

**The 7 Laws of the Harvest:  
Part Six – We Reap the Full Harvest of the Good Only if We Persevere;  
The Evil Comes to Harvest on Its Own**

**Galatians 6:1 through Galatians 6:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. <sup>5</sup>For each one shall bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The laws of the harvest are important because they reveal truth about how God made the world to work. If the Bible is our basic instruction before leaving earth, then we need to know what it says about every area of life.

If God set up a system for the kingdom we need to know how it works.

So far we have discussed the first law which is "We can only reap what has been sown" and the second law which is "We reap the same in kind as we sow." We have also discussed the third law of the harvest which is "We Reap in a Different Season than When We Sow". The fourth law states "We Reap More Than We Sow". Last week Rev. Jackson inspired us with the fifth law which is "We Reap In Proportion To What We Sow". Today, we will examine the sixth law of the harvest which is "We Reap the Full Harvest of the Good Only if We Persevere; The Evil Comes to Harvest on Its Own".

**Foundation for this law**

<sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

We have already been promised that we will reap what we sow. We have already been promised that we will reap in a different season than we sow. We know that due season or harvest time is coming. All we have to do is persevere.

### **John 15:1 through John 15:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

The Father teaches us by his example that our seedlings have to be worked. When the seed is sown, the Spirit rains on it, the Son shines on it, and the Father works it to bring it to a full harvest. The Father doesn't just want us to bear fruit. He wants us to bear much fruit.

The same goes for us. When we sow, we have to work the field and persevere so that our seeds will bring about a full harvest. We can't get a full harvest unless we prune and weed. We can't get a full harvest unless we nurture and develop daily.

### **Matthew 13:24 through Matthew 13:30 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup>Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup>But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup>So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

Have you ever noticed how weeds will grow on their own? They just seem to develop and flourish without any real assistance. Once they are planted, they just make their own way. Through this parable, Jesus reveals to us how evil can come to maturity on its own. It doesn't take much effort for bad situations, bad people, or bad ideas to sprout up in our lives. It only takes one rotten apple to spoil the entire bunch.

### **James 1:13-15 (New King James Version)**

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

God is speaking through James and says it's automatic with sin. Once it is conceived or planted it will come to harvest on it's own without any help. That's why we have to be careful about the evil things we do. We have to be careful about the hateful things we say. We have to be careful about the malicious things we sow. Those things take off and sprout up without any cultivation.

Some of us are reaping right now because of things we did in our past. We have changed and are not as evil as we used to be, but we are reaping the distrust of others who remember us when. So as you can see, this law is just as absolute as the previous 5. We can only reap the full harvest of our good deeds if we persevere but evil will come to harvest on its own.

Let's talk about waiting.

Acts 7:22-30 (New King James Version)

<sup>22</sup> And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

<sup>23</sup> "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup> For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. <sup>26</sup> And the next day he appeared to *two of* them as they were fighting, and *tried to* reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' <sup>27</sup> But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, '*Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?*' <sup>28</sup> *Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?*' <sup>29</sup> Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

<sup>30</sup> "And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

Moses knew harvest time was coming. He knew that God wanted to use him to deliver his people. But due season had not arrived and he had to wait on God. How many of you know that God has something better in store for you? How many of you can see the promise but you just haven't taken it yet? How many times have you tried to push to make it happen but it seemed like the door just kept closing in front of you?

That's where Moses was. He was well schooled and well prepared. He knew the ins and outs of the system. He had success in other areas of life being mighty in words and deeds. In his mind he was ready to walk into his destiny.

He ended up on the backside of the desert herding sheep for forty years.

The desert is dry. The desert is hot. The desert is dusty. The desert has dangerous animals. The desert has challenges. The desert can fry you by day and freeze you at night. The desert is hard on the body. The heat can play with your mind. If you don't respect the desert, it can kill you.

