



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Sound Bites from the series

- The Seeds
- The Soil
- Every time a seed is sown there's a battle for the future harvest
- We also identified 2 big problems with seeds
 - o They're small
 - o They take a long time to produce a harvest

II. GOD HAS PLANTED LAWS INTO THE VERY FABRIC OF THIS WORLD

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

A. The Law of Gravity and Escape Velocity

B. There is a spiritual law or force that entered into the earth in the Garden of Eden

- Because you did what I told you not to do – here's the consequences

Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

- This world and the way everything operated changed as a result of the curse

C. A challenging passage of scripture

Malachi 3:9-11 (NKJV) ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"

Says the Lord of hosts;

- The curse has been here since the garden – this is how to break free from it
- This works because natural actions can have spiritual implications
- The problem is the seeds seem pretty small and take a long time to produce a harvest



III. THIS LAW WORKS WITH EVERYTHING

A. This is why Jesus said ...

Luke 6:27-31 (NKJV) ²⁷ “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. ²⁹ To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back. ³¹ And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Luke 6:36-38 (NKJV) ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

B. In the midst of the curse and the law of sin & death we can create life-giving places

Malachi 3:10 (KJV) ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

- Why more than you can contain? Because it's the nature of seeds to produce more
- God gives you more so you can do more not have more

C. You have a part to play

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

- What if we all looked at our lives as seed...?

Psalms 115:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and *your* children.