

# Germination

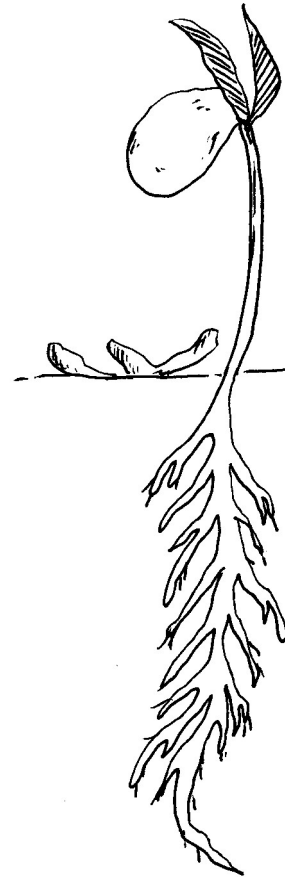
Generally, seeds need three things to germinate: water, warmth and soil to grow in. Water helps to soften the seed coat so the sprout can emerge, activate the food reserve which fuels the initial growth, and wash away any acid that helps to keep a seed dormant.

Some seeds need very particular conditions to germinate. For example, some need fire to melt the resin that seals the seed, some need drought so their seed case dries and cracks, some need a season of cold so that the freeze and thaw cycle can soften the seed case, and some need to pass through the digestion process.

One thing that all seeds do need to germinate is some degree of warmth. What came to me as I thought about how warmth is reflected in a spiritual garden was enthusiasm, desire, exertion, passion, love.

This does seem to be somewhat supported by Scripture. There has to be love for God before His character can grow in us. "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deuteronomy 6:5). If that love grows cold, there is not much chance it will have a good effect on us. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:12,13).

So, to add warmth to the soil in your heart, and allow for the germination of the seeds of the word, you need to add a little enthusiasm like David had: "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God" (Psalm 84:2).



1. Psalm 119:1-3

2. Psalm 119:4-6

3. Psalm 119:7-8

4. Psalm 119:9-11

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