

Last month I gave you part one of this article. I talked to you about the seeds that we sow. This month I want to teach you about what I believe is a change in the seasons. Not the physical seasons but the two seasons that bring about the reproduction of seed.

In Joel 2:23, the prophet Joel prophesies about both types of seasons. I would like for us to notice what Joel said, "Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." I want to call our attention to the last part of that verse where it says, "The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." This goes along with Amos 9:13 where it says, "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills will be dissolved."

I believe that we are living in a season that has never been before in the history of the world. It is the season where the plowman and harvester are working together in the fields. The former rain and the latter rain are coming together in one month instead of being months apart. No matter what type of seed a man sows, he will reap a harvest quicker than ever before. When you think about it, that means a faster harvest and a greater harvest. Could you imagine if this was taking place in the natural realm? A farmer could harvest a corn crop four times a year instead of once a year. Wouldn't that be great! These prophecies are telling us that as we approach the return of Jesus, we will see a faster and greater harvest. That is exciting in one way and scary in another. It all depends on what type of seed you sow.

If we sow seed that honors the Lord, we will see a fast and great harvest from our seed and if we sow seed to the flesh, we will also see a great and faster harvest of corruption. (Galatians 6:8).

As we look out across the world, we see these things happening. We see where people have sown seed into countries that are closed to the Gospel, but now that seed is bringing in a tremendous harvest. In the country of China, thousands are accepting Jesus as their Lord every day! Even though they suffer from persecution, the Christians sow the seed of the Gospel and see a harvest very quickly. Many of these people have accepted the call of God and are preparing to minister in the Muslim countries in the Middle East.

On the other hand, we are seeing disasters and human tragedy like never before. These events aren't an act of God but an act of sowing seed to the flesh. In the last year, we saw hundreds of thousands of people lose their lives through natural disasters. We've seen thousands lose their lives because of the seed of Islam that's taken over northern Africa and the Middle East. We see new diseases every year. Why? It is because the seasons are drawing closer together. It isn't taking as long for the seed to produce a harvest as it once did.

We are living in harvest time! But that doesn't mean we stop sowing. What it means is we start reaping faster than ever before! You may have sown seed twenty years ago and this year you will reap the harvest. I know that for fifteen years we have been sowing seed that we will reap in a short amount of time. This seed is in several different types. Some of it is the seed of the Word of God sown into the hearts of people. Other seed is financial seed sown in other ministries and churches. There are many seeds of encouragement that we have sown that we will reap a harvest from. What a wonderful time to live in!

Now, you may be saying, "What if I sowed seed of the flesh?" Have you repented of those acts or seeds? If you have, they have been completely uprooted and they will have no effect on your life. If you have not repented, do so today. I guarantee you; you will reap a harvest of corruption if you don't.

I firmly believe that the return of Jesus will come in my life time. The closer we get to that day the faster the harvest will come in. Please understand that a quick harvest will come because God loves people. Even though God doesn't send tragedy, He will use it to turn people's eyes to Himself.

Are you expecting a harvest? I know I am.