

The final Harvest: Angels are the reapers

Lesson Text: *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matt. 24:30, 31).*

Lesson Scriptures: Matthew 24:29-31, I Thess. 5:1-2

Introduction: Your soul is God's most precious seed he planted it before the creation of the universe. God planted Adam in the Garden of Eden to till it.

And the Lord God formed a man's body from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living person (Genesis 2:7, NLT).

If my memory serves correct, seeds are to be planted in the ground. If this is not true take some apple seeds and throw them on concrete and wait for a plant to grow. I'm afraid you'll be waiting until Jesus crack the sky. Adam, like trees, plants, and flowers came from the ground. He was the results of a mist of dust until God breathed into his nostrils and his body came to life. Eve was a product of Adam living soul. However, she was formed from Adam's rib, thus she was a living part of him. Seeing she was made from flesh, it makes sense that women (for the most part) are more sensitive than men. This is why Satan went after Eve to get to Adam. If this is true then the following statement should also be true. Seeds were meant to be planted and to bring forth other seeds.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28).

God blessed them! What was the blessing? He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply. It's a blessing to bring forth fruit both natural and spiritual. In other

words, Adam and his wife were to procreate and create someone in their image as God had made them in his image and that they did, giving birth to Cain and Abel. We too, are

living souls. Everyone that has breath will have to answer to God for how they used what God gave them to save souls...that save souls. What's the big deal about being a living soul? Our souls are God's breath and since God's breath is eternal so is our souls.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die (Eze 18:4).

My dears and my sirs do you feel me? Are you getting the wisdom of this? We brought nothing into this life and will carry nothing out of this life. Consequently we own nothing in this life not even your own souls...they belong to God. How do we know this? If we own something we should be able to do with it what we please. Why can't we take our beautiful home with us when we die? Again let's go to God's holy writ.

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord (Job 1:21).

Have you ever seen a woman give birth? What was the baby wearing when it passed through the birth canal? Unless you slept through the birthing process, you would have noticed that the baby didn't have on a stitch. We, like all babies, were born naked and whether you believe this or not, we will die naked. The body may be clothed but the spirit will be naked. Even though many families (when a family member dies) go through great lengths and expense to beautify the body before it is to be buried; this has nothing to do with the soul. The body can be dressed in white but a sinners soul will be black and ravished by the wages of sin. At the moment of death, God receives our souls; they are his. All souls are naked before God! Do you think that you'd be embarrassed to stand before God naked? There's no need to answer this if you die saved. There are no nudist camps in heaven! God will give to all of his children white robes.

God planted the soul and only he can take his soul back. God will receive our souls in the rapture (if we are saved) but the body will go back to the dust from whence it came. If we die unsaved, our souls will stand before God to give account of the harvest we planted while on this earth. If one dies in an unrepentant state (before the rapture) I believe that the soul goes to hell to await the final judgment. What exactly is the final judgment?

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And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them (Rev. 20:11).

This judgment happens one thousand years after Christ's second coming or Parousia. During this "white throne Judgment," we will stand before God to receive one of two judgments, either eternal reward or eternal punishment which involves being excluded from God throughout eternity.

The Bible mentions that there is more than one resurrection. The first resurrection happened when Jesus rose from the grave, the second is when all the righteous who ever lived will be resurrected during the Millennium reign. The last one is called the “Dispensation of the fullness of time” which will occur after the Kingdom phase is over (Millennium reign).

Only they who are worthy during this age will be resurrected at Christ’s second advent. What do I mean by only they? The Apostle John was very specific concerning who will make it in and who will not.

For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death (Rev. 22:15, 21:8).

There is a great harvest coming, one in which will require the help of angels to reap the harvest. Paul admonished the church of the Thessalonians that reminding them of the harvest (coming of the Lord) was futile. Because they were expecting and perfectly knew that the day of the Lord would come in the manner of a thief robbing a home in the night. Why such a comparison? A good thief or thieves who steal for a living does not announce their coming. If they did they would be out of business soon. Secondly, they stealthily perform their art by entering the victims home at night, thereby increasing their chances of not getting caught. The author of such thievery is the devil! The time of the harvest is the end of the world.

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels (Matt. 13:39).

