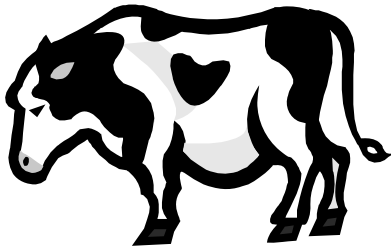


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CREATION CORNER

Bull-headed Sabbathkeeper

Exodus 23:12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

It was 1948 when Gulag Irkutsk, a Christian believer in Siberia, received a 25-year sentence. After refusing to work on Sabbath, he was ordered to stand in a three by four foot cell for 10 days with only water for nourishment. For a year Irkutsk went through the same routine, in confinement for 10 days and out for four days.

After a year a general came to inspect the prison camp, and found Irkutsk in solitary confinement. When the general inquired about his confinement, Irkutsk explained about the Sabbath.

"I am a believer in God," Irkutsk said. "A sign of my loyalty to Him is to rest on the Sabbath. However, I am prepared to work twice as much the day before in order to have the Sabbath off."

Irkutsk was ordered to carry enough water for the 1,000 prisoners - filling the reservoir by transporting well water. Prison officials provided Irkutsk with an ox, and for 10 years they followed

the same routine of working twice as fast the day before and resting on Sabbath.

Later Irkutsk was released for his outstanding work record, but the ox remained and assisted another prisoner as he transported water. When the first Sabbath came, that ox lay quietly chewing his cud.

Nothing would move the beast; neither shouting, pulling, threatening, nor beating. Every Sabbath the same drama happened. Finally the exasperated jailer told the prisoner,

"You will never change the ox's behavior. The Sabbathkeeper has made the ox into a Sabbathkeeper. And Sabbathkeepers are very, very stubborn!" = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 17

FIERY IGNATIUS

The founder of the Jesuit Order was Ignatius Loyola. (Ignatius means to start fires; it was not his original name.) He was born in his father's Castle of Loyola, Guipuzcoa, Spain in 1491, and his name was Don Inigo Lopez de Recalde. It is interesting that he was born around the same time

as Luther, and later went through some of the same struggles of mind and soul. But the path he then chose led him in an opposite direction from that of Luther.

In his youth he was known to be a violent person. The Police records of that day show he was “violent, vindictive, and dangerous”. He was a proud man involved with the common evils of the day. He joined the military and desired to be a great commander and hero.

It was the year 1521. Luther was uttering his famous “No!” before the emperor and his princes, and summoning, as with a trumpet, Christians to stand for truth.

It is at this moment the young Ignatius, the intrepid soldier of Spain, soon to become even more the intrepid soldier of Rome, appears before us. He was in a town with his fellow soldiers.

The French army had it surrounded and the men were talking of surrender. Grabbing his weapons, Inigo went out to attack the French army. He fought fiercely but was hit by musket fire and both his legs were badly wounded. He would have bled to death there, but the enemy soldiers, impressed with his bravery, carried him to a hospital. His career in the military had ended.

Month passed in a painful and slow recovery. While recovering from this he read fiction books about saints and martyrs, monks and hermits, all legends and mysticism. With these to feed his mind on, and, as a result of his prolonged illness, he became somewhat insane.

He decided to be a monk and vowed before leaving his sick-chamber, to be the slave, the champion, and the knight-errant of Mary. She was the ‘lady of his soul’, so as a faithful knight he immediately went to her shrine at Montserrat, hung up his arms and shield before her image, and spent the night in watching them.

He then wore instead the cloak of a monk. “Wrapped in sordid rags, an iron chain and prickly girdle pressing on his naked body, covered with filth, with uncombed hair and untrimmed nails,” he retired to a dark mountain in the vicinity of Manressa, where was a gloomy cave, where he stayed for some time. (He sure didn’t know our Jesus did he?)

