickly" (58-0202), par. E29
- [12] "You Must Be Born Again" (61-1231M), par. 146
- [13] "We Would See Jesus" (58-0523), par. E2
- [14] "God's Power To Transform" (65-0911), par. 248, 251, 254
- [15] "The Signs of His Coming" (62-0407), par. E66
- [16] "The Unveiling of God" (64-0614M), par. 312-315, 307
- [17] "The Future Home" (64-0802), par. 358-361
- [18] "Things That Are To Be" (65-1205), par. 84-85
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- [21] "The Rapture" (65-1204), par. 115-116
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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]