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**SEEDTIME AND HARVEST**



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**Introduction:** This is a verse in the Bible that I have heard only two other preachers comment on. I heard Dr. Curtis Hutson comment on it and Dr. Jack Hyles. I am sure that it has been preached on many times, but in 40 years of ministry those are the only two I can remember.

To me what is strange about it is that this verse reveals such hope for the future. We are entering a new year and this verse consumes me.

**Genesis 8:22,** *"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and*

*harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."*

**FIRST: THE PROMISE.**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

*"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest..."*

*"...shall supply all your need..."*

**Psalm 24:1,** *"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof..."*

Everything belongs to God, so God can meet our every need. His promise is to provide. The earth, the trees, the soil, the water, the wealth of the earth is God providing your every need.

Did you know that work is a need? There is no satisfaction and no joy without accomplishment. In the Garden of Eden, Adam was given the position of gardener.

**Genesis 2:15**

Every need! The greatest promise God ever kept was sending his Son to die for the sins of the world. **John 3:16**

The harvest itself is revealing that God is faithful to keep his promises.

**SECOND: THE PROVISION.**

**TITUS 1:2**

Just as God has given the land, and all its elements, to be used of man to make sure there is a harvest, God has made sure you have everything you need, if used, if applied, to meet your:

Spiritual needs .....**John 5:24**

Mental needs .....**II Timothy 2:15**

Physical needs.....**Matthew 6:11**

**THIRD: THE PREPARATION.**

**AMOS 4:12**

*"...prepare to meet thy God..."*

Just as a farmer must prepare the soil for planting in order to have the right kind of harvest, we must prepare. You see, you will have a harvest even if you make no preparation. There will be a harvest of weeds and thorns and a wasted life with eternal



Dr. Al Lacy

### THE CROWN OF REJOICING

“What is our hope, or joy, or CROWN OF REJOICING? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy.” (I Thess. 2:19-20)  
Paul brings into focus the brightest and most dazzling crown of all. This is the soulwinner’s crown! If God would say to me, “Son, I will only allow you ONE of the five crowns. Which one do you choose?” I would cry out, “Oh Father .. let it be the SOULWINNER’S CROWN!” The prominent desire that throbs in my heart is to be used of God to keep sinners out of Hell and deliver them into the arms of Jesus. There is no joy to match that of winning a precious soul to the Saviour.

In soulwinning, we sinners-saved-by-grace enter into a realm where angels cannot tread. No angel of Heaven ever had the joy of leading a eternal Hell-bound soul to Jesus. As wondrous and mighty as God’s angels are, they must become only spectators in this marvelous work of keeping sinners out of Hell.

Child of God, what language can express the joy that is ours ... to be co-workers with the great and mighty God of this universe in His marvelous Plan of the Ages? What an honor! What a blessing! Think of it. Guilty, Hell-deserving sinners ... fighting the devil, wrestling with the powers of darkness, holding forth the Gospel light to a doomed world and having a privilege of “pulling them out of the fire” (Jude 23)

Sad, isn’t it? Most Christians go through life and never win a soul. They never actively engage in personally taking the Gospel to lost sinners and winning them to Jesus.

### **Benefits and Blessings**



Mrs. Pam Leake

### From The Viewpoint Of A Pastor’s Wife

He’s a long-time dear friend of my husband, a pastor who has given his life to serve the Chief Shepherd as an under-shepherd of a church not too far away. Last week, in the morning meeting of our church’s Jubilee, he slowly mounted the platform to preach, supporting himself with a cane, due to persistent problems with leg pain. For most of his life he has served in ministry, but time has taken its toll on his body. Still, with fervency and power, he brought forth the truths of God’s Word and challenged and encouraged those in attendance.

Following him, another pastor friend was called to preach. He, too, needed assistance to step up to the pulpit, but there was no weakness in his declaration of the Word of God. It was obvious that his physical body was displaying the results of time and wear, but the “want to” was still there!



*“EVERYONE SAYS THEY WANT MORE EXCITEMENT IN THEIR LIVES. BUT UN-CAGE JUST ONE MAN-EATING TIGER...”*

*MY NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION IS TO HELP ALL MY FRIENDS GAIN 10 POUNDS SO I LOOK SKINNIER.*

*A BILL COLLECTOR CAME TO MY HOUSE THE OTHER DAY. I HANDED HIM A STACK OF OLD BILLS.*



Mrs. Francie Taylor

### Slow Obedience

Have you ever told your children, “Slow obedience is disobedience”? Why do we tolerate behavior in ourselves for which our children would be quickly disciplined? When a husband makes his wishes clear, treat those wishes as orders from the top; then get busy making those wishes come true!