There he subjected himself to all the self-punishment of those early monks in the storybooks he had read. He wrestled with evil spirits, talked to voices only he could hear, fasted for days on end, he was so weak that he fell into a faint, and

one day was found at the entrance of his cave, lying on the ground, half dead.

The cave at Manressa makes us think about Luther when he was in his monk’s cell. The same self-torture, vigils, mortifications, and mental efforts and agonies which were undergone by Ignatius Loyola, had but a very few years before this been passed through by Martin Luther.

So far the career of the founder of the Jesuits and that of the champion of Protestantism were the same. Both had set before them a high standard of holiness, and both had all but sacrificed life to reach it.

But at this point the courses of the two men widely separate. Both up to this point in their pursuit of truth and holiness had traveled by the same road; but now we see Luther turning to the Bible, “the light that shineth in a dark place,” “the sure Word of Prophecy.”

Ignatius Loyola, on the other hand, surrendered himself to visions and revelations. As Luther went onward, the light of truth grew only the brighter around him. He had turned his face to the SON of Righteousness.

Ignatius had turned his gaze inward upon his own beclouded mind, and verified the saying of the wise man, “He who wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.” More next week. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

Mysteries of Hypnotism

Satan and his nasty angels have the power to cause people to see things, and hear things and feel things that are not really there. Sometimes they do it by appearing in a form of an animal or a human.

This is how people are led to believe that they can talk to their dead friends—the fallen angels appear in the form of the dead person, and sound and act just like that person.

But sometimes they use a power to affect human minds that are not guarded by staying close to Jesus. This power is called hypnotism and takes many forms.

Pagan worship and hypnotism have always been closely connected. Priests of ancient Egypt would induce a state known as “temple sleep;” during which time they would perform operations. Most of us have read about the trance-like ritual

dances that pagan worshipers perform.

In Africa, men will run through hot coals and their feet will not be burned.

Kata Rangosa and Sasa Rora, native Adventist pastors in the Solomon's, told of how men would swim from island to island across the open ocean. They would do so by calling upon the spirit gods to send a shark. Grabbing hold of its fin, they would be pulled along to the next island.

Elsewhere in the South Pacific, workers of magic would wave their hands at storms and they would cease.

Incantations and peculiar trances occur. Men in India lay on beds of spikes for years without injury. A woman in India will sit before cobra snakes; both darting back and forth, until the woman her apron flecked with cobra venom, suddenly darts forward and kisses the cobra on the mouth.

Several years ago, I read a true story I found in a book about 1980. The author, a tourist, was walking on a street in India, when a nearby man, with a boy beside him, hollered to the crowd that he was going to do something very special. The people gathered near, and this tourist decided he would film the entire procedure! Setting up his camera, he filmed the entire thing.

What he saw was this: The man took a coil of rope from his shoulder and threw it down on the ground. Then he reached down and grabbed the end of the rope and threw it up into the air. Up and up it went, and then hung there suspended from nothing.

Then, turning to the boy, the man told him to climb the rope. As the people craned their necks, watching in awe, the boy climbed to the top of the rope. Then, the man took a long, sharp knife and climbed up the rope after the boy. Reaching him, he cut off the boy's head, and the boy fell to the ground! The tourist was horrified. All the while, his camera was faithfully recording it all.

Then the man climbed down the rope, and reaching down to the dead boy, pulled him up—and instantly he was made whole, fully alive and unharmed.

Everyone in the crowd around cheered, and money was thrown to this "holy man." Then the crowd dispersed.

The author of the book was eager to return home to America so that he could develop the film. He had recorded the miracle-working power of India on 16 mm film. When the film came back, he

projected it onto a screen. And this is what he saw:

The man called to the people, with the boy alongside him. Then he reached down and threw the rope up in the air, and it went up a short distance, and then fell to the ground.

After this, as the man and the boy stood there quietly by the fallen coil of rope, everyone around them in the crowd stared at things not there. Intently, they looked up quickly, and then twice slowly stared at something, that was really not there, moving upward. Comments and gasps could be heard; then a cry of horror.

Finally, all eyes turned toward the man and boy, unharmed, standing there together and everyone shouted. They smiled in return, received the money thrown to them, picked the rope off the ground and walked away. The devil's power had caused them to see something that did not even happen!

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STORY LESSON

Who's In Charge?

Once there was a man who had a pet snake. We will have the superhuman strength of the snake represent that supernatural devil-power of spiritualism, which so fascinates men that they keep playing with it, until they are lured on to disaster.

What would the man represent? The spiritist himself, who in working with the snake is really under the control of demon-forces, which he thinks he is controlling.

The man would also be other people that the spiritist brings under his control. All of these people were at first curious, but later fascinated by the display of what is clearly a more-than-human power at work.

This is a true story. Back in the 1920s, there was a man who had a pet snake. It was a little python. People warned him against snakes, but those slithery creatures intrigued him.

“No.” he said, “if you feed a snake and care for it well, it will respond with gratitude and appreciation. It will be your friend, and will grow to be your servant, not your master.” The man played with his snake, fed it carefully, and, as snakes will, gradually it grew larger.

Because people were amazed to see a man playing with such a large snake, the man decided to give exhibitions of what his snake could do. While the people watched, the man would enter the cage of his servant, this powerful creature, which obeyed his command.

At the call of its master, the snake would crawl over to him. Then, gradually, the snake would slowly coil itself about the man. First his legs, then his trunk and arms. People were astounded as they watched such a powerful force under the control of a human being.

At a word from the master, the snake would coil about the man; at another word, and the snake would slowly uncoil again. The man was delighted at the great power that he lived with, a power, which was subservient to him. The more he fed it, the more he cared for it; the larger it grew, until it was immense.

After several years of giving these exhibitions, one day, as the people watched, the man entered the cage and called to the snake.

At the sound of his voice, slowly the mighty creature began moving. Unwinding its massive coils, it gradually slid toward the man, and one by one, began wrapping them about the man.

Higher and higher it wound itself about the man as he stood there, until this great force enveloped the man and only his head could be seen.

The people were awed at this exhibition. This man was in control of more-than-human power. Some of the onlookers probably wished they could control such a mighty power.

But then, as the onlookers watched in horror, the snake suddenly tightened its coils. Amid the sound of breaking bones, the people screamed, and strong men rushed forward in an attempt to hack in pieces the hulking form of the snake.

But it was too late. Between its coils was its

friend; the broken and crushed body of its master.

The man had been right. There is no doubt but that superhuman strength was to be found here. This was what at first fascinated him—an ever growing, ever more-than-human strength. But, ere long, an even greater fascination gripped him: the possibility of his controlling that power!

But the man had also made several serious mistakes, mistakes that cost him his life: (Remember the snake represents Satan and all his ‘magic’ tricks)

1 - The power did not belong to him, but to the snake. It was the snake that made the decisions, not the man. Whatever the man was able to do with the snake’s strength, was only because the snake for a time let him do it.”

2 - The snake was no friend. Snakes never are. They have no affection or loyalty toward mankind. They have no sense of morality, honesty, or justice. They never will.

3 - Yes, here was immense power. But it was power under the control of another mind, not the mind of man. The man could use that power for his own purposes, only as long as the other mind permitted it.

4 - That mind belonged to an enemy, one who hated mankind. An enemy, who, whenever it wished, could use that power to destroy those who came near it.

5 - The more the man learned how to use that immense force for his own advantage, the more subservient he became to it. As the snake grew stronger, he in comparison became weaker, and less able to resist it.

6 - The man could only use that power by unconsciously submitting his own body to it. He thought he was controlling that massive power, but in reality, it was controlling him.

7 - Each day as he played with it, that power grew in size and strength, until it became an overmastering force.

8 - The man was not playing with the snake; the snake was playing with him. Whenever it wanted to, it could turn on him and destroy him.

