

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2

Store In My Heart

Obadiah 1:1-2

The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!" Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised.

This small book is a reminder that God rules over all the kingdoms of men. When Judah was taken captive by Babylon, the people of Edom helped in the capture of the Israelites who were fleeing. God promised that they would suffer the consequences of harming His people. Edom was a nation of descendants of Esau, the twin brother of Jacob. God will hold all peoples accountable for their actions.

We need to give attention to the declaration of God against Edom and learn the lesson well.



Then Comes The Harvest

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In **Matthew 13:37** Jesus says: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man" (read also **Matthew 13:38-43**). In **John 4:35** Jesus says: "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" From these two passages we can see that there are two harvests. One is the harvest of souls and the other is the harvest of works.

When Do We Harvest?

As we can learn from **John 4:35** the harvest of souls are ready now! All around us are bumper crops of individual souls ready to be harvested - yet there are so few laborers to do so. But the laborers in God's kingdom must be ready and willing to harvest as much as they possibly can - the harvest of souls are ready, are we? But what about the other harvest, the harvest of our works? We can learn from the apostle Paul that what we sow we shall reap and the harvest of these works will come about in "due season" (**Galatians 6:8-9**). He gives emphasis on those that are sowing to the spirit for they shall reap life everlasting! When the end of the world is come then the harvest will be accomplished. Those that do good things according to the will of God will have life eternal but those that reap after the flesh will suffer eternal damnation.

What Will Happen In The Harvest?

The soul reapers will be rewarded. In **John 4:36** Jesus says: "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." If we know that those that reap souls will have this great reward, why is it that so many do not even attempt to do any harvesting? I think the

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For Our Information

Jimmy Gray has physical therapy for a while yet.

Betty Ragsdale is still improving.

School will start again in just a few weeks. We need to remember those taking end of summer trips. It would also be a good idea to start praying for our young folks who will be alone among the worldly influences of secular education on a daily basis again.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

answer to this question is that we are not *“able to give an answer”* (**1Peter 3:15**). Not only will the soul reapers be rewarded, but the soul reapers will rejoice. How wonderful it will be when the soul reapers and the soul that is reaped can rejoice in heaven together! We also learn that as a result of our works here on the earth that when the end of the world comes that the good will be separated from the bad (**Matthew 13:37-43**).

Upon What Does The Harvest Depend?

It not only depends upon what we have sown (**Galatians 6:7**), but it depends upon how we have sown it. In **2Corinthians 9:6** Paul says *“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”* We need to try to be in the number that strives to reap bountifully! It also takes a lot of patience to have a successful harvest (**James 5:7; Galatians 6:9**). The harvest is also depending upon where the seed is sown. Some seed (the word of God) are spent on the way side, stony, or thorny soil, while some lands on the good. This all represents the heart of man as one receives God's word (**Matthew 13:19-23**). Not everyone that we share the word of God with will respond to the gospel and become a Christian. But you see, we don't know the heart of man so we cannot be prejudicial regarding with whom we share the word. Let us plant, let us water, and then let God have the chance to allow their heart to respond (**1Corinthians 3:6**). The climate conditions also need to be right (**Acts 14:17; James 5:7**).

What Will We Reap?

Some will reap corruption (**Galatians 6:8**) and others will reap eternal life (**Galatians 6:8; John 4:36**)! The thought of this harvest should inspire us to keep on sharing the word of God with others and cause us to show care in what we sow unto others (**Galatians 6:7**). The Lord has given us the harvest and we are the reapers. Are we reaping the harvest before us?

(This article serves two purposes. **First**, it teaches from God's Word the importance of spreading the Gospel. We, as servants of Christ, have been given the work of telling the lost of the salvation found in Jesus. It is an important work, but it is also a commanded work. This work cannot be shirked if we expect to obtain eternal life. **Secondly**, this article illustrates one of the lessons we have learned from our Sunday class study in “How To Study The Bible.” The same figurative language is used in both passages, but careful consideration of context allows us to see that two different actions are being described, one now and the other at the end of time. Right now we are preparing for the final harvest! Study, Pray, Apply, Repeat! DLH)



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