I. The Harvest = The End Of The Age (Matt. 13:39)
   The climax—that to which all activities are directed
   A. Be patient—requires the early and latter rain (James 5:7–8)
      1. Harvest synchronizes with the coming of the Lord
      2. Impatience—form of pride, expecting things to go “my way”
      3. Rain:
         a. Prepares the ground to receive seed
         b. Causes seed to germinate
   B. Rain is given for the sake of the harvest (Jer. 5:23–24)
      1. Much of today’s Christianity is self-centered—a distortion of the gospel
      2. We should be asking (like Paul):
         a. Who are you, Lord? (Acts 9:5)
         b. What will you have me do? (Acts 22:10)
      3. Jesus: Tell him what great things he must suffer for My sake!
      4. What is prosperity?
         a. Joshua: “you will be prosperous” (Josh. 1:8)—entered the land in warfare;
            engaged in forced marches; prolonged fighting; risked his life but he
            accomplished the will of God successfully
         b. Paul: “prosperous journey to Rome” (Rom. 1:10 KJV)—prisoner in chains;
            violent, prolonged storm; shipwrecked; bitten by snake but a prosperous
            journey
         c. Definition: Successfully accomplishing the will of God in the face of
            fierce opposition
      5. Fear of the Lord (Jer. 5:23–24)
         a. The greatest blessings are to those who fear the Lord
         b. If you’re dissatisfied, you lack the fear of the Lord (Prov. 19:23)
         c. “Lord, help me cultivate the fear of the Lord”
      6. “He reserves for us the weeks of the harvest”—not months, but weeks
         a. Baptism and gifts of the Holy Spirit are to equip for the harvest
         b. A supernatural attestation of the gospel for the harvest
   C. Two successive harvests (Rev. 14:14–20):
      1. Grain—salvation
      2. Grapes—judgment (grapes of wrath)
      3. Judgment follows immediately after salvation
         v. 20—blood to the bridles of the horses for 184 miles
   D. Fields are white for the harvest (John 4:35–36)—meaning dry, ready to perish if
      not reaped
   E. Jesus: We must work the works of Him who sent us while it is still day—for night
      is coming . . . (John 9:4)
II. Application
   A. He who sleeps in harvest causes shame (Prov. 10:5)
B. The Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10)
   1. Receive what is due us for the things done in the body, whether good or bad
   2. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all
      a. In the name of the Lord Jesus
      b. Giving thanks to God (Col. 3:17)
   3. Either positive or negative—no other option
   4. Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men:
      a. We are eternal beings
      b. We have an eternal destiny
C. Matt. 25:14–30—Parable of the Talents:
   1. We must each account for our talents
   2. God expects increase (100%)
   3. Judgment of servant with one talent
   4. “Deposit with the bankers” = Invest in another man’s ministry
   5. Honor of being a servant

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