

The Seed That Grows Secretly



Jesus compared the Kingdom of God with a seed that grows over time, while the farmer waits patiently for the harvest. The farmer knows that after he is done with sowing the seed, nature takes over and will take its own time to ripen.



Jesus used the image of the seed and the harvest to explain how God works mysteriously and silently and humans must be patient like the farmer in all their deeds.

In the parable, Jesus drew attention to the farmer who sowed the seed after furrowing, ploughing and applying manure to enrich the soil. Once done, the farmer's daily household life goes on as usual even as he keeps a keen eye on the seed germinating, and finally growing into a full plant.

If we want to grow and develop in life, we too must make our own contribution and effort and then leave it to God to do the rest. It is God alone who can work marvels in our lives. Like nature works wonders, the Creator works in mysterious ways. The Giver of all good things must be trusted by us to help us grow into people who bear fruits.

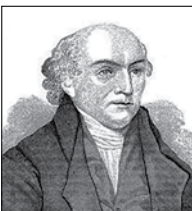
The Kingdom of God keeps growing even as humans work quietly and patiently like the farmer who puts in the effort, then sits back and waits for the seed to grow.



Word of God

Matthew 13: 23

And the seeds sown in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as one hundred, others sixty, and others thirty."



Insight

Rev. William Carey, a British missionary, is credited with printing the first books in Bengali, Marathi and other Indian languages in the early 19th century. He developed fonts for the Devanagari script (used for writing Sanskrit, Hindi and Marathi), and other Indian languages to print the Bible in these languages. The Indian government issued a postal stamp to acknowledge Rev. Carey's contribution.

Notes



BOOK: China's Underground Catholic Church "realities", authored by Missionary Catholics and published by Strength Through Submission, is a good illustration of the seed that grows secretly.

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