

Enjoying Spring

Preparing the Soil

Behold, a sower went forth to sow. Matt 13:3

Faith

I'm reaching for the prize, I'm giving
everything

I give my life for this; it's what I live for

Nothing can keep me from all that You
have for me

You hold my head up high; I live for You

Greater is He that's living in me

Than he that is in the world

Faith, I can move the mountain

I can do all things through Christ, I know

Faith, standing and believing

I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me

Lord I lift your name on high

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Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire
To honour You
Lord with all my heart
I worship You

All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore

Is in You

Lord I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

Today is the fourth in our Spring Series of lessons

In the past 3 weeks we have looked at:

1. To Everything there is a Season - The feasts and God's times and seasons.
2. Emerging from Winter - While we are still in this world God wants us to see His vision for our future.
3. Choosing the Best Place to Plant - We need to be aware of who inspires us in our life and who it is we keep company with.

And today we are looking at **Preparing the Soil**.

Why is this important?

Gardeners know that there are 6 essentials to help a plant grow:

1. **Light** - for photosynthesis and growth
2. **Water** - so the plant can support itself and transport nutrients around itself.
3. **Air** - to supply carbon dioxide and take away oxygen
If wind is too strong it can burn the plant
4. **Temperature** - affects survival and speed of growth
5. **Nutrients** - Water, carbon dioxide and 17 other nutrients most significant being N (leaves), P (flowers) and K (roots).
Soil needs to be the right consistency to allow roots to grow and absorb the nutrients for the plant.
6. **Seed** - needs to be the plant we want to grow.

When we grow a plant we either want:

1. Food and/or shelter
2. Ornamental beauty

Isaiah 55

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 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:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Five Ways to Build Your Character

1. Be Humble. Humility is the beginning of wisdom. ...
2. Live out your principles and values. Whether it's "love others," or "do the right thing," living by your principles will make decision making easier and your **character** more steadfast.
3. Be intentional. ...
4. Practice self discipline. ...
5. Be accountable.

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal 5:22-23



Only near the time for harvest can the fruiting head of dandelion, left, be easily distinguished from the fruiting head of wheat, right. Before this stage the plants look almost identical.

GORDON—4 lines 11s. *A. J. Gordon.*

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(Gen. 1/16-18; 2/1-3;
2 Peter 3/8; Matt. 13/24-30, 36-43)

THE heav'ns and the earth did Jehovah create,
And all things therein by His power so great;
Six days did He labour, to show unto man
The need of a Saviour, to finish His plan.

The great orbs of light in the firmament high
He placed as instructors, how time it should fly;
For signs and for seasons, for days and for years,
That man might contemplate his joys without
fears.

The days of creation a figure did stand,
How evil would conquer the fruit of the land;
The tares and the wheat they divided should be,
That man may partake of the life-giving tree.

Six days being over Jehovah did rest,
A type of His Sabbath wherein He'th express'd,
All evil shall cease, and true righteousness reign,
And love shall abound without sorrow or pain.

Matthew 13:3 -30

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more

abundance: but whosoever hath not,
from him shall be taken away even that
he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables:
because they seeing see not; and hearing
they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy
of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall
hear, and shall not understand; and
seeing ye shall see, and shall not
perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
and their ears are dull of hearing, and
their eyes they have closed; lest at any
time they should see with their eyes and
hear with their ears, and should

understand with their heart, and should
be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they
see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many
prophets and righteous men have
desired to see those things which ye see,
and have not seen them; and to hear
those things which ye hear, and have not
heard them.

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the
sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the
kingdom, and understandeth it not, then
cometh the wicked one, and catcheth
away that which was sown in his heart.

This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word,

and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not

thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

68.

Moderato.

SICILY—4 lines 8s. & 7s.

The musical score is written for piano and duet. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a piano part in the left hand and a duet part in the right hand. The second system has a piano part in the left hand and a duet part in the right hand. The third system has a piano part in the left hand and a duet part in the right hand. The fourth system has a piano part in the left hand and a duet part in the right hand. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'.

The last two lines may be very softly repeated.

68.—4 lines 8s and 7s.

(Isa. 55/1-4)

COME, O ev'ry one that thirsteth,
To the living waters come;
From the rock the fountain bursteth,
Come and drink while yet there's room.

Lift your eyes to yonder mountain,
See the stately Lebanon;
See the heav'nly crystal fountain
Flowing from Jehovah's throne.

Come, and purchase milk and honey,
Come, and purchase heav'nly wine;
Come, although you have no money,
Join yourselves to Christ the Vine.

He that drinks of this sweet river,
And eats of the living tree,
His terrestrial body never
Will to death become a prey.

