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Christ the Son of Man and the Sower

Matthew 13:36-39 ³⁶Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Three key aspects of Christ as the Son of man

- **authority** – Jesus has the power to give orders or make decisions and the power or right to direct or control someone or something
- It also speaks of Christ's **dominion** –
- He has the power to rule
- The Son of man is also seen as the **judge** –
- He can make an **official and final** decision about the good and the bad
- We need to see Jesus in this context as the **Seed Sower:**

The context of the Authoritative Judge who has all dominion

Satan as the counterfeit seed sower

Warfare is evident because Satan is also sowing

Leviticus 19:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ Keep my decrees. “ ‘Do not mate different kinds of animals. ‘Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. “ ‘Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material.

This brings another dimension within this context :

- **Mixed seed breeds impurity**

God is challenging the selfish agenda of believers

Proverbs 11:24 AMP ²⁴ There are those who [generously] scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting or what is justly due, but it results only in want Kindness and generosity leads to a quality of life which money cannot buy – this is about imparting life on life

Poverty is inevitable for those who only think of themselves – spiritual greed releases selfishness

The Trinity and their holy seed sowing agenda

1. God as Shepherd who scatters His sheep

“Exile”

Jeremiah 31:10 HCSB 'Nations, hear the word of the Lord, and tell it among the far off coastlands! Say: The One who scattered Israel will gather him. He will watch over him as a shepherd guards his flock'.

- Foolishness
- Unfaithfulness.

Scattering leads to repentance , renewal and restoration

2. God the one who scatters the nations

“ confusion ”

Genesis 11:3-4 ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:7-9 ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” ⁸So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

- God deals with pride that gives birth to , rebellion , self-sufficiency , independence and resistance towards God

The scattering leads to the call of Abraham

3 The God who scatters His church

“ persecution”

Acts 8:1

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. One of the key reasons for the scattering was cultural and racial prejudice.

4 God the one who sends His disciples

“commissioning”

Acts 13:1-4 (ESV) ¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Being apostolic – being available and assignable in church to get people saved and disciplined.

It is about taking **responsibility** for our God given mandate which started with Abraham.

The war of the seeds

Genesis 3:14-15 ¹⁴So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

God's bag is empty:

³⁷He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

Do we want God to sow or to scatter?

Pray about our relationships with people in church, are you building God's Kingdom or are you building a click?

Do you have a relationship with unbelievers and what is the nature of that relationship?

What do you want to produce spiritually?

What is your motive for doing ministry? Why has God placed you in your current job?

Is your ministry more important than the Gospel? Is your job more important than the Gospel?
Does your ministry and job reflect a Gospel-lifestyle?

Why has God called you and your wife?

Have you ever sit down with your children and talked to them about their calling and how God has called them according to His purposes through the Gospel?