

You Will Reap 3-08-09

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This morning let's turn to Galatians.

Galatians 6:1-10 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

I want to address some things that are happening in the world around us. The world around us is changing every day. It seems principles are being destroyed right in front of our eyes. We are seeing things today where this principle of reaping and sowing is completely destroyed. Everyone lives for the moment it appears. What I want to instill is as the world slides it will be harder and harder to maintain our positions and principles of standing firm. It's one thing when we're on level ground to stand, and that's hard enough, but whenever the ground gets harder and the hill gets against standing, the tendency is to slide with it - no matter our good intentions we tend to slide right along with the world. This is one of the examples; pray for me I have a lot of thoughts going through my head and I'll try to get them out this morning.

People in this generation have no idea of what the bible says in many instances. When Jesus talks about farming or sowing or reaping or any of the examples where men actually worked with their hands, people don't know what He's talking about today. They read these parables today, and at the time when He spoke them they got the general idea because that is the way they did things. Today even when you talk about groceries and you ask them where milk came from they'd say Walmart and not even know unless they saw some skit on Sesame Street that said milk came from a cow, they wouldn't know that, let alone planting something in the ground and watching it grow. They don't have a clue about that, they don't know when you plant a good seed, that's what will grow and if you plant a bad seed, a bad seed will come up. That principle has been completely destroyed.

Today they talk about bail outs going on in the world. People made promises to repay but now someone comes along and pays it for them. What does that say about sowing and reaping? It destroys them completely. This is the society we are turning into, where what we say doesn't mean anything. You used to hear that if a man said something, that's what it meant. You didn't need contracts. You could shake hands and that meant he was going to do what he said. Nobody fathoms that anymore, we got to the place where lawyers draw papers and people have to sign it and now you got a deal. Now, even after all that, they're trying to pass laws that once you make a deal and you decide you can't do your part, we'll start it over again and let you change it how it suits you. They are trying to pass laws where a judge can rewrite the contract and disregard the one that's at loss and put it where he doesn't have to uphold his end of the responsibility. That destroys the principles of sowing and reaping. Jesus said let your nays be nays and your yays be yays.

Again I am amazed at how simple the further we get away from God the more rules you need to govern society. How hard is "let your nay be nay and your yay be yay?" Now we got all the papers, sign them with everything you got and it still doesn't mean a thing. The further we get away from godliness, the more rules we have to make and the more meaningless those rules become. We reap what we sow; we're going to reap what we sow. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. It doesn't matter how man makes it appear or how man makes it fit so that he comes out well in this life, you will reap what you sow. Do not be deceived about it. There is coming a day when we are going to stand before God and all our lawyers and all our contracts and all our justifications in our own mind are going to be meaningless. We are going to reap what we sow. If we sow in this flesh, we're going to reap corruption the bible says. But if we sow in the spirit, we'll reap life everlasting. Don't be weary in doing what is right. You may never see the light at the end of the tunnel of what you are endeavoring to uphold, you may never in this life get out of the hole that we have dug ourselves into but do not be weary in well doing. Stay hooked.

Last night on the street we met some mockers who came up and said some horrible things. We reprovved them and they mocked on. We tried to warn them that they are going to reap what they sow. They have no concept of that, absolutely no concept of it. The oldest one did recognize that there might be a God and there might be a little something to it but the two younger men didn't - it meant nothing too, not one thing. I thought about it last night and this morning. Somebody has failed those people. I thought, "you know those men might not have had a father, they must not have had a father. They didn't have a father to instill character and

respect in them." They had no respect for God or anyone else. We are reaping what has been sown. You can't have a 50-60% divorce rate and women running around everywhere with children by several different fathers and nobody knows who the father is or the father is taken out of their lives and the woman is running the home without reaping what they are sowing. They think they can get away with it.

