

I. THE PARABLE OF THE SEEDED SOIL (Mk.4:1-41; see *leaven*, Mt.13:33; Lk.13:20,21)

A. THE KINGDOM OF GOD (26; see 1:15; Mt.6:10; Lk.10:9; Ps.110:3)

B. MAN: THROW, SLEEP, SEND (26,27,29; see 3f; 1Cor.3:6; Ps.127:2)

C. SEED: SPROUT & STRETCH (26,27; see 4f; see Mt.13:33=Lk.13:21)

D. HUMAN IGNORANCE VS. CREATIONAL POWER (27b,28a; see 1Cor.3:6; 15:38; Gen.8:22)

E. PROGRESS: BLADE THEN EAR THEN GRAIN (28; see 8b,20; see Eph.4:11f,13,15)

F. GOAL: HARVEST (29; see Col.1:10; 2Cor.9:10; Eph.2:5f,10; Tt.1:16,etc.; see Mt.22:37,39; Rom.7:12)

II. THE POINT OF THIS PARABLE (Mk.4:26; kingdom-power; Ps.145:11; Dan.2:37; Mt.6:13; 1Cor.15:24; Rev.12:10)

A. THE POWER OF GOD IN HIS WORD (Mk.4:26; see 13,14 /Is.55:11; Rom.10:17; 1Cor.3:6; 1Th.1:5; 2:13; 2Tm.3:15f; 1Pt.1:23; see 1Cor.1:18; 2:4; 4:19f; 2Cor.6:7)

1. creation: comes into being (Gen.1:3f; Ps.33:6)

2. providence: comes to pass (1Kngs.17:1f; Jer.25:11f(⇒Dan.9:2); Heb.1:3)

3. redemption: comes to life (Ezk.37:4f; Mt.8:16; Jn.5:25; 6:37; 10:3f; Rom.1:16; see Ps.147:15f,19f)

B. THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD IN EFFECT (Mk.4:26f(seed); Jn.1:35f; Acts 2:14f,37f; 16:14f,25f)

C. THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD IN EXTENT (Mt.13:33(leaven); see Jn.6:37; Mt.24:14; 28:19; Acts 1:8)

D. GOD'S WORD SOWN (*seeded, leavened*; Mk.4:26,14f; see Is.55:11; Rom.10:14f; 2Tim.3:14f; 1Pt.1:23,25; Jms.1:21; see *SC*,89; *LC*,155)

III. HEAR THE PARABLE OF THE SEEDED SOIL! (Mk.4:26f; see Mt.13:18)

A. BE SEEDED WITH GOD'S POWERFUL WORD! (Mk.4:26f,13f /Jms.1:21; 2Tm.3:14f (Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f); Eph.4:11f; 1Tm.4:12f; Heb.5:11f)

B. SOW WITH GOD'S POWERFUL WORD! (Mk.4:26f; see Acts 8:4; Eph.4:12; 2Tm.4:1f; Jms.5:7f)

C. GROW STRONG IN FAITH & EXPECTATION! (Mk.4:26f,20; see Gal.6:9f; Rom.4:17f,21; 2Cor.9:6f; Ps.126:5f; Eccl.11:4-6)