Eventually it did just that. The only real power in spiritism is Satan— ‘that old serpent, the devil’, and anyone who thinks he can play with that power or control it—is mistaken and will find out too late—when it destroys him! = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

LIES AND TRICKS

This TEMKIT is mostly telling you the truth about spiritualism. There are so many things in our world today that are spiritualism, that we could never name them all. I don't think there is one single person today who is not being influenced or affected in some way by it. It is even in our schools and churches. Like the nasty frogs of Egypt, it is swarming everywhere.

Next week we're going to learn more about some of the things around us that are really spiritualism. But first I want to tell you what is the foundation that Satan uses to trick people and snare them in all these spiritualism forms. It is the same 2 lies he told mother Eve way back in Eden—'Ye shall not surely die' and 'Ye shall be as Gods'. It's nothing new—it's been with us since the fall.

The first one lets him pretend to be dead people and fool us, and lets him tell us we are going to live forever or have many new lives and things like that. This causes us to be careless and let our short life slip away without getting our hearts ready for the judgment.

The second one lets him tell us that we have some special powers in our minds that we can learn to use, that let us do wonderful magic. He tells us we can make things float through the air; or we can leave our bodies and go traveling through time, the world or universe; or cause something to happen just because we want it to happen; or see and hear things that are happening a long way away and send messages to other minds (telepathy); or to be able to cast spells that help or hurt other people.

Most people who get into these things fool themselves by thinking that they can learn these 'powers' and then use them to 'help people'. There are no real powers to learn, it's all just the power of devils, and Satan never helps anyone; unless it is just so he can use them to destroy others.

It is all a lot of garbage! You need to know the truth right now! There are no special, hidden powers in any of our minds. If it seems that some person can do amazing things, it is only because Satan and his angels are doing it for them.

Then Satan likes us to think that idols, and crystals, and stones, and candles, and good luck

charms and so on have special powers for us to use. Nonsense! Again these 'special powers' only happen if devils cause them to happen, the things have no power at all.

Spiritists also make long journeys to go to special places for power--no places have special power—it is only a trick.

The same with special words, or 'magic spells' certain positions or exercises, 'secret' numbers, cards or shapes; people can spend years and piles of money, taking lessons, courses and studying and learning all kinds of stuff thinking that they are going to have real power through it; but all that happens is that they end up being a slave to Satan and they don't find out the truth until too late. It is only Satan's games that they have been playing, he doesn't play fair; and he plays 'keepsies'.

So dear readers, I want to tell you the secret that few in this world now know—you don't have to be afraid of all this stuff; it has no power to harm even a little child who stays close to Jesus.

Don't waste time, money or effort on any kind of magic or supernatural powers. The Bible makes it clear not to seek them or even be interested in them; they are really only the cheese on Satan's rat-trap. There's only 2 powers: God and Satan; and you know Who is stronger, don't you? = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 4th Quarter:
"BIBLE PICTURE STORIES"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 9: "SEED"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

Luke 8:15

Sunday

Text: Luke 8:5-8 "A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

In this story, Jesus was telling of His work. He was the Sower of the seed. He went forth, a suffering, tempted man; went forth alone, to sow in tears, to water with His blood, the seed of life for a lost world.

The seed is the precious Heavenly Truth to bring us back to loyalty to God. The people did not understand Jesus' mission. Their leaders had taught them so many false ideas that they could not see the lessons God had placed right in the temple services.

They were looking for some mighty act of power to prove He was the Messiah. They wanted to see Him gather vast armies and march out to conquer the world; but instead they heard Him tell stories about tiny seeds on the mountainside.

He wanted them to see that His kingdom had the same principles as the seeds planted in the ground; if His truth was taken into the heart, it would grow by the power of God,

Thought - They looked for glory and a King, To break the scepter of their foes,

They found a man in love with truth, Who wept for other people's woes.

