

## “Seedtime” and “The Seed”

### Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

- The goal of the first part of this teaching is to bring to our awareness that life operates in seasons and the quality of our activities during each season will determine the results we produce.
  - As you listen to the second part of today’s teaching, it will provide a baseline/parameter for the quality of the seeds you sow.
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- Seedtime is different from the seed in the seedtime is a season meanwhile the seed is the substance that is used during that season (The “time” factor attached to the seed is what makes it a season – “Seedtime”.)
  - Seedtime communicates one of many seasons according to Genesis 8:22.
  - Seeds are the substances that ought to be planted during the seedtime season.
  - Our seed of interest today is the seed of the word of God.
  - The word of God is the seed that I believe should be sown every season.

### The Seasons

- ✓ The seasons mentioned in Genesis 8:22 will be experienced **on earth** (While the earth remains... Genesis 8:22a). So, it is imperative that we are not ignorant about them.
- ✓ The seasons experienced on earth shall **not cease**; meaning it will be continuing (Genesis 8:22). Therefore, it will be to our advantage to master the characteristics of the season such that when our seasons change, we can easily identify what season we are in and how to approach it.

- ✓ The seasons will be experienced by **both people and the environment**. The environment is on earth and people are on earth. Plants and animals also do experience different seasons of life too.

### Why is this important?

-It will help us pray strategically (when winter season is here, we do not pray against it, rather we strategize on how to handle the activities that come with it. So too it is with the 5 other seasons.)

-It will give us hope for the future (when one season is here; there is hope that this too shall pass away. No season is here to stay.)

-It helps us remain focused on the tasks at hand (During seedtime, you sow; during harvest, you harvest; etc.)

-It helps us minimize or completely avoid false expectations (You will not expect snow in the heart of summer, for example.)

-It helps us maintain our identity (do not assume the identity of your season; rather assume and maintain your identity as a child of God).

-The seasons are repetitive (cyclical) therefore, it helps to know that we will experience every season more than once however, at different magnitudes.

- “Time” is the factor between seasons. Two or more people may not be in the same season at a given time however, you can patiently and comfortably look forward to your changes because it will happen.

- It helps us effectively manage our emotions – impatience, jealousy, anger, hate, etc. So that we are not tempted with or by the season of our fellow brethren.

## The 8 Seasons according to Genesis 8:22

- 1) Seedtime Season
- 2) Harvest Season
- 3) Cold /Winter Season
- 4) Heat /Summer Season
- 5) Day Season
- 6) Night Season

## Characteristics of the different seasons

### a) Seedtime Season

- Is a time for sacrifice not rewards.
- Is a time to plant seeds for the harvest in the future.
- Is a time for investment.
- A time to dig deep.
- A time to plant seeds for the fruits you want to harvest in the future.
- Is a time of waiting (sometimes the wait may last for years.)

**\*Therefore, during the seedtime season, do not go looking for rewards, rather go looking for opportunities to sow.**

### b) Harvest Season

- Is a time for rewards.
- Is a time for growth.
- Is a time for reaping.

**\*Listen to our series on “Abound in Kingdom Harvest” for more information about harvest season.**

### c) Cold (Cold/Winter) Season

- Is a time for loneliness; dryness; coldness.

- Is a time when it seems like nothing is working (but things are working).
- Is a time when people you trust may betray you; people you love may reject you.
- Is a season when people just would not handle you respectfully.

**\*Do not cut trees in winter (be careful not to cut off relationships during this season without instructions from the Lord.)**

**d) Heat (Heat/Summer) Season**

- Is a season of warmth; joy; embrace; brightness.
- Is a season when you feel good about yourself.
- Is a season when everyone seems to love you.

**e) Night Season**

- Is a season of darkness; no light.
- Is a season when no one takes note of you, but you are working so hard and getting very little back.
- Is a season when you dream ((not fulfillment of dreams); incubation; big plans.)

**f) Day Season**

- Is a season of light; exposure; recognition.
  - Is a season when people take note of you; appreciate what you are doing.
  - Is a season of reward.
  - Is a season that attracts your enemies as well.
- \*People do not notice you in the dark season, so they do not target you. In the day season, people see you, so enemies will target you.**

Now that we know some characteristics about the seasons of life, can we individually identify what season we are in?

## SEEDTIME

### The Practicalities of Seedtime Season

- You will be there for others more than they will be there for you.
- If you are in business, you will realize that you will be making more investments and very little returns.
- As a student, you might be putting in so much efforts to study, yet, your results do not show for it.
- As a pregnant woman, you carry seed and must wait for 9months before your harvest. All things being equal.
- A single person expecting to get married may have to prepare/invest in himself or herself. The season of investments are the seeds being sown.
- Etc.

## The Word of God, The SEED

### The Seed is the Word of God

#### a) Luke 8:11 NIV

"This is the meaning of the parable: **The seed is the word of God.**

#### b) 1 Peter 1:23 TPT

For through the eternal and living Word of God you have been born again. And this “seed” that he planted within you can never be destroyed but will live *and grow* inside of you forever.

#### c) 1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

#### d) 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

### Highlights!

- The greatest kingdom seed is the word and it should be the greatest seed that everyone should sought to sow.
- The word of God is the seed that everyone should sought to sow purposefully.
- The word of God is relevant in every season of life (cold, heat, seedtime, harvest, winter, summer, day and night).
- When you understand the value of the seed (the word) , we can safely conclude that seed sowing is spiritual,

### The Value of The Seed (The word of God).

- 1) This seed (the word) is imperishable** (it cannot be destroyed; go through decay; or corruption)
  - 1 Peter 1:23 - Jesus Christ cannot be destroyed, He cannot go through decay, neither can He be corrupted.
- 2) This seed (the word) lives/ is living.**
  - 1 Peter 1:23 (NIV) - For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the **living** and enduring word of God.
  - Hebrews 4:12a - For the word of God *is living* and powerful...
  - John 1:1 (NIV) - In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God). We also know that Jesus died and resurrected and is seated above at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19). Before departing, He left us another comforter (John 14:16).
- 3) This seed (the word) grows.**
  - 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV) - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
  - Luke 2:52 - Jesus Christ grew in wisdom, stature, in favor with God and men.

**4) This seed (the word) is designed to be planted (sown).**

- The Parable of the Sower - Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15.

**5) This seed (the word) is eternal.**

- John 3:16 – We benefit from eternal life because that is what the word (seed) in us offers.

**6) This seed (the word) endures forever**

- Peter 1:24-25 - For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Therefore, it is patient and has survived every condition. It’s validity and authenticity have been proven over centuries.

**7) This seed (the word) is powerful (effective).**

- Hebrews 4:12 NKJV - For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**8) This seed (the word) is pure.**

- 1 Peter 2:2...desire the pure milk of the word.

**9) This seed (the word) is flawless.**

- Psalm 12:6 NIV - And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.

**10) The outcome of a seed (the word) is determined by the soil upon which it falls/planted.**

**11) This seed (the word) always produces results and it does so at varying degrees**

(according to the parable of the sower).

- Isaiah 55:11 (NIV) - so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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