



# Lecture 4

## The Power of the Word

The Holy Spirit makes sure that the seed (God's Word) grows when planted in fertile soil (heart).

Cultivating the imperishable seed will bring imperishable results. The Bible says every seed produces fruit according to its kind (Genesis 1:11-12). Each promise, by the blessing promised, reveals the nature of the harvest.

One very important purpose of the seed in our lives is to demonstrate to the world the power and faithfulness of God's Word. Preaching and communicating God's Word is powerful, but demonstrating that the promises of God are as true today as they were two thousand years ago confirms the supernatural nature of God's Word.

*This is why God has given us SEEDS, for us to use them, in the same way a farmer plants seeds to harvest.*

We are given the task of reconciliation. As believers, we represent Jesus on earth and are called to plant the seed of the Word in other people's lives. When we demonstrate divine sacrificial love and wisdom, and reflect the light of Jesus to others, we are planting supernatural seeds. The Holy Spirit will water the seeds we plant. When the Life-Gate Street Outreach team goes out on Friday nights to share the Good News, they are planting seeds. Many times we see the seed grow and people's lives change as a result. The Word is powerful and changes lives (Romans 1:16).

**We are messengers of God. The message we share is not merely what we do or say, but who we are and what other people see in us. A true relationship with Jesus will empower the messenger to live by the Holy Spirit and bear much fruit.**

The mistake believers often make is to assume the seed is not germinating because they don't see immediate evidence. Impatience has caused many believers to miss out on the blessing God's Word brings to us. It is like a farmer who, after having planted the seed, takes it out of the ground to see if it grows. This is unbelief and ignorance. They say "I stood on the Word, but nothing happened" or "I prayed but God did not answer". This is the opposite of faith. We need to be BELIEVERS and have the assurance of God's integrity.

Hebrews 11:1

*"Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen".*

When we plant the seed of God's Word in our hearts, we are not to just HOPE for the fruit. We are to KNOW the fruit will manifest. GOD NEVER FAILS! Wishing and hoping is a wrong approach and lacks real faith. We need to take God's promises as done (2 Corinthians 1:20) with thanksgiving and assurance of God's integrity.

### TRUSTING IN THE TRUTH

In our first lecture we established that we are **heirs of the Kingdom of God, sons and daughters of God**. We have received the truth, that is, everything our Lord Jesus did for us at the Cross and His infinite love for us. **Our sure position in Christ as believers is final, regardless of our performance or behaviour.**

God desires for us to understand how to receive and apply the Word in our lives so we will experience a victorious life, understanding the supernatural power through the Holy Spirit. God's love, and the freedom we received in our hearts, will absolutely change us and those we minister to.

God's Word is established as permanently as the Law of Gravity; it is the indestructible seed, the imperishable seed. It always accomplishes what Jesus (the Word) says.

**The Word of God (Jesus) has created the whole universe, our planet and everything in it. The power of God's Word is infinite.**

The Bible has proven itself throughout history. Every prophecy is being fulfilled, even thousands of years later, all were fulfilled, and still today in the end times it is all unfolding. The next prophecy: Jesus is returning soon. This all confirms that God's Word always comes to pass. The authority of the Bible is absolutely unchallenged.

Psalm 107:20 (NASB)

**"He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."**

Why did He send His Word, why didn't He just heal them? Sending His Word (the seed) was the same as healing them. God wants us to receive His Word and keep it in our hearts in order to see the fruit. But, **What do we do with the Word? Do we plant it in our hearts? Do we believe in its sure and wonderful fruit?**

In the natural world it is the same principle, if you have a seed in your hand and do not plant it, it will certainly not bear fruit. Likewise, if you have the Word and don't plant, water and take care of it, it will not bear fruit.

In Luke 8:15 we read:

**"But that in the good ground, these are the ones who are of such a nature that in a noble and virtuous heart, having heard the Word, are holding it fast and are bearing fruit in patience".**

Matthew 13:1-9 (Wuest translation)

**"On that day, Jesus having come out of the house was sitting at the seashore. And there gathered together to Him great crowds so that He went on board a boat in order that He might have a place where He could be seated. And the whole crowd had taken a position on the beach and was standing there. And He spoke to them many things in the form of illustrations by using the familiar in nature or human life which would explain unfamiliar truths of the spiritual life, saying, Behold, the sower went out for the purpose of sowing seed. And in his sowing, some on the one hand fell beside the footpath, and, having come, the birds ate it up. Other seed on the other hand fell upon the shallow ground where the rock layers were near the surface, where it was not having much earth. And immediately it sprang up because it did not have depth of earth, and the sun having arisen, it was burnt with the heat, and because it was not having rootage, it withered away. But still other seed fell among the seeds of thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them off. But still other seed fell upon the ground which was good, and kept on producing fruit, some on the one hand, one hundred percent, some on the other hand, sixty percent, and still some other, thirty percent. He who has ears let him be hearing".**

Jesus teaches us that when we receive the seed, plant it in our hearts and "water" it by acknowledging and declaring it in faith, thanksgiving and trust - **without any doubt** - we will see the fruit because God has promised it to us. His Word can **always** be trusted.