

# The Unlimited Expansion Of The Kingdom Of God

We are living in the days when we are able to witness explosive growth in new churches being established in previously barren soil, often still somewhat antagonistic to the Gospel.

So many times we want to rationalize why we are not doing significant things with our life and we make all sorts of excuses, but most revolve around the self-created view of our personal inadequacies.

God can take any man or woman who will make themselves available to Him and be willing to be used anywhere on this planet for His glory.

Consider these ordinary people that God used and they are recorded for us in the Bible:

- Abraham & Sarah
- Joseph
- Moses
- David
- Deborah
- Gideon
- Samson
- Elijah

The story of each of these biblical characters is the story of some person made ugly by sin, but becoming beautiful through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, working in and through their life day by day.

There are many scriptures that teach on this subject, but at this moment in time I wish to concentrate on a few key verses and we need to turn to Matthew 13 where Jesus is teaching.

He gathered together His disciples and other interested people to teach them life-changing truths in story form, and each story had its meaning wrapped up in picture language so that the uninitiated could not understand it and thus be held accountable for what they heard. These stories are known as “Parables”.

There are seven parables in this chapter of scripture, and Jesus said if you did not understand these then you would understand all of His other teaching either!

1. The parable of the Sower and the Seed [v3-9; 18-23]
2. The parable of the Wheat and the Tares [v24 – 30]
3. The parable of the Mustard Seed [v31-32]
4. The parable of the Leaven [v33]
5. The parable of Buried treasure [v44]
6. The parable of the Pearl of Great Price [v45-46]
7. The parable of the Drag Net [v47-50]

The focus of the first parable is upon the seed that is sown, but more importantly, upon the soil (a picture of the receptivity of the human heart) for the Seed (which is the Word of God).

The nature of God becomes operational and observable in the practical everyday events and circumstances of their life.

What a joy it is to see a new creature - (a new creation man) in Christ begin to change, to grow, to move toward wholeness.

Beautiful seeds are produced as they respond to the gospel of the Kingdom and become productive are sown by Christ Himself in the field of the world to reveal His beauty, His life and nature just as He did His Father's.

God is looking for ordinary men and women who will yield themselves to walk in obedience to His revealed will, and go to the ends of the earth if needs be to share His redeeming love with all mankind. Most times however, God calls us to be effective witnesses where we live and are employed in our chosen vocation.

God wants men and women who will allow the Seed of His unchanging Irrevocable Word to become flesh through their transformed life, so that the world may see "God with skin on".