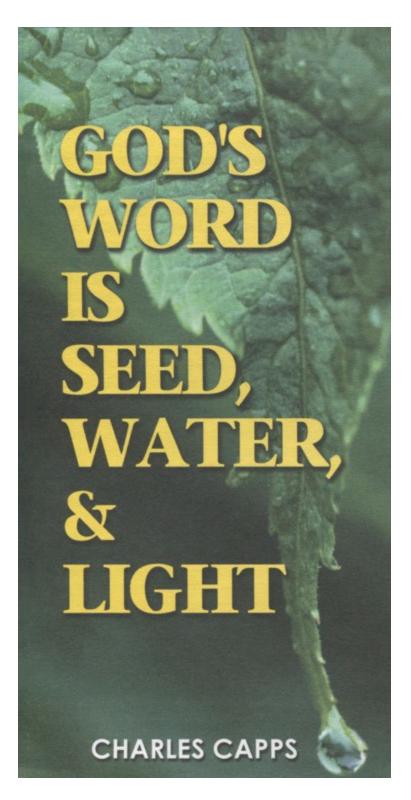
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GOD'S WORD IS SEED, WATER,

& LIGHT

The prophet Hosea said in Hosea 4:6a, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." The Bible contains that knowledge; it is the Manufacturer's handbook, so to speak. Someone has made the statement, "the Bible is so simple, you'd have to have someone to help you misunderstand it." I believe that's true, but we have to realize that we have had a lot of help down through the years. This problem is amplified by the parable Jesus related in the form of two questions: "... Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" (Luke 6:39) He always revealed knowledge in a unique way and referred to natural things in a way that revealed spiritual truths.

Many of the great truths of the
Bible can be understood by the natural
process of the earth's production. Paul
said in Romans 1:20:

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... the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

We find in Mark 4:3-32, and
Matthew 13:3-35, that Jesus was
actually fulfilling prophecy as He
opened His mouth in parables and spoke
things that had been kept secret from the
foundation of the world. In the parable
of the sower (Mark 4), Jesus reveals that

when you plant the seed of God's Word, the heart becomes the soil, which produces a harvest.

He indicates in these parables that
the laws of the spirit world are extended
into this natural world. These fixed laws
of God are revealed in the natural
process of planting a seed in the soil and
reaping a harvest. The laws of process
in the natural world are basically the
same as those in the spirit world, which
created it.

Let's look at some of the things that

Jesus revealed concerning the working
of the Kingdom. "I am the true vine,

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God's Word is Seed, Water, & Light and my Father is the husbandman."

(John 15:1) One translation says it this way: "I am the true vine, and my

Father is the Farmer." "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:2-3) Jesus made a statement in Verse 3, which reveals that His Word is a type of water, which will make you clean. When Jesus explained the parable of the sower in Mark 4:14, He said, "The sower soweth the word." God's Word is established as being the seed from which a harvest is produced. The Word will also cleanse and refresh you, as water does the thirsty. Then David said, "The entrance of thy words giveth light..." (Psalm

119:130) Any farmer knows you must

have four basic things—seed, water, light, and soil in which to plant if you're going to have a harvest. Then again, a seed, which sprouts and comes up, will eventually die without light. A seed cannot survive unless it is planted in

God's Word is Seed, Water, & Light soil, which has sufficient water and light available to force production. Jesus said to His disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:3) The Word will clean out the thorns that choke the seed. The Word will prepare the soil of the heart so that it is capable of producing. In Ephesians 5, Paul also refers to the Word of God as water. "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ... and (He) gave

himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word..." (Ephesians 5:24-26)

Here again, the Scriptures refer to
the Word of God as a cleansing agent
that will cleanse us from wrong ideas
and other religious trash that can collect
in the mind when there is a lack of
Scripture knowledge.

The washing of the water with the
Word purifies the heart (soil), and
provides water which forces the seed to
germinate. The prophet Isaiah said:

When the poor and needy

seek water, and there is none, and

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God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

(Isaiah 41:17-18)

The promises of healing or of financial blessing, such as I Peter 2:24 or Luke 6:38, are supernatural seeds with the DNA of God in them. But the seed must first be given to the soil, then it will g ive its life for what you ne ed.

This gives us a perfect illustration of what Jesus (the Word made flesh) did for all humanity.

A farmer knows that the soil itself does not determine what it will produce; the seed has dominion over the soil.

In the fourth chapter of Mark, Jesus established the fact that the heart is the soil where you plant the seed of God's Word. Then He said, "And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word (seed) that was sown in their

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hearts." (Mark 4:15)

Matthew's account gives us more detailed information. "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and u

nderstandeth *i t* not , then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart..."

