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The Law of Harvest:

Laws are not bad. Laws are good. Righteous laws were intended for the good of man and the glory of God upon the earth. God has designed laws to serve His purposes. God does not serve laws. Laws serve Him. There is a law of gravity that keeps us on the ground. It's a good thing. If we defy the law of gravity we have to make compensations in order to function in a normal operation. When astronauts travel outside of the bounds of the earth's gravity, they have to take measures to artificially simulate the law of gravity in order to function the same as when they are within the earth's atmosphere. The law of gravity was created by God to allow us to function in a natural world. There is another law called the law of density. While the law of gravity keeps us on the floor, the law of density keeps us from falling through the floor. I am glad we have been given the law of density. We are going to look at how some natural laws which God has given us apply to the greater law of harvest, the law of God's "destiny" for our life in Him.

In order for us to properly understand God's law of harvest, we are going to have to begin to think like Him. God is a covenant God and He is raising us up to be His covenant people upon the earth. Those of us who are from the western world have a mind-set that is contrary to the covenant thinking of God.

We have been raised to think with "linear" thought patterns. A linear thought pattern is one that thinks in a logical, chronological fashion. We believe that $A + B = C$. We believe that "cause and effect" is the pattern of life. Most of us believe that we are a product of our past. We are the way that we are because of the things that have happened to us in the past. "We are poor because we were raised in a poor home." "We are rich because our parents were rich." "We are insecure because we were raised in a broken home." We have been raised with the subtle supposition that our "destiny" in life is based upon our past. God does not think that way. A cause and effect mind-set will not allow us to receive the benefits of the Kingdom of God here upon the earth. God did not determine our future by our past. We have a past because God has determined for us a future. The thief (the Devil) came to steal, kill and destroy in hopes of stopping our future. The Devil has used the laws of nature against us in an attempt to stop God's law of harvest in our lives. In many cases the Devil doesn't even have to become involved. We do a fine enough job all on our own of thwarting God's plans for our future through twisting the laws intended to serve our destiny.

It is good to know that God is greater than all of the violations of ourself, others, the Devil and circumstances in all of the attempts to destroy our destiny. God is the one who knew us before we were formed in our mother's womb. He has determined "C" (the end) and He knows that it is going to require us "A + B" in order to accomplish the determined "C". If "harvest" is "C", then "C"



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requires the laws of “A” and “B” to serve the greater law of “C”. God does not just desire a completed work. He has commanded it. Therefore, “A” and “B” serve the greater purpose of “C”. It is not that “A + B” has the required result of “C”. It is that the result of “C” requires “A + B”. Our business, our ministry, our call in life requires us to “honor God first”, “sow our time in study”, “invest our money wisely”, “work hard and diligently”, and whatever else is necessary to serve the greater end. We don’t work hard to get ahead. God says we are to get ahead so we work hard. We don’t sow our time in studying business technology in hopes that we might have a future in business. God says we are called to business so we study business technology in order to serve the success of our call.

God doesn’t think in a “linear, chronological” way. The Scripture says that He has determined the end from the beginning (**Isa.46:10**). If you read the Hebrew “Torah” (the first five books of the Old Testament), you will find that it opens from the back and reads in the reverse direction of our English language. I believe that this pattern expresses something of the mind of God. The realization of starting with Genesis at the back of the book reveals to me that we have a “beginning” because God has determined an “end”. We do not have an end as the result of our beginning. God has determined a “completion” and therefore we are required to have a “beginning”. We are not a product of our past. We were created by God for a future and a hope. We don’t have a future and a hope because we were created. We were created for the future

and the hope that God has determined for us to walk in. This is true for both our natural birth in the flesh as well as our birth through the Spirit of Christ.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

It is not determined by God for us to do good works because we were created in Christ Jesus. We were created in Christ Jesus because we were predestined by God for good works. The good works determined by God required us to have a “re-creation” in Christ Jesus. The works were prepared beforehand, therefore, we needed a past to serve the destiny of our future.



In order for us to become the prophetic people that God requires of us, we must learn to think covenant. Those of us from the western world think “contract”. A contract says that we make certain agreements in



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order to fashion or secure a particular future circumstance or event. A contract takes certain conditions to acquire a certain result. A covenant is not like that. A covenant is based upon a completed work and requires conditions to be met in order to comply with that completed work. While contract has conditions that hope to accomplish a completed result, a covenant sees the completed result and then has requirements to serve that completed result. The result is preestablished and does not change. A contract implies a "hope for a future" while covenant declares "hope of the future". We must learn to think covenant, destiny, purpose, target, finish line, prize, goal, harvest, fulfillment, completion and the like. God determined harvest before He determined sowing.

1Cor. 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

There are things that we have not seen, heard, or thought which God has prepared for us. If we base our life upon the things that have happened to us in the past we will be bound to experience the same things that we have seen, heard or known. God desires to bring us further in the things of Him. The "restoration of all things" requires us to receive things that are yet to be revealed. In order for us to receive the things that are yet to be revealed we must first of all view them as a finished work in Christ. These finished

works have been prepared for us by God and are ready to be received through His Spirit. The key is in our ability to receive the revelation and then follow through with the appropriate steps in life to see them come about.

