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⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap in joy.

⁶ He who continually goes
forth weeping, bearing seed
for sowing, shall doubtless
come again with rejoicing,
bringing his sheaves with
him.

Psalm 126: 5,6 (NKJV)

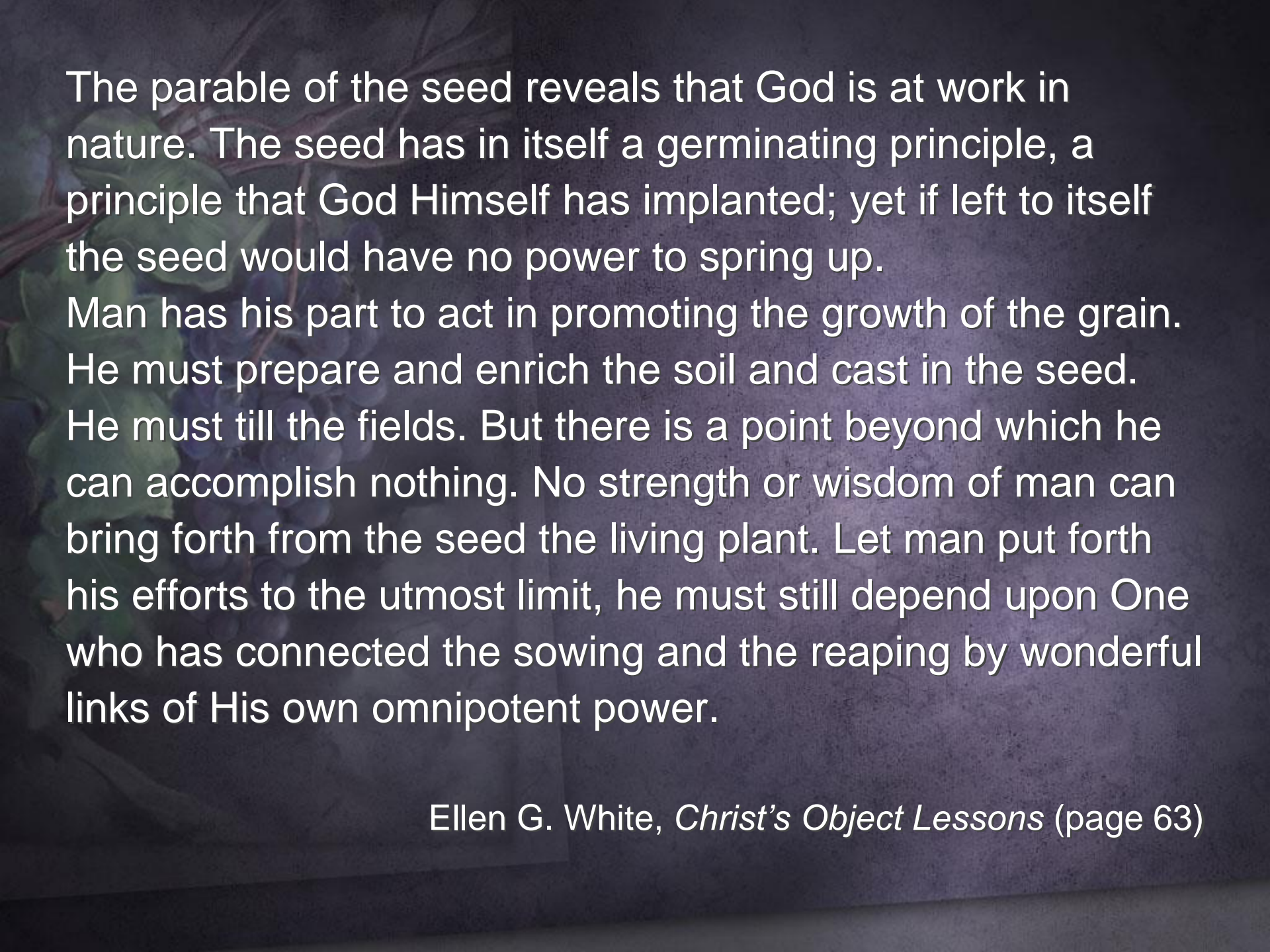


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The parable of the seed reveals that God is at work in nature. The seed has in itself a germinating principle, a principle that God Himself has implanted; yet if left to itself the seed would have no power to spring up.

Man has his part to act in promoting the growth of the grain. He must prepare and enrich the soil and cast in the seed. He must till the fields. But there is a point beyond which he can accomplish nothing. No strength or wisdom of man can bring forth from the seed the living plant. Let man put forth his efforts to the utmost limit, he must still depend upon One who has connected the sowing and the reaping by wonderful links of His own omnipotent power.

Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons* (page 63)

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Sharing Time from
the letter to the Philippians

- Favorite verse so far?
- How can you share this good news with others?