They hoped for victory and a throne, The clash of swords to set them free;

They saw a Man who healed the poor, and talked of lilies by the sea.

They longed for empire and power, to cure the wound of earthly loss,

They watched a Carpenter walk by, Who died alone, upon a cross.

Monday

Text: Luke 8:9,10 "And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand."

Why did Jesus not just come right out and tell the people plainly the truth about the false leaders and tell them all about His kingdom?

There were several reasons. First off, I want you to understand that whatever God does is always the very best that can be done in any situation. It is important to know this in your heart, especially when things happen to you that may not seem to make any sense at the time.

If Jesus had spoken right out against the wicked church leaders, His mission would have been cut short. Think about the many times He would say to people, "My time is not yet come." At the end of His ministry, He did tell them right to their faces how wicked they were and He knew that they would not rest then, until they had killed Him.

But Jesus knew that the simple stories would stay in the minds of the common people, and later as they thought about them, the Holy Spirit would cause them to understand the deep meanings hidden in the stories and they would learn, just as we are, the precious lessons in the story-pictures.

Sometimes when people read the Bible, and don't know Jesus very well, they think He did not want the people to know the truths, so he hid them. But it was so they would understand the truth later, that He did this.

The disciples did what we can all do; they came and asked Jesus to know the meaning.

Thought - Every one of Jesus' picture-stories is full of wonderful things to learn and if we ask for the Great Teacher, the Holy Spirit, to come and teach us, we will learn amazing secrets.

Tuesday

Text: Luke 8:11,12 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."

Now Jesus goes on to tell them that different things happen when the seed of truth goes to different people. Some of the seed falls on the hard-

beaten, wayside path and birds swoop down and eat it.

The seed sown by the wayside represents the word of God as it falls upon the heart of a careless hearer. Like the hard-beaten path, trodden down by the feet of men and beasts, is the heart that becomes a highway for the world's traffic, its entertainment and sins.

Caught up in selfish aims and sinful pleasure, their heart is hard. They don't see spiritual things at all. They hear the word, but don't understand that it applies to them. They don't realize their need or their danger. They do not notice the love of Christ, and they pass by the message of His grace as something that does not concern them.

Satan is ready to catch away the seeds of divine truth from the mind just like the birds are ready to catch up the seed from the wayside. He fears that the word of God may awaken the careless, and take effect upon the hard hearts. Satan and his angels are there when the gospel is preached. While God's angels try to impress hearts with truth, the enemy is on the alert to snatch the words away from the minds.

Often Satan will bring some thing to distract minds that have been impressed with some word of truth. This happened plainly one time at a youth meeting. The speaker had told the young people about the need to give their hearts to Jesus and they were deeply impressed. He wanted to urge them to come forward and pray with him; but instead, a 'special' music was announced, that was a lively, silly ditty and the youth were then told of a pizza party to be held later. All thoughts of dedicating their lives to God were gone. The Birds had struck—the seeds were taken away.

Thought - Watch out for the 'birds'! They don't only go to church meetings; they will try to snatch away truth from you as you read Bible, or even your TEMKIT lessons. They strike by bringing along some exciting thing that catches your attention and makes you forget Jesus. Don't let them do it!

Wednesday

Text: Luke 8:13,14 "They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."

Have you ever seen someone who gets so excited about everything that comes along, but then if you see them a couple days later, they have forgotten all about it? Well this is what the stony ground hearers do.

Some of these people seem to be good Christians; the seed grows up fast, but underneath is a hard, selfish heart, and so the good seeds wither and die. It isn't receiving the truth quickly that is their problem; the trouble is their selfish, worldly hearts underneath that they don't want to give up. They don't want to have Jesus come in and break up the stony hearts and take their selfishness away.

They think they are 'good enough' themselves and don't see the need to be connected deeply with Jesus.

The Thorny Ground people are similar; they have big weeds in their hearts and don't want to have Jesus remove them. These weeds can be love of entertainment, fantasy movies or books, video games, sports, appetite, or worldly friends.

