

Harvest Eyes (1)

“Harvest Mission”

“I'm sick and tired of (only) reading about church history; let's make (some) by the grace of God!” (Leonard Ravenhill)

“God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity we plan to do only the things that we can do by ourselves.” (AW Tozer)

INTRODUCTION

John 4:34-35 *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. [Lift = To raise up; Eyes = Vision, sight; Look = To look closely at; Fields = The idea of empty expanse, room, a space of territory; Already = Even now; Harvest = Reaping.]*

Not church growth...but kingdom growth. Not getting people into the church building, but getting people to heaven.

I. THE MISSION

Matthew 28:16-20 *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

A. Power.

1. Power. [Exousia = Delegated influence or authority] Psalm 62:11, John 5:26-27, John 10:17-18, John 17:2

2. His Power! Ephesians 1:19-23, Colossians 2:9-10, Philippians 2:9-11
In Heaven (Heavenly Places, Ephesians 3:10)...and, in Earth (He is a universal Savior)

3. His “All “ Power!

a. Over Satan. Colossians 2:15 *And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

1) Three things you must know about the Devil. He's been...

***Stripped. [Spoiled = To despoil or strip]**

Jesus stripped Satan and all his powers.

***Unzipped. [Show = To exhibit, make a show]**

Phillips's = "...he exposed them, shattered, empty, and defeated" **Isaiah 14:16**

***Whipped. [Triumph = The Roman "Triumphal Procession."]**

II Corinthians 2:14-16

b. Over Sin. Romans 3:23, Hebrews 9:22, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:20, Romans 6:23...Romans 8:1-2

B. His Priority.

1. Go...Therefore. Therefore...because He has ALL power!...GO! Psalm 126, Mark 16:15, Matthew 9:35-37 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and 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 on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. **John 4:34-35** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. **35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

****Our Response...One of these four...****

- a. **Tucked In. Proverbs 10:5...He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.**
- b. **Tuned Out. Amos 6:3** Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
- c. **Turning Away. Matthew 9:37...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (Leonard Ravenhill)**

WE NEED TO GET...

d. Turned On! Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2. Teach.

a. Disciple.

- 1) **Teach = To disciple. (Go and make disciples.)**
- 2) **Teaching them to observe all things...I have commanded you.**

b. Our Calling.

- 1) **Reach Them. Proverbs 11:30** "Consider how precious a soul must be, when both God and the devil are after it." (Charles Spurgeon)
- 2) **Teach Them. All Races of People. His Commands...His Word.**
- 3) **Release Them. They join the army that scatters to make disciples!**

3. Baptizing Them.

a. Changed Lives. Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ

was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

C. His Promise.

1. Perceive. See It! [Lo = Behold and see]

2. Promise. This promise was made to those who obey His command “to go.”

a. I am. *John 8:58, Exodus 3:14*

b. With You Always! *Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 1:6, II Timothy 4:16-17*

Isaiah 43:1-3, Psalm 23:4, Isaiah 49:15-16

CONCLUSION All Authority. All Nations. All Commandments. All the Days. Let's Go!!!