When Norman H. calls me, I am usually doing something. He rarely calls me when I’m in the recliner reading a travel book from the library. No, he calls me when I’m on the computer hammering out the next writing project. The busier I am, the more likely it is that Norman is going to need something done.

“Francie, do you have an itemized list of your expenses from all the conferences you went to last year?”

My response to this question was, “Yes, I do. Would you like me to get them for you?”

Many times, my willingness to stop what I’m doing and respond to his request causes him to be more flexible. His response to me was, “You can get it for me tomorrow.”

Now I must confess that I was wondering why he had to break my concentration to tell me that I could get him something tomorrow, but, on the other hand, perhaps he really wanted it right away but deferred to me because I was willing to stop what I was doing and get it for him on the spot. Have you ever tried just being immediately, wholeheartedly available for any request? If you haven’t tried it, try it for a week and see if it doesn’t bring more marital bliss and peace to your home.

We’re too busy if we don’t have time to help our husbands and to respond correctly to their requests. It reminds me of the phone systems at many companies today. “Please listen carefully, as our options have changed. To continue in English, press one....” The bottom line is this: A husband is not a customer on a phone line, so he shouldn’t be put on hold until we get around to him!

consequences. To have a successful harvest, the farmer will plow, disc, and fertilize the soil day after day, month after month, just to have a great harvest.

**FOURTH: THE PLANTING.**

**MARK 4:26-29**

Remember, for the harvest to be the right kind of harvest, there must be plowing. The breaking up of the ground must be done so the right seeds can take hold. You don't have to do anything to have a bad harvest, but a good harvest comes from careful attention to taking care of the soil. All hard fallow ground must be turned. We are to be deeply stirred to bring forth a great harvest.

**Matthew 13:25, "But while men slept, his enemy came..."**

Listen! Once you sow the seed to gain a harvest you better make sure you guard what you have carefully planted. Lazy people destroy every good things sown. Proverbs 20:4

**FIFTH: THE POWER OF GOD.**

**JOHN 15:5**

I met a man who said, "I do not believe in God. Everything I have, I built with my own hands, and with my own labor. An imaginary God had nothing to do with it."

"I was with a wise preacher who responded, "Who gave you the strength, and the food, and the water? Who gave you the ability to do what you do? Where did the rain and the sunshine come from?"

You see we are nothing without God.

**Conclusion:** If there is to be a "good harvest", then there will have to be thought as to the outcome. Time runs out to have the right kind of harvest.

**Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:"**

**Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."**

Thirty eight years ago, I shared the gospel with a woman who said, "I'm not interested. I've got too much living to do." That very day she had a heart attack and died.

Right now, 2018 is before you. What are you going to do about it?

**Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

*'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.'* (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



**Prayer of Service**

*'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?'* (Acts 9:6)

**Kim Kline's Winter Crisp**



**Topping**

- 2/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 T margarine, melted

**Filling**

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 T flour
- 1 tsp. lemon peel
- 3/4 tsp. lemon juice
- 5 large apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries

Filling: Combine sugar, flour and lemon peel in a medium bowl; mix well. Add lemon juice, apples and cranberries; stir to mix. Spoon into a large baking dish.

Topping: combine oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon in a small bowl. Stir in melted margarine. Sprinkle topping over filling. Bake in a 375 F oven for 40 to 50 minutes or until filling is bubbly and top is brown. Serve warm or at room temperature.



**Heritage Highlanders January 2018 Schedule**

**Saturday January 6**

Putting God First

**Saturday January 13**

Snow Icecream

**Romans 1:8**

**Proverbs 26:1**

**Saturday January 20**

Attitudes

**Saturday January 27**

Soulwinning

**Proverbs 17:22**

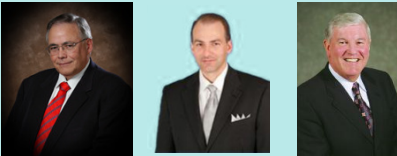
**John 3:16**

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last twelve (12) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. They are back! Dr. Bob Gray, Dr. Tom Neal & Dr. Greg Neal will be here on June 25<sup>th</sup>—26<sup>th</sup>.



