

## Parable of the Seed Growing Secretly Mark 4:26-29

In a book called The Future Has Already Begun by Roher Jungk, he tells of a lecture given by an American specialist in aeronautical medicine: "man from a biological viewpoint is a misconception". In other words, he is saying the body given to us by our Creator is no longer equal to the possibilities opened up by the genius of man. To put it more bluntly: the contribution that God has made to our existence has now been outstripped by the contribution of man's technical intelligence.

This viewpoint is shared more or less by all of us, we are convinced we can make anything technologically. We as humans have taken over everything from God and have the tendency to think that now everything will stop without us and our feverish activity, we think that everything now depends on us. We have forgotten how to rely on the fact that it is God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air. God's Kingdom comes no matter what we do for or against it or Him.

*and* It's like God our Partner on Whom we used to depend has become obsolete and now we stand alone on the bridge of the Titanic (our world) which is unsinkable (we think), and we dispense with Godly navigation. But if this is so, why does the captain pace the bridge so anxiously? If this ship, our world, is but "an element that challenges the omnipotence of man and offers him chances of undreamt of triumphs", why does man worry so? Why this ceaseless activity? Why the chaos and confusion and conflict on planet earth?

Because now there is NO ONE upon Whom we can cast our burdens and cares. We have taken charge of the world and now we are disintegrating and dying of our autonomous privileges and prerogatives.

This parable points out the fallacy of human thinking. What a comfort it should be to us as believers in God and His Sovereign Plan that in the midst of all



the world's hyperactivity and autonomy, there is another stream flowing often silently on: God's Kingdom.

What this parable should say to us is this: the one fixed pole in all our hectic life is the faithfulness and dependability of God and His plan for His Kingdom. All this mass confusion and godless activity does not divert God from His purpose one iota.

One day when we look back from God's throne at the last day I hope we won't have to say "If I had only known how certain God's plan and purpose was working out in the midst of, and in spite of, all that mass confusion in Satan's world I would have ceased all my useless activity and stressful anxiety. I would have rested more in the Lord, gotten better acquainted with the real Author of the real Kingdom and worked steadily alongside Him appropriating His power."

Jesus lived this way when He was on earth and showed us how by His life and His teachings. Instead of seizing the opportunity to establish an earthly kingdom based on His popularity with the people (miracles and feeding them), He withdrew from the crowds training His disciples and spending much time alone in prayer with His Father. He taught the secret of the peaceful, productive, godly life often through parables, and especially in His upper room discourses (Jn 13-17).

We need to absorb His attitude and lifestyle as our own, then we will grasp the 'mystery' of the seed growing secretly. We will be the faithful farmer in this world, planting the seed, watering it, nourishing the plants, then commit the field and the harvest to God: He is the One who gives the increase, (Acts 2:47, I Cor 3:7), and He is the One who ultimately does the harvesting and gets the glory (credit). It is this Kingdom on our planet which is eternally significant.

The world is passing away and also its lusts, but the one who does the WILL OF GOD abides forever (I Jn 2:17)

End of Time

Seeing from God's Perspective on our planet