Sometimes while we are waiting on God to bring our due season it gets dry. Our jobs get old and dry. We wake up and don't want to go to work because we know we are worthy of a promotion but it hasn't come yet. We get thirsty for what's next. We get thirsty for a move of God. We pray for rain but all we get is a drizzle every now and then to keep us alive but we are not flourishing.

Sometimes while we are waiting on due season it gets hot. Our relationships get heated. Our situations get heated. We sweat and we pant as we run from one shady spot to another. We look for the shade of good friends. We look for the shade of family support but as the sun crosses our skies the shade keeps moving. We have to readjust our position.

Sometimes while we are waiting on due season we have to fight off dangerous animals. When we go searching for our blessings we have to be careful because snakes hide under rocks. Sometimes church members will try to reach over the top of us and sting us from behind like scorpions. Sometimes it gets so bad that we look up over our shoulders and see buzzards circling around us just waiting on us to die. They are waiting on us to fail. They are waiting so they can swoop in and say "I told you so".

In our dry times between the latter and former rains we have to be willing to wait on God. In our hungry years between seedtime and harvest, we have to endure and rely on God to provide for us.

What do you do while you wait on God? Live.

Moses lived. Moses knew his time was coming but in the meantime he lived. Due season was on the way as long as he persevered. The full harvest was his if he stayed with God. So Moses lived. He got married. He had kids. He tended sheep. He went to church. He let God work in him.

If he didn't go to the desert God would not have reaped the greatest glory in his life. God had to prepare Moses to lead his people his way. Moses had to get to know God intimately. Living with Jethro, the priest of Midian positioned him to get closer to God.

Herding sheep in the desert prepared him to lead God's people through the desert toward their promise. Spending time in the heat taught him how to survive in dry places. Let me tell you something about God.

If God has you in a dry place it's for your good. If God has you in a tight spot it's for your good. If God has you under pressure, it's for your good.

Moses couldn't see that on the other side of his victory in Egypt, he would have to lead the people through the desert for forty years.

Moses couldn't see how being alone in the desert helped him cope when he couldn't find a friend among more than a million people.

Moses couldn't see how humbling himself in the desert prepared him to receive miraculous power from God.

God will allow us to be broke so we can learn how to better manage money.

God will allow us to be lonely so we can learn how to appreciate a mate.

God will allow us to argue so we can learn how to get along.

God will allow us to struggle so we can learn how to overcome.

God will cut dead places out of our lives to make room for new branches.

God will relocate us to prepare us for what's next in our lives.

God will allow us to get fired sometimes so he can bless us with a better situation.

God will turn up the heat today so we won't faint tomorrow.

God will let us live through scorpions and snakes so we will know how to handle haters.

The evil things in our lives will mature on their own. The hurtful things in our lives will develop on their own. The painful things in our lives will come on their own. The disappointments in our lives will show up on their own.

But full harvest is ours if we endure. Isaiah said they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not get weary. They shall walk and will not faint.

We need to wait on God. He has never failed us. We need to trust God while we wait. We need to serve God. We need to praise God. We need to seek after God. We need to live for God. We need to watch and pray because he's coming back again soon.

Don't be fooled by what you see. The seed is in the ground. It has to die before it can be brought to life. Don't become discouraged while doing good. Wait for your Change. We can't sell ourselves short. We can't cut corners on our harvest. We can't reap too early. Wait on the Lord. And again I say wait on the Lord.

This law can only be realized if we do the following action steps.

1. We have to want the full harvest. Our minds have to be made up about what kind of harvest we expect. Dr. First Lady can tell you that people don't just luck up and become Phd's. It's a decision that has to be made to sow and work until you reach the end.
2. We have to stop sowing evil. Sin, negativity, hate, hurt, malice, wrath, rage, disgust, damage, spite, meanness, cruelty, and wickedness have to be denied access to our fields. Once they are planted they are beyond our control. Our only way to stop them from taking root is to not allow them to be planted.
3. We have to persevere. We have to keep at it. We have to stick with it. We have to stand by our harvest and bring it to the fullness. It may take days, months, or years to bring in the harvest but we can't quit if we want the fullness.