## This Year's Conference



Dr. Tom Neal      Dr. Greg Neal      Dr. Bob Gray

**June 25th—June 26th**

<u>Monday, June 25th</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Tuesday June 26th</u>	10:00 AM
	11:00 AM
<i>Pastors' Lunch</i>	12:00 PM
	7:00 PM

*A BARBER ASKED A BOY, "HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HAIR CUT, BUDDY?" "JUST LIKE DADDY'S!" THE BOY REPLIED. "AND DON'T FORGET THE ROUND HOLE ON THE TOP WHERE HIS HEAD COMES THROUGH."*

*I SAW A POSTER TODAY THAT ASKED, "HAVE YOU SEEN MY CAT?" SO I CALLED THE PHONE NUMBER AND SAID THAT I HAVEN'T. I LIKE TO HELP WHERE I CAN.*



**Sunday, February 25th, 2018**

*A RICH MAN'S HEIRS WERE UPSET BY THE CLAIMS OF A SUPPOSED RELATIVE. THEY ASKED THE FAMILY LAWYER FOR AN UPDATE.*

*"HE STILL INSISTS HE'S RELATED TO YOU, AND HE SAYS HE CAN PROVE IT," THE LAWYER SAID.*

*"THE MAN'S A FOOL," ONE RELATIVE STATED.*

*"WELL," THE LAWYER SAID, "THAT MAY BE JUST A COINCIDENCE."*



### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS

Every New Year's Eve I find myself, like most people, looking over the last year and reflecting on all that occurred within that year. I too ponder, like most, and wonder what this new year will bring! How important it is for the child of God to daily ask the Lord to direct their steps. You maybe standing at the crossroads this New Year's, looking at the roads which lie ahead. All the roads

may look interesting and even inviting, but there could be danger and destruction along that road. Be sure you are taking the path that God wants for your life. His path is not without trials, but it does ensure His presence, direction, guidance and strength for each step along the way. May we let Christ direct each step we take in 2018!

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way." Psalm 37:23 "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Proverbs 4:26.*



*Dr. Jack Hyles*

### The Kind Of Church God Is Looking For.

As a young preacher starting out many years ago, I read the Book of Acts over and over again. I went to my knees and asked God to let me have a ministry and build churches that would be akin to the Book of Acts. When this was settled before God, my little country church in East Texas became a hotbed of soul winning, even though we were ten miles out in the country. God gave us souls every week and a perennial revival spirit. The methods we used there were basically the methods presented in this book.

For seven years we labored in the Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas. Using these methods, the Lord led us and used our people to grow a church from 44 members to 4,128 members in six and a half years.

I am doing my best now as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, to lead our people to this kind of a Book of Acts ministry. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

While in West Palm Beach, Florida, in a Bible Conference with Dr. John R. Rice approximately five years ago, my attention was called to the parable of the Great Supper in **Luke 14:16-23**. I resolved to go home to my church and plan my church program according to the commandments in this parable. You will notice in this parable we are commanded to go into the streets, and the lanes, to bring in the lame, the poor, the halt, and the blind, and to go into the highways and hedges. We have organized our church literally according to this parable. For two weeks our people did exactly what the parable says.

### Determine To Stay Faithful

*"No matter what happened in Joseph's life, he just kept on being faithful to God."*

Joseph remained faithful because he:

1. Stayed right within the family: Even though his brothers were 'wrong' with him, Joseph never allowed himself to 'get wrong' with them.
2. Stayed right by loving the King's guests: The king gave Joseph a command-to bring his family to the king. Joseph obeyed. Every visitor to church is a "guest of the King", Jesus Christ, and we are to treat them 'royally'.
3. Stayed busy-worked with his hands: Joseph never allowed himself to become idle or to give room for 'depressed thoughts' to enter his mind—and the Lord allowed all that Joseph did to prosper.
4. Stayed tenderhearted: When he had the power and opportunity to 'get even' with his brothers for the wrong they had done to him, he loved them and helped them.
5. Stayed right with God himself: He made sure he still lived the way God wanted him to live, even in the worst of circumstances. Romans 12:1-2, "...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God..."

***A WOMAN AT AN UPSCALE SUPERMARKET ASKED AN EMPLOYEE, "IS THIS MILK FRESH?"  
"MA'AM," THE EMPLOYEE REPLIED, "THREE HOURS AGO IT WAS GRASS."***

### Let Us Forget



*Oval Office, April 20, 1945  
Doc Bradley,  
Harry Truman,  
Rene Gagnon, and  
Ira Hayes.*

Vietnam was called the first "television war." Tet illustrated how powerful and corrosive this new medium could be for a representative democracy at war. In an age of instantaneous communications, images matter more than body counts or battle damage assessments (BDAs), more than statistics or metrics, more than congressional testimony or Oval Office addresses. When the images don't match the message, public support can erode rapidly.