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

In the very first book called "Beginnings" (*Genesis*) we see that God determined finish line, goal, prize, target, and harvest. That was the commission. That was the mandate to man. God said to be fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue and have dominion over all the earth. When we hear God say "despise not the day of small beginnings" we focus on "small beginnings". When God says "despise not the day of small beginnings" He is thinking "finish line", not beginnings. Small beginnings is not for the purpose of what is small. It is for the purpose of the completed end, the harvest of our life.

Gen. 1:29 - And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.



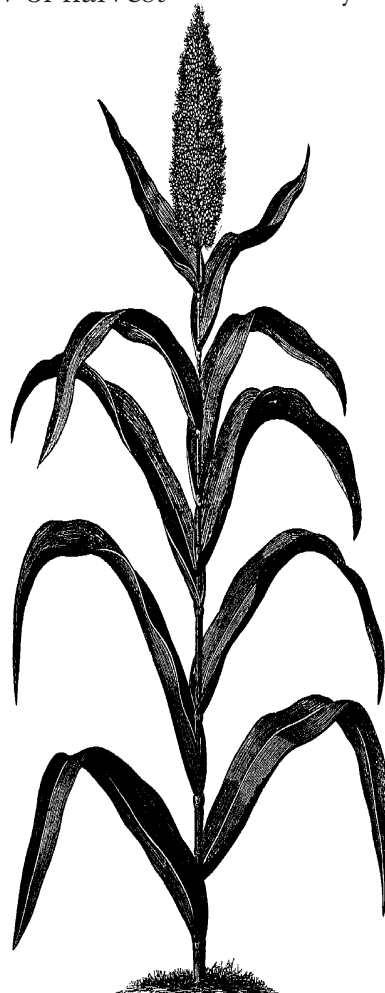
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There is a law called “sowing and reaping”. This law has determined that what we sow we will reap (**Gal. 6:7**). Western world Christians, of which I am one, have thought for years that we will reap what we sow. We have therefore believed that we must sow in order that we will reap. I believe that there is a higher law. It is called the law of harvest. It requires the law of sowing and reaping to serve its higher purpose. We do not sow so that we will reap. We know that we will reap so we submit the law of sowing and reaping to the law of harvest because it is one of several laws that serves to fulfill the greater law of harvest. God commissioned a harvest before he commissioned the sowing. There is a prophetic significance in the food which God gave man to eat. Man was given food to eat that had seed in it. God knows that the law of sowing and reaping, the law of first things, and some other laws serve the greater law of harvest. We need the law of sowing and reaping but we must know that not everything that we sow was intended by God for us to reap. Not everything that we sow is purposed by God for us to reap. But anything that God purposed for us to reap we must sow in order to reap it. God is not in every harvest that is a result of our sowing but He is in every harvest that is a result of His word. He is in every harvest that

He has determined and there is a specific sowing required to accomplish His specific harvest that He decreed.

The food of Jesus was to do the will of Him who sent Him. His food was to eat the thing with seed in it. His earthly life was as a kernel of wheat to be sown for the impending harvest of God in the earth. He came to give us life and life more abundant. He came to give us eternal life. He didn't come to give us a “get out of hell free” card. He came to give us life. He came to bring us back into “destiny”. His target was to bring us back to

“the goal, the prize, harvest, the finish line, destiny, and purpose”. He submitted the law of sowing and reaping, the law of first things, and every other law in order to fulfill the higher law of harvest in the earth.

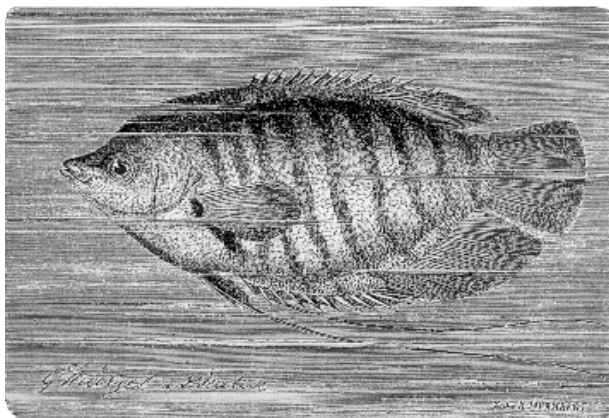


Jesus didn't set us free from the law. He set us free from the law of sin and death. It too is a law and it simply says; “If you move out of relationship with your life source, you die!” For a plant it would mean to be removed from the dirt. To a fish it would be to be removed from the water. For man it means to be removed from God. Anything that takes you from your life source is sin. God is the author and giver of life. Anything that removes you from your life source is sin because God loves life. Removal from your life source means death, therefore



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it is sin. There is a law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. It guarantees for us life if we come back into relationship with God our Father through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. God's purpose is life. Therefore, we submit the laws of the earth to serve the law of life. God's heart is for life!



