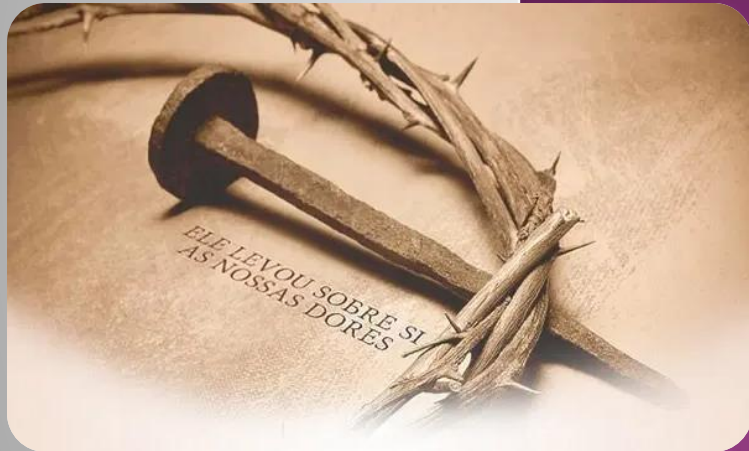


**“But I say to you
who hear: Love your
enemies”**



Luke 6:27

**The Battle for
the Heart:**
to which
kingdom will it
belong?



Highlights

1. What is planted in my Law
2. The problem with an evil seed
3. Uprooting the plants of the wicked one



I. What is planted in my Lawn? ⁽¹⁾

- The lawn is my heart and it's my decision how I want to plant it.
- “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field” *Matthew 13:31*
- Love, forgiveness, and compassion are among the seeds of the Kingdom



I. What is planted in my Lawn? (2)

- The Kingdom of Satan can also be planted in my heart. Hatred, bitterness, and grudges are all seeds for this evil kingdom.
- The command given to us is not to plant two different seeds in our lawns.



I. What is planted in my Lawn? (3)

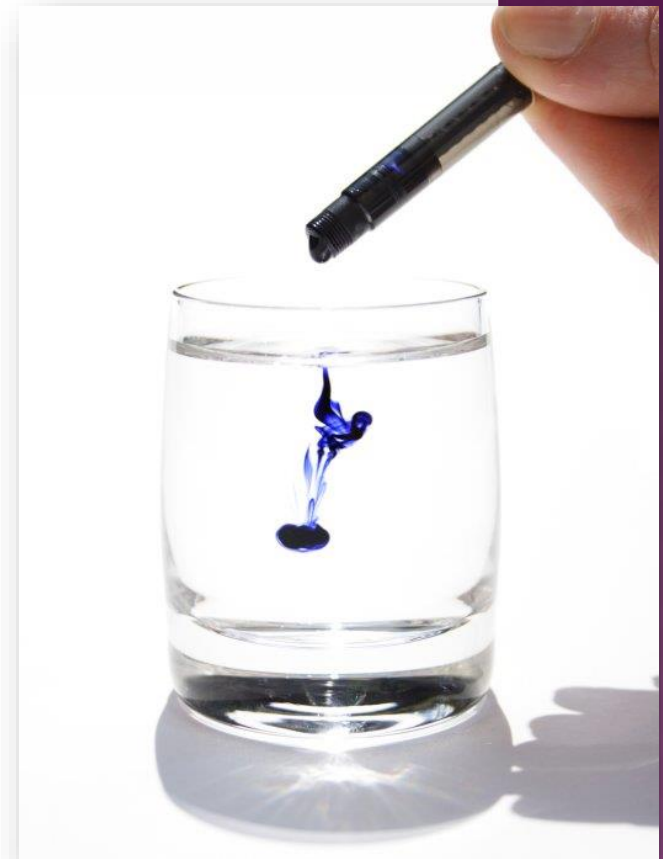
- “You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled”

Deuteronomy 22:9



II. The problem with an evil seed ⁽¹⁾

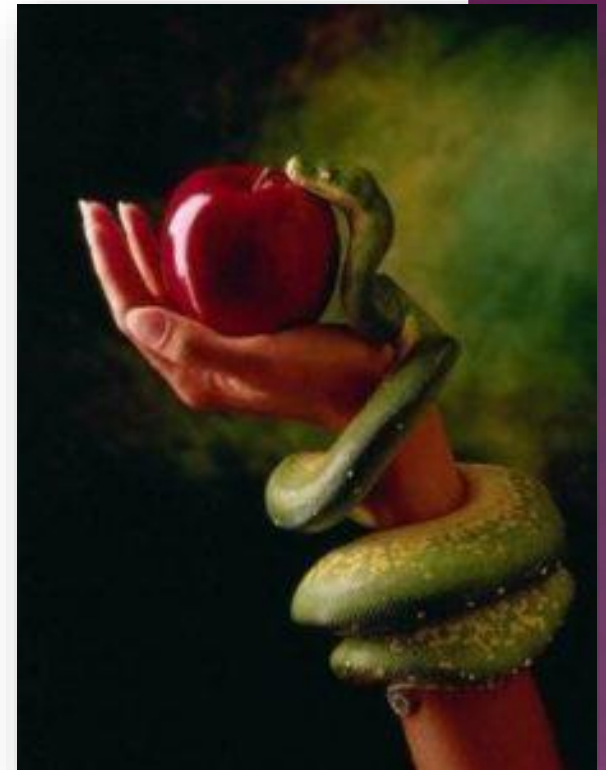
1. An evil seed of hatred or bitterness will defile and overwhelm my heart no matter how hard I try to contain it in one place
- The example of the drop of ink and the glass of water



II. The problem with an evil seed (2)

2. A seed of hatred or bitterness will soon be a huge tree with multiple fruits:

- Anger
- Cruelty
- Obsession
- Desire for revenge



II. The problem with an evil seed (3)

3. The aim of Satan when we are hurt is mainly to accept the seed of grudges and allow him to plant it in our heart.
4. Leaving this seed to grow will turn my heart into a piece of hell.



II. The problem with an evil seed (4)

5. Feeding this seed with fuel of self-pity and repeated replay of the hurt will lock the person in hell. By then, the victim would rather burn in hell fire than to check with his enemy
- “The gates of Hell are locked from inside” C.S. Lewis



II. The problem with an evil seed (5)

6. Humans are eternal beings and the kingdoms they allow to grow in their hearts will determine and explain the eternal fate for each of them.
7. On many occasions, the evil plant will disguise itself to look like a good one



III. Uprooting the plants of the Wicked one ⁽¹⁾

1. Continuous searching for the evil plant of hatred in my heart.
2. A true repentance is to be offered: taking responsibility, calling things by name, offering sincere apology when needed, and confessing before God and my confession father



III. Uprooting the plants of the Wicked one ⁽²⁾

- 3. Fighting against the thoughts of self-pity or replaying the hurt over and over
- 4. My emotions are to be left to God for healing. Asking God for help to subdue my will to offer love in action



III. Uprooting the plants of the Wicked one ⁽³⁾

- 5. Even if the friendship is impaired beyond repair, peaceful and respectful interactions should be followed when possible.
- 6. Never act out of a desire for revenge no matter how much the action is justified.



III. Uprooting the plants of the Wicked one ⁽⁴⁾

7. Praying for those who hurt you and for yourself along with patience and long-suffering are powerful remedies against the evil seed of hatred.

