

The End of the Harvest is the End of the World

Not every person you preach to will immediately show signs of change. It's natural to desire instant transformation in everyone we witness to, and as a preacher or believer, it can be discouraging when you spend months—or even years—faithfully sharing the gospel, only to see little or no lasting fruit.

Sometimes, even when you do see results, they seem minimal compared to the effort you've invested.

However, in these moments, remember this profound truth: the end of the harvest is not today. The final harvest is not the moment you're preaching; it is not today. The harvest will come at the end of time, when God sends His angels to separate the wheat from the weeds, and the wheat will be gathered into the barn. That moment is not now.

Matthew 13:39 (New King James Version): "The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."

In this passage, Jesus explains that the harvest symbolizes the final judgment at the end of the world. The reapers (angels) will gather the righteous (the wheat) into God's eternal kingdom, and the wicked (the weeds) will be cast away. This passage reminds us that the results of our efforts in spreading the gospel may not be fully revealed in this lifetime, but God will take care of the final separation.

Matthew 13:49-50 (New International Version): "This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

At the end of the age, when Christ returns, there will be a final separation: the righteous will inherit eternal life, while the wicked will face judgment. The immediate results of our evangelistic efforts are not always apparent, but we are assured that God's justice will prevail.

So, if the person you're witnessing to today doesn't show immediate signs of change, don't be discouraged. Keep

preaching, because the final harvest has not yet come. Perhaps today you are planting the seeds, and someone else will water them tomorrow (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Or, you might be the one watering, while someone else will pull the weeds, or another will reap the harvest. All of these parts are essential before the final gathering of souls at the end of the world.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (New International Version): “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

This passage emphasizes that our work in spreading the gospel is part of a larger process. We each play our role, but it is God who causes the growth. Even if we don't see the fruits of our labor now, we trust in His timing and His plan.

Therefore, don't lose heart. The end of the world is indeed approaching, but it's not yet here. Keep shining the light of Christ in this short time we have left, even if you don't see the fruit of your labor right away. Leave the outcome in God's hands. As

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (New Living Translation) says: "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."

God calls us to be faithful in our work, regardless of the immediate results.

Keep moving forward. Continue proclaiming the message of Christ, knowing that your labor is not in vain. Even if you don't see the results now, trust that God is working, and one day, all will be revealed.

Shalom.

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