

## **Harvest Eyes (2)**

### **“Harvest Burden”**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**“We should be more concerned with reaching the lost than pampering the saved”  
(David McGee)**

**Harvest burden is imperative. Without genuine burden we will never reach the harvest. The true burden of the Lord will consume you and change you...until you are driven to the harvest.**

**"Can you remember the last time you didn't go to bed because people were dying without Christ?" (Leonard Ravenhill)**

**“You have one business on earth...to save souls” (John Wesley)**

**“You will never get me to believe that the church today believes in hell”  
(Leonard Ravenhill)**

#### **I. RECOGNIZING THE BURDEN**

##### **A. Sorrow and Grief.**

***Romans 9:1-3 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.***

##### **1. Burden.**

**a. Burden...Great Sorrow. [*megas*...pain, affliction, grief, heaviness, annoyance]**

**b. Burden...Continual Grief. [permanent, w/o ceasing...consuming grief (as dejecting; discouraging, to make unhappy, depressing)]**

**2. Burden...For I Could Wish. Accursed [a person or thing doomed to destruction, excommunication] (for my brothers)**

##### **B. Sacrifice.**

***Exodus 32:30-34 Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” 31 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! 32 “Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” 33 And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. 34 “Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.”***

**1. Blot Me Out...[exterminate, obliterate, blot from memory]**

**2. Blot Me Out...Sacrifice?**

a. Where is the “Blot Me Out” sacrifice?

"Once inside eternity, we're going to be very embarrassed at the smallness of our faith." (Leonard Ravenhill)

## II. RECEIVING THE BURDEN

### A. Burden Developed.

*Matthew 9:35-37* Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **36** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. **37** Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

1. He Went. [to go about, walk about]

2. He Saw [to perceive, notice, discern, discover, to pay attention, observe, to experience]

3. He Was Moved With Compassion [to pity, feel sympathy, moved to compassion]

"There are two kinds of people in the world— only two kinds. Not black or white, rich or poor, but those either dead in sin or dead to sin." (Leonard Ravenhill)

### B. Burden Directed. (Then He Said...)

1. Focus...The Harvest [fig. of the gathering of men into the kingdom of God]

2. Focus...The Harvest is Plentiful [large, great, much]

3. Focus...The Laborers [workman, a laborer, one who does, a worker]

a. Laborers Are Few [little, small, puny]

"Most people are bothered by those passages, which they cannot understand; the Scriptures which trouble me the most is the Scripture I do understand." (Leonard Ravenhill)

## III. RESPONDING TO THE BURDEN

*Numbers 16:44-50* And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **45** “Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” And they fell on their faces. **46** So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun.” **47** Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. **48** And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped. **49** Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident. **50** So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

## **A. The Sentence.**

### **1. Consumed in a Moment.**

a. Then...Consumed. [be ended, finish, vanish, perish, be destroyed, exterminate]

### **b. Today...Hell. *Luke 16***

“Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good. He came into the world to make dead men live!” (Leonard Ravenhill)

“People on earth hate to hear the word “repent.” People in hell wish they could hear it just once more.” (AW Tozer)

“If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” – Charles Spurgeon

## **B. The Standing Between...**

### **1. In Between the Dead and the Living. You have the answer and Hope.**

*Romans 10:15* And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,  
Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

**“The cross shows us the seriousness of our sin – but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God.” (Billy Graham)**

*Isaiah 52:7* How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation,  
Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

a. Good News. [to announce good news, gladden with good news]

b. Peace. [welfare, peace, soundness, prosperity]

c. Good Things. [good, pleasant, agreeable, good understanding]

d. Salvation. [salvation, deliverance, victory]

## **CONCLUSION**

**We stand in between the living and the dead...we do.**