

Fearlessly Reaping the Lord's Harvest

Matthew 9:35-10:42

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Main Point:

Since Jesus was persecuted for your salvation, reap the Lord's harvest by fearlessly proclaiming His gospel to all the lost.

1. Jesus uses ordinary people, like you and me, to reap His harvest.

2. Reaping the Lord's harvest is dangerous work.

3. Since Jesus was persecuted for your salvation, reap the Lord's harvest by fearlessly proclaiming His gospel to all the lost.

Quotations and Cross-References

Matthew 4:23 ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. (NKJV)

Matthew 28:18-20 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. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul "Preachers, teachers, missionaries, and ordinary believers – all of us are called to participate in the harvest in one way or another."

John 15:20a ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you ... (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "If we let the world alone, it will probably let us alone; but if we try to do it spiritual good, it will hate us as it did our Master."

Charles Spurgeon "That is why we preach! If there are so many fish to be taken in the net, I will go and catch some of them. Because many are ordained to be caught, I spread my nets with eager expectation ... It seems to me to be the very thing that should awaken us to energy—that God has a people, and that these people shall be brought in."

2 Timothy 1:7-10 ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. (NKJV)