The Word For The Weak

~~ Weekly Newsletter ~~
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"For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WORD IS: "KIND"

SAYING THESE THINGS:

In Newsletter #2024-11, we explored the word Kind as it relates to a demeanor of the Heart. In this Newsletter, we will consider the Word Kind as it relates to various kinds of things or species.

I have learned a great deal about this kind of "Kind" over the years, just by hearing when the Lord brings up the Word, and then Him showing me various uses in Scripture, along with juxtaposing those uses against some of the World's use.

Let's now see how Kind is used in the Bible, beginning with Genesis.

Genesis 1:11

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its <u>kind</u>, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Genesis 1:21

21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their **kind**, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Genesis 1:24

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its **kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its **kind**"; and it was so. **25** And God made the beast of the earth according to its **kind**, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its **kind**. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 6:20

20 Of the birds after their **kind**, of animals after their **kind**, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its **kind**, two of every **kind** will come to you to keep them alive. **21** And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them." **22** Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7:13

13 On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—14 they and every beast after its <u>kind</u>, all cattle after their <u>kind</u>, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its <u>kind</u>, and every bird after its <u>kind</u>, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.
16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

So far, we can see that our Creator God establishes in Scripture that He creates things after their own Kind; trees after trees, plants after plants, birds after birds, and so on.

This is also true with man. Male and Female are both human, and are thus born after his or her own kind.

Let us now take a look in the New Testament, starting with one of the temptations that Satan used against Jesus.

Matthew 4:3

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these **stones become bread**."

Here, not only is Satan tempting Christ to eat before his fast was over, but also to make stones turn into bread. Bread is a substance made with grain, which procreates after its own kind. Stones do not procreate, but are produced by mechanical and chemical reactions found in the earth. Nor are they edible in their typical form. If Jesus had succumbed to this temptation, He would have violated His own previously established order of creation, (i.e. each after its own kind), since rocks are not an edible food source.

(When Jesus multiplied the Fish and the Loaves, it was after two Kinds of edible foods, fish and bread, therefore replicating each after its own Kind).

Also in like fashion, when one is saved, that person has been born (again) after the spiritual "genome" of the Messiah. We then go on to multiply as we spread the Seed of the Gospel, with each new Believer being born (again) after our own Kind, Who is Messiah Jesus.

The clearly demonstrates the Kindness of our Father, Who brings to birth new Sons and Daughters after the Kindness of His only begotten Son Jesus.

Would it not be true to say that the Church is a New Kind of Being, with Jesus being our Head?

Of course, we are also referred to as Rocks (lively stones). Rocks do not procreate, but we do fit together next to each other when properly placed by the Master Builder.

May our <u>Father</u> grant us <u>His</u> Light to Know, Live, and Love <u>His</u> **Word**.

Amen.