No wonder people do what they do and there's not respect for anything. We forgot about what it means by we will reap what we sow. We have the concept of instant gratification, instantly. I want it right now, we don't have time for patience anymore. And things get faster and faster. I remember when the computer came out you had to wait for them to come on and wait to get signed in and it was a ten minute deal before you could get to where you wanted to go ... now if you turn it on and it takes two seconds to come on we think, "what's wrong with this thing? It's got a disease or something." We get aggravated at it. That's the way we are to everything and it carries out into every aspect of our lives. It's why people get discouraged about going out and planting seeds and plowing and working for the Lord. If we don't see some fruit right now, we might stay out there two or three days but we're going home after that because there's no use. When Jesus talked about the Gospel, He used farming in many cases. I don't know of a farmer yet that can go out and plow, fertilize, disk, plant seeds, harvest in fifteen minutes. Never heard of it. When Jesus talked about it, He talked about being diligent. Sowing, planting and waiting for the harvest. Be not weary in well doing. What does it mean by that? You're probably not going to see much fruit out of what you do. "Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

An Evangelist walking into a church trying to preach, plow, disk, water, fertilize and then reap in a twenty minute message and expect someone to come forward and get saved has to be one of the things that's hurt the Gospel the most. The last time I checked, the trees that stand in the forest, the big strong ones, are 100 years old. They didn't get that way in 15 minutes. They got there one little ring at a time. Most people don't even know what that means. Trees when you cut them have rings and you can count each ring in a cross cut of a log and tell how old the tree is and each one of those rings equals one year. It takes a long time to grow a big strong tree. Don't be weary in well doing. If you take a short cut, you're just sowing trouble. Sometimes people try to get a quick fix to their problems, they are really adding years to their problems because we reap what we sow.

A lot of young people here, you're going to reap what you sow. In other words your actions are going to grow the fruit of what you do is going to grow. The way you act right now and the things you do, good or bad, are going to grow fruit. You're going to pay for it one way or another. You may escape this whole life not paying for them but you will pay for them one way or another. We can't even imagine what the judgment day is going to be like because we will pay for what we do. Sometimes we see some pretty harsh things in this temporary world where we have to pay a price for what we've done wrong. Whenever we face eternity without God reaping full course for the way we lived, it will be an entirely different story. We need to instill character, right and wrong, standing for principles in children. Learn it.

If you're asked to do something, do it and do it right. If you learn to be a slacker now, you'll be a slacker all your life and are just sowing seeds to be a slacker. People think when they grow up one day they'll start doing what they're supposed to do but if you get into a bad rut it's hard to get out of it but if you get into a good rut it's hard to get out of it too. That's why we train you the way you should go so it's harder for you to get out of that good rut about doing what's right. There's a lack today of men and women. You all are going to grow up and find a so-so wife or find a so-so husband, whatever ... is that the way you're thinking. You ought not to think "I don't care. I don't care if he's late and a little lazy and I have to do all the work, I don't care. I don't care if he's a bum and takes welfare. I don't care if he lies to me. It's ok, it doesn't matter." Do you want a wife who doesn't clean the house and doesn't know how to cook is that what you're wanting? Just so-so? Just so we can have fun once in a while. No. You all want the best. You want a good one. You don't want to be stuck with an old bum, someone who doesn't care about anything, you want a good one. You know how you get a good one? You be a good one. You be one worth catching. You want a man who's a man or a man who's a little wimp? You want a woman who's a woman or an old grouchy boss? You be a man, you be a good young man or a good young lady then you'll know what to look for and that's just in this life. It is said a tree lays where it falls and that's how it will be in eternity. You're not going to take a trip to heaven, the trip won't change you. People have the idea that somehow when they die they all the sudden are going to be a saint. That's one of the biggest lies in the world. If you aren't a saint here, you won't be a saint in heaven. You are not going to be a devil here and turn into an angel in heaven. A.W. Tozer used to say you can take a mule and put it on an air plane and ship it off to South America but when it gets off the air plane, it's still a mule. He made reference to missionaries. If we're not a missionary here you can get on a plane and travel anywhere in the world but you won't be a missionary just because you took a plane ride. You won't become a super Christian because you go all over the world. You are either one here, now, every day or you're not. A trip to eternity isn't going to change you. You will only be what you are right now. You will have a different body but you'll still be the same old person inside. You'll love God with all your heart, soul, and strength and be a man or lady full of character, or anything short of that you'll be that way in hell. You're gonna reap what you sow and be what you are. You'll be what you live. Be not deceived, don't trick yourself.

May the Lord add His blessings.

