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KINGDOM DYNAMICS: THE TARES OF DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

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- In agriculture, a nursery is a controlled environment where seeds are nurtured into healthy seedlings before transplanting. Likewise, the human heart is a nursery where every seed is first planted.
- A nursery provides the ideal environment for seeds to germinate and grow. Likewise, when properly guarded, the heart creates the right conditions for healthy thoughts and character to flourish.
- As farmers control the nurseries to create an ideal environment for seeds to germinate, our thoughts and decisions flow from the heart, and we control the inflow and outflow (**Proverbs 4:23**).
- Just as a farmer carefully watches over the nursery where seeds are first planted, we have the responsibility to watch over our hearts. That is why the Bible instructs us to guard our hearts with all diligence, for they are the source from which the course of our lives is shaped.
- A nursery shelters vulnerable seedlings from pests, disease, and harsh weather until they are strong enough for the field. Likewise, the heart requires careful nurturing in its formative stages. Yet many people become comfortable in the nursery, never maturing into the strong, fruitful trees God intends them to be (**Isaiah 61:3**).
- The negative experiences we sometimes encounter as we navigate the journey of life are always accompanied by grace and a way of escape (**Isaiah 61:3**).

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- It is only after we have been tested and proven that we become trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord Himself (**Isaiah 61:3**).
- When we receive the seed of God's word into our hearts, diligently guard it, and allow it to take root and flourish, we eventually reach a level of maturity where it is firmly established and secure.
- There are two grounds in which the sons of God are cultivated: the heart and the field. The heart is where the seed is nurtured, while the field is where the matured tree is planted to bear fruit.
- In times of great trials and affliction, Job and Paul are great examples of suffering, loneliness, and rejection in times of trouble. These are vulnerable moments that the devil often takes advantage of, and we are not exempt from such times.

- As believers, we often pray, confess, and walk closely with God when times are difficult, but once we come out of those situations, we easily forget Him (**Deuteronomy 8:10-20**). God warns us that when we reach such a position in life, it is not the time to rest on our laurels; they are vulnerable moments.



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- At times when all is peaceful and quiet around us, we drop our defences and no longer mind our field. This was also the root of David's error with Bathsheba (**Luke 12:19-21, 2 Samuel 11, Proverbs 27:23, Philippians 3:13**).

- Times of vulnerability — shedding the blood of war in the time of peace (Genesis 34:20-22, 24-31; 49:5-7). In life, we need to be exceedingly careful to ensure that the enemy does not have access to us.
- When tares manifest, and you begin to wonder what happened, the truth is, they were never sons. They may have sung our songs, spoken our language, and dressed like us (Matthew 13:24-30, 1 John 2:19, Psalm 55:12-14, 20-21).
- The moment the wheat began to sprout and produce a crop, the tares also began to show. Many times, the devil waits until your season of productivity or success to show his ugly head and devour your harvest. This was the strategy of the Midianites and their allies until Gideon arose (Judges 6:3-6).
- Some things belong to the sons of the Kingdom that the enemy has tapped into and is using against us. The attack is usually on your produce and your productivity. They attack the harvest, which is the produce, and destroy the land, which gives way to your productivity.
- When the enemy tests your growth and productivity, he sifts your wheat. If he succeeds, you may wear the toga of a Christian but spiritually dead. Like the church in Sardis, you have a name that you are alive, but you are living in the congregation of the dead (Revelation 3:1-6).
- The tares performed their first assignment on the sons of the Kingdom, as demonstrated in the confusion of the servants, by subtly introducing doubts to their knowledge of the truth (Matthew 13:26).
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- What does the devil do when he brings doubt into our hearts? He takes away your faith. He introduces sin, because whatever is not of faith is sin, and in doing so, he robs you of your ability to please God, leaving you in captivity (Matthew 11:1-3, Romans 14:23, Hebrews 11:6).
- In the story of Gideon in Judges 6:11-13, the tares of doubt were produced by trials and tribulation (Genesis 25:21-22, Mark 4:38). The tares of doubt will sink any man and strip him of all he has in Christ, no matter how anointed they may be.
- Someone said, "If doubt is the seed, then fear is the fruit." But I say that fear is also a precursor to doubt. At different points in time, both can manifest as either seed or fruit.

- Fear, as fruit, produces more seeds of doubt, and doubt reproduces fear. That cycle will continue unless, by the grace of God, you stand your ground and stop it.

- Fear is pressure and doubt is panic; neither produces positive outcomes. While fear leads to wrong decisions and actions, doubt often leads to indecision, procrastination, and ultimately, inaction.

- As believers, we often face the contradictions of faith. If the devil tests you and you pass, as Jesus did, he will leave for a season and return at an opportune time (Luke 4:13). For him, it is never final until it is over.

- The second consideration is the style of oppression, which is infiltration (Jude 1:1-4). This is the power of the counterfeit. A counterfeit is difficult to identify because, to deceive, it must closely resemble the original. It often takes trained eyes to discern the difference

(2 Corinthians 11:14, Galatians 1:6–9).

- You must be able to distinguish between the original and the perverted gospel. The true word of God, whether in the person of Christ or in the Scriptures, cannot be corrupted. Yet the enemy sows tares through a counterfeit Christ and a perverted gospel. We must have the wisdom to discern them and root them out of our lives (1 Peter 1:23).



PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, help me to guard my heart diligently, and let Your word take deep root in me, producing faith, righteousness, and godly character (**Proverbs 4:23**).
2. Lord, uproot every seed of doubt and unbelief from my life. Strengthen my faith so that I will stand firm in every trial, refuse the lies of the enemy, and continue to please

You. (**Hebrews 11:6, Romans 14:23**).

3. Father, preserve me in every season of vulnerability. Whether in times of affliction, success, or peace, keep me spiritually alert and prevent the enemy from gaining access to my life, family, or destiny. (**Deuteronomy 8:10–20**).
4. Lord, protect the harvest of my life. Let every attack against my fruitfulness, productivity, and purpose be destroyed. May no power of darkness steal, devour, or hinder the work You have ordained for me (**Judges 6:3–6**).
5. Father, grant me the spirit of discernment. Help me to recognise every counterfeit, reject every perverted gospel, and remain steadfast in the truth of Your word until the end (**Galatians 1:6–9, 1 Peter 1:23**).