



A parable is a maxim or proverb using something common or ordinary to explain or express truth about something extraordinary. - Pastor Del

Parable of the *Mikros Seed*

“The Small Grain”

Symbols:

Sower – God

Field – The heart of man

Mustard Seed – Kingdom Seed (hidden/concealed work of God)

(Overview)

This parable reveals unexpected potential. God’s power is displayed in places or people that are without power. Like a bush burning, God enhances whatever He possesses. (Exodus 3:2-4) Making something less into something more.

The lesson in this parable reveals potential hidden in something that is the smallest and the least in its classification.

Matthew 13:31 - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Matthew 13:32 - Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Lesson Notes:

(Matthew 13:31) – This parable illustrates a man sowing a single seed into a field. God is the Sower, and the seed He plants is described as small in stature to symbolize how un-noticeable it appears physically. The Kingdom seed does not have visible, attractive features. The seed's potential will only be revealed after it is sown and cultivated. God's kingdom work is first sown as a seed and then grown to produce His nature in the lives of men.

(Matthew 13:32) – In the classification of seeds, the Greek word "mikros," which means "the least," is used to describe the seed as the least among its kind it is and small in stature.

Smallness can be misjudged as being powerless. The power of the kingdom seed is available and revealed after it is sown and fully mature. Believers often begin their relationship with God with a large burst of enthusiasm and desire but generally not with a great deal of strength and endurance. Over time, the latter is developed, and true potential is revealed.

From sown to grown, it is fully developed into a tree, and the Mustard branches become a residence for birds to build homes and nourish their family. The Mustard tree is advanced from the smallest in class to the greatest when fully grown. The tree's greatness far outmeasures the smallness of the original seed planted. God's work in man produces exponential growth, releasing unrecognized potential to become more than he was when God's work began.

The seed's capacity to house bird families is not visible, and its potential to do so would be judged unlikely. The Kingdom of Heaven is like the unlikely mustard seed, which can provide an eternal residence for all the houseless souls of men. Men who were small and weak initially will become great and strong to provide a place of spiritual rest and residence for others seeking to find eternal life.