Thus, our enemies have become quite skilled at using media and media images to target the American people. Consider Iran's humiliation of American hostages, Muammar Qaddafi's claims that some of his children were killed and wounded by U.S. airstrikes, Iraq's guided tour for CNN cameras of a bombed-out "baby milk plant" during the Gulf War, the

beastly treatment of America's fallen in Mogadishu, footage of snipers and IEDs killing U.S. troops in Iraq, and the beheadings and butchery livestreamed by al-Qaida and the Islamic State.

In short, our enemies continue to subscribe to Ho's shrewd distinction between military victory and political victory. Recall Osama bin Laden's taunt: "When tens of your soldiers were killed in minor battles and one American pilot was dragged in the streets of Mogadishu, you left the area carrying disappointment, humiliation, defeat and your dead with you ... It was a pleasure for the heart of every Muslim ... to see you defeated in the three Islamic cities of Beirut, Aden and Mogadishu."

Just because it is in the news does not make it true.

**Some food for thought ...or...**

## **Seed From The Silo!**

### **New Suicide Machine Invented With Detachable Coffin**

Australia's best-known euthanasia activist, Dr. Philip Nitschke, is back in the news with another machine for committing suicide, the Sarco capsule.

The machine will allow anyone who has the access key end [his] life by simply pressing a button. Developed in the Netherlands by Nitschke and an engineer, the machine can be 3D printed and assembled in any location. Access to the Sarco capsule will be by an online mental questionnaire, which will provide an four-digit access code.

When the person lies in the capsule, he can activate it, and liquid nitrogen will quickly drop the oxygen level, leading to death in a few minutes.

The novel feature is that the capsule can be detached from the Sarco machine and be used as a sleek and shiny coffin. The machine base can be reused.

—*Lifenews.com*

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

### **Girlguiding UK Allows "Transgender" Guides to Share Showers, Tents With Girls**

Male guides who "identify" as female will be allowed to shower with girls during camping trips, Girlguiding UK literature has revealed.

Official guidance distributed by the organization, which applies to Girl Guides between the ages of five and 25, tells guide leaders to let "transgender" members share changing rooms, toilets, tents, and cabins with girls while away on excursions...

In addition, the guidance states that families should not be told if a "transgender" child joins their group, adding that it is not "best practice" for parents to know if their daughters are sharing facilities with males who "identify" as female while on trips away...

As reported by Breitbart in 2013, Girlguiding in the UK decided to do away with the oath to God as said by girls at meetings, replacing it instead with an oath to "myself," arguing that continuing the strong Christian roots of the organization discouraged some from joining.

...Breitbart London reported how campaigners have warned that government plans to let people "self-identify" as the opposite sex without having even to see a doctor will put female prisoners at risk, after a study revealed more than 40 percent of transgender inmates are sex offenders.

—*Virginia Hale, breitbart.com*

**A PASTOR WAS TIRED OF INTERRUPTIONS. "WE SEEM TO HAVE A GREAT MANY FOOLS HERE TONIGHT," HE SAID. "WOULDN'T IT BE ADVISABLE TO HEAR ONE AT A TIME?" "YOU'RE RIGHT," A VOICE FROM THE BACK CALLED. "GO AHEAD WITH YOUR SERMON."**

### **Are You A Church Goer?**

*The argument for not going to church is so foolish*

#### **I. Why I Don't Go To The Movies**

Some years ago a news reporter invited people to send in their response to the statement, "Why I don't go to church." After he had received a number of replies, he decided to show the weakness of their alibis by inserting the word "movies" wherever "church" appeared in their letters.

Here is a sampling of his column: One said, "I am out of the habit of going to the movies, that's why I no longer attend." Another wrote, "I know a man who has gone to the movies for, years, and he is no better than I am." Still another remarked, "There are as many good people outside the movies as inside." Some commented, "I stay away from the movies because I went when I was a child." A number of other excuses were given which proved equally absurd when "movies" was substituted for the word "church."

#### **II. Is It Possible To Be Christian Without Church?**

Question: Can I be a Christian without joining the church?

Answer: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

- A student who will not go to school.
- A soldier who will not join an army.
- A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote.
- A salesman with no customers.
- An explorer with no base camp.
- A seaman on a ship without a crew.
- A businessman on a deserted island.
- An author without readers.
- A tuba player without an orchestra.
- A parent without a family.
- A football player without a team.
- A politician who is a hermit.
- A scientist who does not share his findings.
- A bee without a hive.

*Ephesians 5:25 and Hebrews 10:25*

# Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**  
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

**I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11**

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

**Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

## Baptist Beliefs

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons

**S**eparation of Church and State

## Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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