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Why angels? This will be a harvest of God’s most precious harvest...the only harvest that God made in his image; the only harvest that God redeemed with the precious blood of the lamb. Why angels? God made man a little lower than the angels. Angels are God’s more powerful beings over and above man. They are stronger, faster and more intelligent than man; their nature are superior to men (Ps. 103:20-21, Rev 5:11). They can grow and decrease their size, have the power to destroy the earth and can control the elements only when directed by God (Rev. 7:1-2). They are God’s ministers who are sent to perform the perfect will of God. According to Daniel, they number ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands. How many are there? The number is innumerable. Whether we see them or not, they cover all of creation and the universe. There is so much more we can say about these incredible creatures but we shall, for now stick to their roll in the harvest.

At the end of the age, God will send a battalion of angels who will be equipped to

decipher the saints from the sinners (wheat from the Tares); their eyes will be able to be able to see the blood of Jesus on the lives of they who have surrendered their wills to God. Like the reapers of a natural harvest, they will have two places to place the harvest. The saints (wheat) will be placed on the right hand of God while the wheat will be swept into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone. Each of these angels are specifically assigned to reap God's harvest without mistake. As we close this lesson, something should have stirred in you by now. How could anyone read or hear of the glorious coming of Jesus Christ and not be concerned whether or not they'll spend eternity with him. Answer these questions. *"if he comes right now am I ready to meet my God ? Is there anything between my soul and my savior? Am I certain that God will say to me well done my good and faithful servant? "* If you cannot answer these questions with absolute certainty you need to bow your head right now, and seek God's forgiveness and tell him that, after this day, with his help, your are going to do your best to live for him the rest of your time on earth. As the hymnist once said, "Ill see you in the rapture."

Ok, here we go. Answer each question by matching the answer with a number that corresponds to it. Some may have more than one answer. Godspeed!

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| 1. Parusia | ___ attire in heaven |
| 2. Souls | ___ was made from dust |

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| 3. Eve | ___ A snatching away |
| 4. Man | ___ Chosen in Christ before the world began |
| 5. Advent | ___ Book of works |
| 6. Great White thrown | ___ Be fruitful and multiply |
| 7. Breath of God | ___ waiting a special event |
| 8. Elect | ___ Man with a womb |
| 9. White robes | ___ here, death and hell will give up the dead |
| 10. Sinners | ___ God's Spirit |
| 11. Rapture | ___ Made from flesh |

1.The time of the final harvest is,

- a. During the Millennium reign
 - b. During the Tribulation
 - c. At the great white Throne Judgment
 - d. end of the World
2. Paul described the coming of the Lord as a _____ who comes in the _____. Christ will come without any _____ment and at a t_____ no one expects.
3. The rapture is a snatching away of the Lord's people to meet him in the air. Which of the following is correct concerning the rapture?
- a. Only the saints will hear the sound of the trumpet
 - b. Sinners will hear it but they'll be left behind
 - c. They who died unsaved will be left for the Judgment
 - d. The rapture will occur during our life time (2005 - 2045)

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4. Naked we were born into the world and naked we will leave this world means,
- a. Before God's eyes all are naked
 - b. We will have on what the funeral home dressed us in
 - c. Sinners will stand before God nude
 - d. Saints will be given white robes
5. Which of the following are other names of angels?
- a. Morning Stars
 - b. Sons of God
 - c. Son of Man
 - d. A great prince
6. Which of the following words mean the same thing?
- a. Rapture - Second Coming
 - b. Angel - Son of man
 - c. Michael - Archangel
 - d. Heaven - City of David
7. When a sinner dies a death angel carries their soul to a flaming hell.
- a. True, none stop
 - b. False, they're taken to purgatory to await the judgment
8. Which of the following statements about hell and the afterlife are true?

- a. Sinners are naked in hell
 - b. Both body and soul goes to hell
 - c. When the body dies the soul dies
 - d. The righteous will not feel nor see others in hell
9. The world will end,
- a. When the anti-Christ makes his presence known
 - b. When the gospel is preached in all the world
 - c. When every soul becomes saved
 - d. When Jesus comes back for the church

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10. Which statement is true?
- a. The first coming of Christ occurred when he was born
 - b. The second coming will occur after the seven year Tribulation
 - c. Jesus will come for his church after the seven year Tribulation
 - d. The first coming of Christ (Rapture) have already happened
11. In the final Harvest the following will occur.
- a. It will come to quick to prepare for it
 - b. The saints will be given brand new bodies
 - c. God will erase all thoughts of our hurtful past
 - d. Our bodies will defy gravity and float on air

