

13- Servants Know Harvest Time is Coming Mark 4:21-29

The time of harvest has been celebrated as long as mankind has existed. The spring seed planting looks forward to the time when the labor will produce the fruits. There is hope in the future.

May I suggest that it is no different for those who sow the seeds of the gospel? As a matter of fact the Bible tells us that **"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."** Luke 15:10

I- Mystery of the Seed:

A law in sowing is that we need to give our best. **Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** Even after we give our best still there is a mystery in the seed that is sown in the ground. There is a mystery in the sowing of the seed of the gospel.

We are told we are born of in **1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.** So again we see the Word is the seed of life.

Notice the parable Jesus uses about the mystery of the seed growing. **Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; 27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. 28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.** So do not be discouraged in sowing, some will take root.

II- Harvest Time is Coming:

The one thing we need to understand is that we are responsible for sowing. Jesus told us here that we do not light a light and hide it from the world. **Mark 4:21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?**

Now the one thing related to the harvest is after the seed is sown and the sower is done with his or her responsibility. The next responsibility is the hearer is responsible for their reaction.

Mark 4:23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Oh, beloved please hear the warning that comes with the gospel. One is that you are not guaranteed another week, day or even a breath. **Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

III- Judgment of the Crop:

Christians concerning our sowing of seed, we are not one that is assessing the crop God is. Christian we are called to be about the business of God and judgment will come to our faithfulness. Notice **Mark 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. 25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.** We will give an account, not for the seed's growth but the seeds sown.

Now notice with me last **Mark 4:29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.** One thing that is done at harvest time is the crop is inspected. There is some of the produce that pass the test and some that does not. Some are literally tossed out of the pile of good.

Notice a somber warning as well in **Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.**

Paul told the men and women on Mars Hill in **Acts 17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

If you are hearing this preached or reading this let me reason with you that you need to respond to the Gospel today. Paul at another time reasoned with a man name Felix recorded in **Act 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.**

Beloved please do not put off the acceptance of Christ. There is coming a time of judgment of the crop. The sickle will be thrust into the world. Where will you be? Will you be safe in Christ or cast aside?

Revelation 14:14-16 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

There will come a time of separating. Jesus taught us this in a parable of tares and wheat. **Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

There is a time when the seeds will spring forth in life. Keep sowing the seeds. Keep faithful. Lost man or woman there is coming a time of harvest when those that have allowed the seed to spring forth into life will be separated while the others will be cast into the fire. God realizes that many in the church today are not saved. He knows who is and who is not.