(Matthew 13:18-19)

THE WATER OF THE WORD =

UNDERSTANDING

If you only read Mark's account, you will have the "seed of the Word" all right, but you won't have enough information to understand it. So you must interpret the Word with more Word, which has the effect of water and will cause the seed to sprout and grow. Remember Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the **increase.**" (I Corinthians 3:6) Notice that Matthew gave one valuable detail, which Mark left out: "When any one heareth the word of

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not..." (Matthew 13:19) The only time Satan can steal the Word (seed) from you is when you don't understand its God's Word is Seed, Water, & Light true meaning. Watering it with more Word will give you the clear understanding needed to force the seed to produce for you.

It is possible to have the Word and still not have enough understanding to put it to work for you. Jesus said, "... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Notice, it is not truth alone that sets you free, but the KNOWLEDGE of truth that sets you free to act on that truth. For instance, Luke 6:38 says,

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down...
running over, shall men give into
your bosom."

The water of

understanding which activates that promise on your behalf is found in the

last sentence of the verse: "For with

the same measure that ye mete withal

it shall be measured to you again." In

other words, a doer of the Word will

eventually reap a harvest. The water that

comes with Mark 11:23 reveals that

whosoever shall say, must also believe

a nd doubt

not in his heart. (not be

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undecided) but believe what he is saying

will come to pass—then (eventually) he

shall have whatsoever he saith. I like to

say it this way: I t won't w

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because you say it: yet saving it is

involved in working the principle. It won't happen overnight, it is a process which takes time. The SAYING is essentially the SOWING and WATERING process.

THE SOWING AND WATERING PROCESS

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth... (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Notice it is the water that makes it bring forth and bud. The water of the Word forces the seed to produce.

In Matthew 21:21, Jesus gives us

more light on the subject:

... Verily I say unto you, If ye

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have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Now, isn't this a strange statement?

"... If ye have faith and doubt not..."

How could you have faith and also doubt at the same time?

In Mark 1:40, we have a classic example of a man who had faith and doubt at the same time: "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst

make me clean."

This leper had great faith that Jesus could heal him. He had the truth (seed) that Jesus could make him clean, but he didn't have enough understanding to make the seed germinate and produce healing for him. He had some truth, but he

wasn't fully pe

rsuaded. He knew

Jesus could, but he didn't know whether or not Jesus would heal him. So you can see that it's not enough to just know that Jesus can supply your need. You must be fully persuaded of what He will do or

God's Word is Seed, Water, & Light has already done for you as recorded in the Scriptures (I Peter 2:24, Philippians 4:19).

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. (Mark 1:41)

The Scripture reveals that when Jesus first touched him, nothing happened, he was still a leper. He had the seed, but not enough water of understanding to germinate that seed. But then Jesus watered his desert by saying, ".. I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was **cleansed.**" (Mark 1:41-42) Mark is the only one who records this phrase, ".. as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him.." (Mark 1:42) When Jesus removed the question mark, the leper's

faith was released, and healing was the result.

Jesus was anointed with the Holy

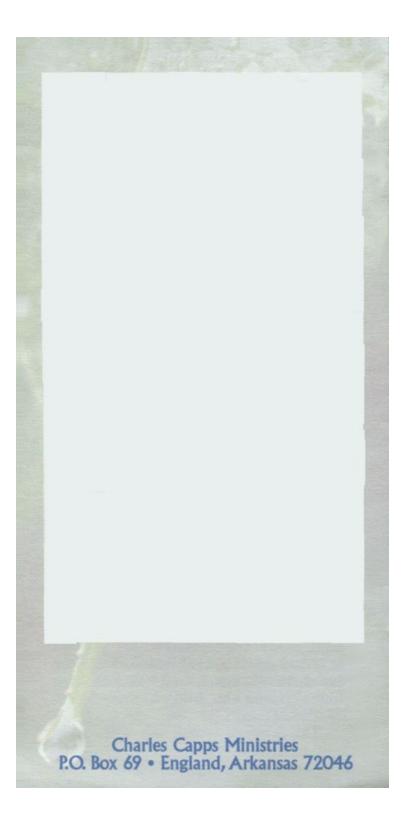
Ghost and healing power, but when He
laid hands on the leper, the seed of truth

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was too dry. He lacked the water of the
Word (knowledge of Jesus' will). He
had great faith that Jesus could, but until
he gained the understanding that He was
willing, there was no manifestation.
The water of Jesus' Words saturated
his desert, and his harvest came quickly.

". . If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32) If you have planted, and it seems that the harvest will never come, don't give up, continue

to water the seed with more Word, until it saturates your desert and produces a harvest.

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