

BOOK OF GALATIANS
LAWS OF THE HARVEST-PT 4
GALATIANS 6:7-9; HOSEA 8:7; 10:12-13

Introduction

This morning we return to our series here in Paul's letter to the Galatian Churches and to our series within this series regarding THE LAWS OF THE HARVEST. I know...it has been a while!

Read Galatians 6:7-9

Thus far we have looked a three LAWS OF THE HARVEST:

WE REAP WHAT WE HAVE SOWN!

WE REAP THE SAME IN KIND AS WE SOW!

*WE REAP IN A DIFFERENT SEASON THAN WE SOW OR WE REAP
LATER THAN WE SOW!*

This morning I want us to consider a fourth **LAW OF THE HARVEST:**
WE REAP MORE THAN WE SOW!

This is a **WONDERFUL LAW TO HAVE WHEN WE ARE BUSY
SOWING THE RIGHT KINDS OF THINGS IN OUR LIVES, AMEN!**

When we **SOW GOOD THINGS** in our lives, **we can expect to bountifully
REAP GOOD from the hand of God!**

The harvest is most always greater than the seed planted. (e.g. farming)
The farmer plants seed expecting a harvest that is greater than what he plants!

- a. If this were not the case, no farmer would ever plant a thing.
- b. If he only got back what germinated in the ground, he would be on the losing end and spend his whole life in utter futility.

Of course, we know that there are some exceptions in farming from time to time due to the fact we live in a sin cursed world with both natural disasters and economic forces that come into play.

- a. A farmer may sow bountifully and have his crop destroyed by drought, flood, pestilence, fire, or some other disaster.
- b. Or a farmer may reap a good crop and not be able to reap a reward from it because of economic factors in his country.

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But what I want you to understand is that **REAPING MORE THAN WE SOW is fundamental to the laws of the harvest and this is not just true for the agricultural world, it is true for nearly every aspect of life: for the physical and the spiritual, for believers and unbelievers alike.**

But understand that this law applies not only to the **GOOD THINGS** that we sow, but it also applies when we sow **THINGS WE HAVE NO BUSINESS SOWING** or **THINGS WE DID NOT INTEND TO SOW!** (e.g. farming)

What I want you to understand is this: when we sow evil, we should expect that we are going to reap more than we sowed as well! That's the way the law works!

Also, due to God's grace we may not reap the results of sin as bountifully as some others have, but the law still applies in general.

**I. LET'S SEE THE DECLARATION OF THIS LAW FROM
SCRIPTURE. (Hosea 10:12-13)**

The LORD had this to say to Hosea regarding His people Israel in *Hosea 8:7, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up."*

"Wind" here represents that which cannot produce crops, **it lacks substance** and is futile, worthless, and of no value. That is what Israel had done as they sought aid from a succession of wicked rulers as well as from idols that were nothing more than a products of mens hands!

"Whirlwind" represents the destruction that comes from **"sowing the wind."** It also represents the concept of them **reaping MORE than they had sown!**

God's warning here to His people was that you don't just reap in kind, but you may reap much more. The idea then is **"sow wind"** (carefree...what we want), **"reap a tornado"** (the consequences of sin).

II. LET'S SEE SOME BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF THIS
LAW FROM SCRIPTURE:

A. Some Negative Illustrations:

1. **The Story Of Abraham And Sarah And Hagar!**
(Genesis 16) Remember that story?

Abraham and Sarah tried to help God out with their own scheme for Abraham to have a son! So, the handmaid, Hagar had Abraham's son of the flesh—Ishmael!
(There's the wind!)

When the son of the Promise came—Isaac (*Gen. 21:8ff*)—Ishmael, the son of the flesh, mocked him on the day of his weaning and has been causing the son of Promise and his descendants trouble to this very day!
(Whirlwind!)

2. **The Story Of Jacob And Esau (Genesis 27)**
Isaac favored Esau and Rebekah favored Jacob!
As a result of sowing the wind (i.e. the scheming of Rebekah and Jacob to get the family blessing!)

Jacob and Rebekah reaped a whirlwind of trouble and heartache! Jacob was forced to flee because Esau had threatened that after his father's death, he would kill Jacob! (*Vs 41-42*) **(Whirlwind!)**

Rebekah told Jacob he would only have to be gone a few days and then she would send for him!
(Vs 42-45)

But she never saw Jacob again and he was gone for twenty years! **(Whirlwind!)**

Jacob had schemed to get the blessing, later he would receive in kind and even more from Laban!
First he received Leah in place of Rachel whom he loved. **(Whirlwind!)**

Later Jacob says that Laban changed his wages ten times! **(Genesis 31:7) (Whirlwind!)**

Jacob used the skin of a kid (a young goat) to deceive his father Isaac, **(There's the wind!)** and later in Jacob's life his sons came to him with the coat of many colors that he had given to his beloved son, Joseph! They had dipped it in the blood of a kid to convince him that Joseph was dead! **(Genesis 37:31-34) (Whirlwind!)**

3. **The Story Of David And Bathsheba!**
(2 Samuel 12:9-14)

We know the story of David and his sin with Bathsheba, but it is the LORD's indictments and judgments against David that tell the story of sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind or sowing iniquity and reaping a ton of trouble!

Indictment #1: You killed Uriah! (12:9) **(Wind!)**

Judgment #1: The sword will never depart from your house (12:10) **(Whirlwind!)**

Indictment #2: You took his wife! (12:9) **(Wind!)**

Judgment #2: Your wives will be taken before your eyes! (12:11) **(Whirlwind!)**

Indictment #3: You did this secretly! (12:12) **(Wind!)**

Judgment #3: Your wives will be defiled openly before all Israel! (12:11-12) **(Whirlwind!)**

Indictment #4: You gave occasion to the enemies to blaspheme the Lord! (12:14) **(Wind!)**

Judgment #4: Your child also born to you shall surely die! (12:14) **(Whirlwind!)**

David sowed a lot of wind in a short period...

David reaped a lot of whirlwind over the rest of his life!

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4. Regarding The Tongue or Words:

James 3:5-6 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

Proverbs 12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

Proverbs 13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

B. Positive Illustrations:

1. Joseph. (Genesis 39-50)

Joseph sowed righteousness in His life.

Joseph reaped the presence of the LORD the protection of the LORD, the prosperity of the LORD, and the promotion from the LORD!

2. Daniel. (Daniel 1, 2, 6)

Daniel sowed a right purpose in his life: (Daniel 1)

He purposed in his heart not defile himself!

Daniel reaped a godly providence in his life:

The favor of both God and men!

God brought him into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs!

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God gave him skill in all learning and wisdom and understanding in all visions and dreams!

**Daniel sowed in prayer and dependence on God!
(Daniel 2)**

Daniel reaped in answers to prayer and the blessings of God!

**Daniel sowed in his life with a godly presence!
(Daniel 6)**

He had an excellent Spirit and was faithful!

Daniel reaped the promotion of the King, the protection of God and the admiration of King!

Conclusion

So, what are you sowing this morning? Good things or bad things?

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