

The Expected Harvest

Gal. 6:7

“7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows”

INTRO: We have ministered on the seasons of life and the latter rain. These words of the Lord have brought us to the law of the harvest. Don't expect a strawberry pie if you have harvest lemons. The principles are very simple: do the math, read the instructions, follow the manual, it will take you straight to what the Apostle Paul said: “6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously”

- I. **THE WORLD DIDN'T GAVE US ANY HARVEST** – Rom. 6:21-22 “²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.”
 1. ***It brought shame***
 - 1) The devil had us deceived: “We thought we were good”
 - (1) Later we felt “ashamed”
 2. ***It was leading us to death***
 - 1) Prov. 14:12 “¹² There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”
 3. ***Satan's Principle***
 - 1) Jn. 10:10 “¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
- II. **SOWING ACCORDING TO THE WORD**
 1. ***We sow for a spiritual body*** - 1 Cor. 15:44 “⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”
 - 1) What we put in this body(physical) is what we will have in the spiritual body
 - (1) If we pray, God will hear
 - (2) If we read His Word, His promises will be clear
 - (3) If we act by faith, it will happen
 2. ***He will always supply the seed*** - 1 Cor. 9:10 “¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”
 - 1) God will always put something in our hands
 - (1) Ecc. 9:10 “¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.”
 3. ***Sowing in the field of the Spirit*** - Gal. 6:8 “⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”
 - 1) What kind of sowing pleases the Spirit?
 - (1) Doing good - Gal. 6:9 “⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
 4. Knowing **when** and **how** to sow - Is. 28:24, 29 “²⁴ When a farmer plows for planting, does he plow continually? Does he keep on breaking up and harrowing the soil? ...²⁹ All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom.”
 - 1) Everything has its own way of cultivating and sowing
 - 2) God gives us the counsel and wisdom

III. KNOWING WHAT WE ARE HARVESTING

1. *A portion belongs to the **Lord***

1) Lev. 23:10 ¹⁰ “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest’”

2. *Separate a portion to the **needy***

1) Lev. 23:22 ²² “ ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.’”

3. *What you give you will **receive***

1) 1 Cor. 9:6 ⁶ “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

4. *Our harvest brings joy*

1) Ps. 126:5 ⁵ “Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.”

5. *We know what we are **expected to do***

1) Hosea 10:11-12 ¹¹ Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh; so I will put a yoke on her fair neck. I will drive Ephraim, Judah must plow, and Jacob must break up the ground. ¹² Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.”

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(2) Judah **must plow**

(3) Jacob must **break up the ground**

6. *We will reap UNFAILING LOVE!*

7. *It its TIME TO SEEK THE LORD*

8. *UNTIL HE COMES!*

CONCLUSION: