

Reward For Sowing The Good Seed

(Part 2)

“Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.” (Psalm 126: 5-6)

Why sowing time considered a season of sadness and why the farmer will go out in the season of sowing with tears? Because the farmer had invested all what he had to arrange for the seed. He had put all his capital for that and he does not know what will be the outcome of all his work and the profit for all the investment that he had.

Living your life for Christ in giving up lot of the worldly things and giving your life fully for Him, and this is great sacrifice and suffering but you will be rewarded for that. We may mourn now on earth but we will be comforted, ***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4)*** God will reward us for every effort we have done for Him.

But certain times there are discouragement that will come along the way and disturb us and make us sad and render the sowing of our lives for Jesus a sad process. We will read certain scripture and we will take out certain points that encourage us and give us better understanding, so we can go forward with more enthusiasm to serve God.

1- From the Parable of the sower we get encouragement: “³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.” ¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23)

From the parable of the sower we can see that the seed can fall on four types of soils. Some seed fell along the path, some fell on rocky places. Other seeds fell among thorns and still other fell on good soil. Those that fell along the path, those are the people when we give to them the word of God the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their hearts. The seed falling on rocky ground are those who receive our message with gladness but when trials, troubles and persecution will come because of the word of God the people will fall

away. The seed that is falling among the thorns are those who hear the message but worries, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desire of others things will come in and choke the word of God and we found them away from the Lord and living their own lives and doing their own will. For the first three types of people we invest our best to bring the Word of God to them and serve them, but there is no outcome from their lives and that discourages us and makes us daunted to go on and sow more. But that is not the truth yet. There is still the fourth type of people where the seed fall on good soil and those is the people who hear the word of God and understand it and put it into practice and produce a harvest and bringing more souls into the Kingdom of God. So whatever your hard work and effort that you are investing do not look on those who are not responding to the message or willing to follow God carefully, but on those who are responding and bringing fruit that replace and outstand what you had lost.

2- From Jesus word we get encouragement: “I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” (John 4:38) Certain times we work hard to achieve certain things but some other people getting the benefit of our labour. That really might cause you discouragement. But there are many times that you had reaped what other people had worked hard and labored. Therefore even if I am serving and working hard and some of my labour got benefited by other believer that is fine and acceptable because this is the work of God. I should accept that gladly, and after all this is God’s work and for God’s glory. In the same way I may got blessed with something that I even did not get a drop of sweet; this will compensate what I had labored and other got blessed with. Therefore do not be discouraged if someone else benefited of your hard work, and don’t take the decision that you will not serve further because you are not getting directly the fruit of your toil.

3- From Paul writing we get encouragement: “What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:5-9) We are working for God and everyone had assigned a certain task that he needs to do and achieve for the Lord. Some they plant the seed, others will water it, and some will harvest but the reward of God depends on our labour and not on how much we harvested. Therefore if you got discouraged and are not willing to do your part in the work of God then how God will reward you!

My Dear and Beloved: “But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” (2 Chronicles 15:7) God’s word encourage us to go forward and continue to sow in doing the good work of God and not to give up because a great reward is awaiting for us as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to fix my eyes always on you and on your word and your promises. Help me and strengthen me and protect me during all trials and deliver me from the evil one so I can continue go on and serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.