

Pride Feeds On Deception.-Part 2



As much as deception masquerades as ‘truth’, it is absolutely damaging. These days it is commonly known as disinformation. Jesus narrated to his disciples the parable of the sower. The seed that fell by the wayside and the enemy came to steal reveals important truth that we should learn.

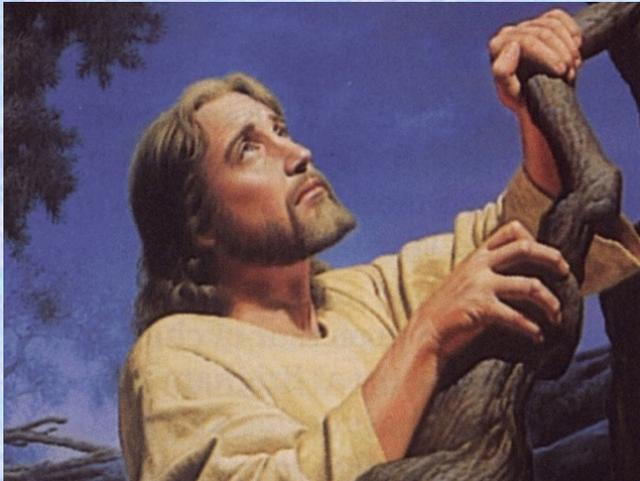
The purpose of the seed is for posterity. It is for future generations. Every seed must be handled with extreme caution lest it does not serve its purpose. **That is why God ensured that everything He created had its own seed.** It is written: “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth’; and it was so.” Gen. 1:11

The Bible says, “And Judah said to Onan, ‘Go in to your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother. ‘But Onan knew that the heir would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; therefore He killed him also.’” Ge 38:8-10.

The enemy deceived Onan and caused him to tamper with the seed. He was egocentric. The LORD Himself punished him on the spot. **In the same way, we should never disregard or abort the Word of God that is send to us through different channels lest we perish before reaching our destiny. The Word of God is the Seed of Life and Life too. John 14:6**

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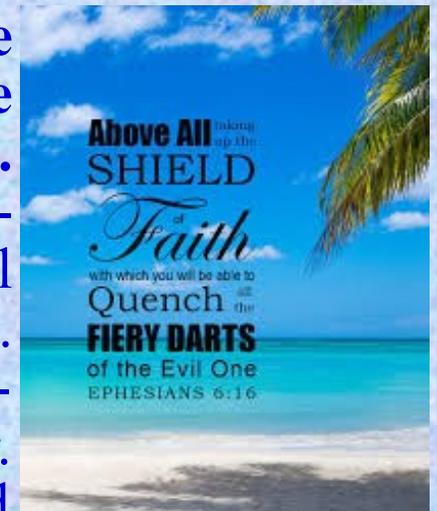
It is written: "Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 'And as he sowed, **some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.** 'Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 'But 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 sprang up and choked them. 'But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 'He who has ears to hear, let him hear!'" Mat. 13:3-9



Jesus explained the meaning of the parable to his disciples. The Bible says, "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside." Mat. 13:19

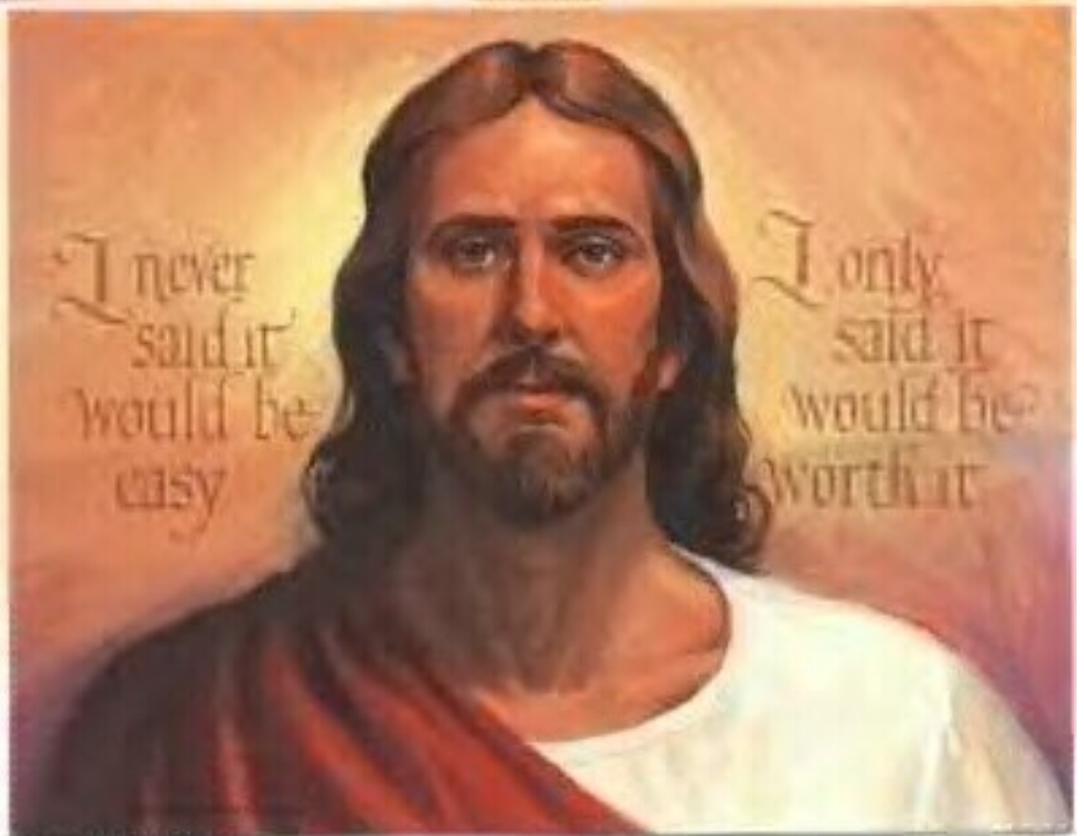
The enemy knows with the word of God in our hearts, we develop faith. Faith is essential.

Faith quenches all the onslaughts of the enemy. It is written: "Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Eph. 6:16. Without the Word of God in our hearts, we become vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy like a disarmed soldier. **Without faith we cannot please God.** Heb. 11:6. We should not allow that to happen to us.



Why is the Word important? The Word of God created everything. John 1:1-4,14. **The Word of God in us is eternal life.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of God will remain forever. The Bible says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Mt 24:35

Do not allow the enemy to steal God's word from your heart. The more the Word of God we allow in our system, the better for us. **The enemy uses deception as a currency to do his evil business.** Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" John 14:6



Apostle Peter reminds us, **"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth**

through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart. " 1 Peter 1:22

The word of the LORD endures for ever. It is written: "But the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you." 1 Peter 1:25

The one very important thing that the evil one would not like you to have is **faith**. He wants us to be fearful and discouraged. The LORD commanded Joshua, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8.

We see God the Almighty hammering this point again so that it would sink deeply in Joshua's heart. He says: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. It is written: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

Join me in this Covenant Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you confessing that I am a sinner. I ask you to forgive all my sins and set me free. I turn my back against sin and the evil one and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour now! Write my name in the Book of Life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and Power to be a faithful witness of the Gospel of your Son Jesus. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' holy name I pray and believe. Amen!



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