They can also be worrying about business, school, and troubles in our lives instead of turning these things over to Jesus and trusting Him to take care of them.

Often these people are the 'busy' ones. Busy with work, studying worldly things, learning sports and watching them, parties, music, and even church activities. All the problems and stuff of the worldly life are big and getting bigger in their hearts every day.

There's no time to study and talk to Jesus, no time to search their hearts and plead for Jesus to pull out those weeds and move in. The plants of heavenly truth struggle down under all the prickly weeds and after a while, although the person may still come to church, there is no Christian fruit in their lives. The heart is just a thorn patch of worldly ideas.

Thought - It takes time to be a real Christian, time to think deeply, time to talk to Jesus deeply, time to read and study deeply. If you have a heart with 'busy worldly weeds' in it, turn right around now and have Jesus help you tear them out of there! This worldly stuff is all going to end soon and you don't want to meet Jesus with a weed garden for a heart!

Thursday

Text: Luke 8:15,18 "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth

fruit with patience. ..Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

Did you know that everyone of those other kinds of hearers could become good ground if they chose to? Yes, Jesus will come in and dig up the hard ground, break up the stony ground and remove the rocks, and pull up the prickly weeds—He'll be glad to work with us to do it, if we want Him to, and ask that it be done.

I have never yet seen a garden where you could justly go there and plant your seeds, without someone putting in some real work ahead of time, digging, raking, taking out rocks, tearing out weeds. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit and the Heavenly Angels to help with this work if we choose to plead that it be done for us.

Jesus went on to warn them, to be careful how they treated the seeds of truth He was giving them. He was bringing them the Words of Life, and if they rejected them, or were careless about trying to learn the lessons they needed to know, they would lose the seeds. The devil would snatch them away or choke them somehow and they would be lost!

He was telling His disciples to pay attention! God's truths are not something unimportant that it might be interesting to know, but doesn't really matter. No! No! It is a matter of life and death for each one of us, how we decide to treat the Word of Truth that comes to us.

Jesus told them that if they rejected these truths, they would lose even what they seemed to have already.

This is true—sometimes a person leads a fairly good life, but then they come face to face with the truths of God's Word, maybe at a meeting or in a book somewhere. They decide they will not accept the new truth. After all, they have a pretty good life, why should they change what they have been doing? They will just stay the same.

But they never do! Strangely, after they refuse the new truth, they start to lose hold on all their Christian beliefs. They become changed to be more like the devil than Jesus and the terrible thing is—they don't see it themselves!! This is very serious indeed.

Thought - We must, each one of us, young or old, make learning in Jesus' school of truth the number 1 job in our lives! What good would it be to have worldly honor, fun and fame and be forever lost?

Friday

Text: Mark 4:26-29. "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

The seed is a living thing that has God's power in it; this is true of the Bible Truth also. If it comes to a heart that chooses to receive it, it will grow. We can't explain how a seed grows to a plant.

The seed does not have power to make itself grow; it is God's Power that makes seeds sprout and grow. But the seed has something to do in order to grow; it must receive what God has made available to it so it can live and grow. It must take in water, send down roots for food, and start growing up towards the sunlight.

A sinner cannot change himself into a child of God either, but the Power of God will do just that, if that person chooses and cooperates with the Heavenly Powers. The Word of God has power like the life in a living seed. As we receive it into the heart, it starts to grow. Then if we take hold of what God has given to us to help us grow, the food of His Word, the water of the Holy Spirit, the breath of prayer and reach up towards Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, changes will happen.

As we continue each day to co-operate with God, we will learn and grow and develop more and more like Jesus, until we 'grow up into Him'. The same mighty power that makes a giant tree out of a tiny seed is what will work for us.

Thought - Man cannot make a living seed; just so man's words and ideas do not have the Living Power that God's Words in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy have. As you learn and draw closer to Jesus, you will learn to know the difference.

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