

Laborers Needed

Text: MT 9:32-38

Intro:

- A. When there is work to be done there is also a need for laborers.
- B. Many great jobs have required much man power.
-Examples - Past: Alaskan Pipeline
Currenty: Third Harbor Tunnel,
Sewage Treatment Plant - Deer Island.
- C. When men's crops are ready to be harvest help is needed. *- harvest*
- D. The greatest task of all is before us and there is a shortage of help. - See V37.

I. WHAT TYPE OF HARVEST IS MENTIONED HERE?

- A. It is not a harvest of wheat, corn, rye or any such item.
- B. It is the souls of lost men, women, boys, and girls.
 1. It might be your son or daughter.
 2. It might be your wife or husband.
 3. It might be your dearest friend or relative.
- C. The harvest is one of plenty as there are no shortages of prospects. (Souls to be won).

Illustration: We are always reading there are some jobs, too many ^{workers} for, not enough work to employ the available workers.

-For example, a few years back, it was reported that there were to many people entering into the teachning profession.

-Therefore, people stopped going into that field.

-As a result, there became a shortage of teachers.

-There is one job never be enough workers for - **Soul Winning.**

II. TOOLS TO BE USED IN THIS HARVEST

- A. Every type of harvest has its tools to reap the product.

- Combines - for wheat
- Cotton gin - cotton
- pickers - fruit crops

B. This harvest in our passage is the souls of the lost.

C. Tools needed are:

1. Prayer for those who are lost.

*Intercessory prayer for the lost is an important tool in the harvest of lost souls.

**Isaiah 53:12 - tells us Christ made intercession for sinners

"...he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

***God listens to the intercessory prayer of his people.

Illustration: Numbers 14

-You have the account of the children of Israel murmuring after they heard the account of the spies, whom Moses sent out to spy out the promise land.

-We know 10 of the 12 spies gave an evil report and said that the land was full of giants and the children of Israel were grasshoppers in their sight, - can't take the land.

-Joshua and Caleb only spies - said it is a land flowing with milk and honey. Let's go up and take it!

-Children of Israel murmured - said "Did God just bring us out of Egypt so we could die in the wilderness? It would be better for us to return to Egypt"

-After hearing their murmuring , the Lord says to Moses - Numbers 14:11-12.

-Moses intercessory prayer - Numbers 14:13-20.

-So, praying for the lost is an important tool in the harvest of souls.

-Praying that souls would come to know Christ who will save them.

-Hebrews 7:25 - **Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

2. Fasting - for those who are lost.

*Tool →
For harvest*

*An important
tool for the harvest
The Lord Jesus Christ*

-See Isaiah 58:6:

*loose bands

*undo

*go free

*break

**all pictures lost getting saved.

-We know that there somethings prayer alone just doesn't do it, need fasting to go along with it.

*Tool →
For harvest*

3. Compassion for the lost.

*See V36, Jesus moved with compassion.

-Jesus had compassion that moved him to do something.

-So, shouldn't we have moving compassion.

-Compassion that makes a differences - See Jude 22-23.

Tool →

4. Godly lives before the lost.

*Mt. 5:16 - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

-You see the way we live our lives can cause the crop to be harvested or lost.

-We can be a stumbling block, and trip someone into hell.

-Because they see no difference in the way they are living their life with the man who calls himself a Christian.

Tool →

5. Witness to them about the gospel - Romans 1:16

"power of God unto salvation"

a. Paul used this tool. - Romans 1:15

"I am ready" Are you ready?

⇒ Tim 4:2

b. Witness not only with your lips, your lives, but also with your literature -

Preach the Word, be instant in season out of season

Gospel Tracts.

Tool →

6. Invite others to Church to hear God's Word.

a. When we invite others to come, be sure we are there to greet them.

b. If they go and we are not there, we become a stumbling block.

*Remember to smile them in
Not frown them out*

III. LABORERS ARE FEW

A. Jesus said there is a great harvest but the laborers are few.

B. There are lost people that need to saved.

1. Will you take your place among those who labor for God?

***Ezekiel 22:30 - "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."**

***Will you be that man or that woman who will make up the hedge and stand in the gap before God for the lost?**

***Will you be the watchman to sound the alarm of God's wrath to come?**

***Or will you continue to be like a ostrich with your head in the sand?
-Not caring what happens to the lost man, woman, or child!!!**

2. We are saved to serve.

***Every Christian is probably familiar with Ephesians 2:8-9 (Read)**

***But not as familiar with Eph. 2:10**

***We are not saved just to be saved**

***But as Eph. 2:10 - "unto good works"**

***saved to serve, saved to witness.**

IV. PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS

A. If one today had an abundant crop in the field and could find no laborers to harvest it, he would panic.

B. We are not told to panic, but to pray. - SEE Mt. 9:38.

1. We are to pray that God will call more men into the ministry and that they will answer the call.

2. We are to pray that more children of God will have a compassion for the lost.

***You should never have the attitude, "Well, I'm saved, why should I care about anyone else?" - Praise God, Jesus didn't have that attitude, we would all be lost.**

***Praise God - Paul the Apostle didn't have that attitude - most of the Europe and Asia would of never heard the Gospel.**

V. HARVEST TIME IS ALMOST PAST FOR SOME

A. It is bad when one makes a good crop and then for some reason loses it.

B. These things can be overcome.

C. God's harvest is final.

1. Someone you know may be called out of this world today.

*Enoch Exception
didn't die - but he walked w/ God
300 yrs - have you walked w/ the God ever, minute*

-Hebrews 9:27 & Proverbs. 11:7 - (Read) - Tells us no second chance.
-No purgatory, no in-between place.

-The rich man in Luke 16, who is in hell this very day realizes that there is no second chance. - *That it is too late for him - but still not too late for his*

-See Luke 16:27-28. - read. *brother*

-The rich man prays to Abraham, that he would send Lazarus to testify to his five ~~brothers~~, so they won't end up where he is.
brother

2. Could we feel we had done everything possible to see that they were ready to meet the Lord?

-Luke 14:23, tells us that in regards to the lost we are to "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in..."

-Paul tells us that "The night is far spent, the day is at hand..."

D. Who will be the next to meet their maker?

1. Maybe it's you and maybe it's me.

2. If God called you today, are you ready to meet him?

-If you are not saved, don't put it off.

-The scriptures tells us "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.)" - 2 Cor. 6:2

*FLBA
PRAY*