Come to Jesus, and receive rest and peace. You may have the blessing even now. Satan suggests that you are helpless, and cannot bless yourself. It is true; you are helpless. But lift up Jesus before him: "I have a risen Saviour. In him I trust, and he will never suffer me to be confounded. In his name I triumph. He is my righteousness, and my crown of rejoicing."

Let no one here feel that his case is hopeless; for it is not. You may see that you are sinful and undone; but it is just on this account that you need a Saviour. If you have sins to confess, lose no time. These moments are golden. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." *1 John 1:9*.

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness will be filled; for Jesus has promised it. Precious Saviour! his arms are open to receive us, and his great heart of love is waiting to bless us.

A Morning Talk by Ellen G. White, Battle Creek, Michigan, Nov. 1883



In some way the love of God shining from the cross of Calvary reaches a man's heart.

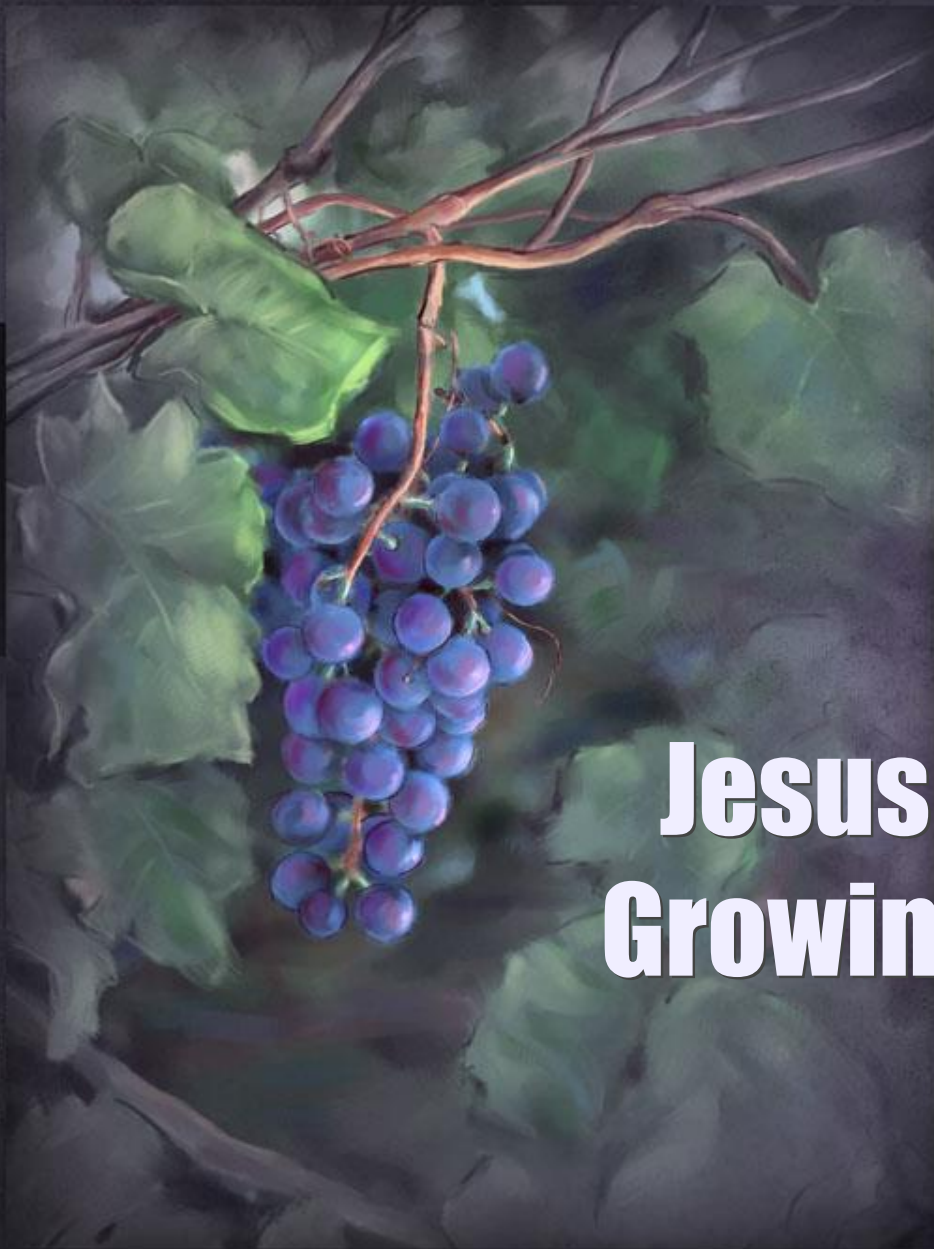
He yields, repents, confesses, and by faith claims Christ as his Savior. The instant that is done, he is accepted as a child of God.

His sins are forgiven, his guilt is cancelled, he is accounted righteous, and stands approved, justified, before the divine law.

And this amazing, miraculous change may take place in one short hour.

This is righteousness by faith.

Christ Our Righteousness, A.G. Daniels, 1941 (p.15)



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