We are not of those wandering around aimless and without a target (1Pet. 1:18,19). God determined harvest before He determined sowing. God established laws to serve His purpose; therefore, these laws must serve His purpose of harvest. God does not serve His laws, His laws serve Him and His purpose.

God determines harvest, thus the law of sowing is required to serve God's purpose of harvest. Let's look at an example of this in the life of Abraham. **Gen.17:1-12:**

Gen. 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God

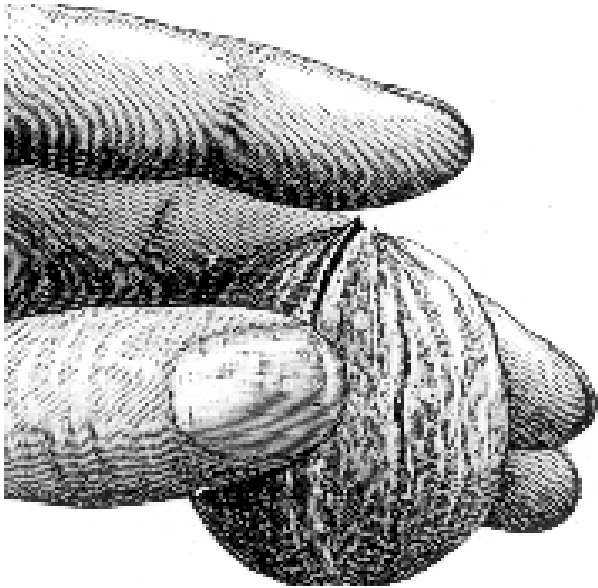
talked with him, saying: 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." 9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

The sign of circumcision is no confidence in the flesh. It is a sign of complete confidence in the ability of the Spirit of God to bring about all that God has promised. God made a promise to Abraham of a great harvest through his life. God said that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's seed. Abraham received that word by faith and was required to carry out the sign of circumcision as an indication of his faith in God and His completed word.



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Abraham's faith was not that there might be a fulfillment of God's promise. His faith was in the fact that God would fulfill His promise.



God brought forth His promise to Abraham through Isaac. Isaac was the seed of the promise and he was a result of the law of harvest. Abraham also had a son name Ishmael through the seed of the flesh. Ishmael was a result of the law of sowing and reaping. Ishmael was a great nation that resulted from the earthly law called "sowing and reaping". We can have great things in our life that are the result of the law of sowing and reaping. Whatever we sow we will reap. If we sow bad things we will reap bad things. If we sow good things we will reap good things. If we sow God things we will reap God things. Not all good things are God things. The law of sowing and reaping is working whether we believe in it or not. But there is a law of harvest which is greater than the law of sowing and reaping. It requires specific sowing to bring about the specific harvest. There was no law of harvest for Ishmael. Ishmael was the result

of the law of sowing and reaping. Isaac was the result of the law of harvest. God spoke Isaac before there was ever a sowing. Because God spoke it there had to be a sowing and reaping to serve His word. Read **Genesis chapter 22** and you will see that Abraham freely obeyed the command of the Lord by offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice upon the altar of faith. Just as Abraham's knife was about to slay Isaac, God stopped him and provided a sacrifice in the thicket. God acknowledged Abraham's faith in His greater law of harvest - **Gen. 22:16-18:**

Gen. 22:16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 "in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 8 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

It was by faith that Abraham received the word of harvest. He didn't offer his son Isaac on the altar because of the law of sowing and reaping. He knew that God would have to raise him from the dead because of the law of harvest. Abraham was able to be obedient in the law of sowing and reaping because he had already by faith received the greater word of harvest. Abraham didn't sow so that he would see a harvest. He freely sowed because he had already seen the harvest.

God's purpose in sowing seed is for



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“HARVEST”. God requires seed because He has determined a harvest. He has a harvest for us in every area of our life. We are going to have to see the harvest before we can see the sowing. We sow because we know we will reap. We don't sow to reap. We do not sow seed because we want to see a harvest. We see a harvest, so we sow seed.

We must repent for the times that we have sowed seed in hopes of seeing a harvest. God has called us to walk by faith. We must sow seed for the thing that we see by faith, not for the thing that we cannot see. Seeing by faith is believing. Blindly sowing is seed sown from unbelief. We do not sow so that we might believe. We must sow because we believe. Our food is to do the will of Him who sent us. It is time that we believe to see that for which we were sent. Faith comes by hearing God speak. We must submit the law of sowing and reaping to the purpose of God because we have heard what He has said. If God has given us a word for harvest we must be faithful to sow whatever it takes to reap what He has said. It is irrelevant how long we must sow or how much we must sow. We must simply sow until we see the full manifestation of what He has said. We must keep looking at the harvest, not the seed. Do we have our combines ready? Have we built our barns and are they ready? Is everything prepared to receive the harvest? When we see the harvest it's not a question of whether we will reap or not. It is simply a matter of preparing for the time when we will. Do we have a sharp sickle on our combine? Is it greased? Do we have gas in the tank? Is the barn clean and ready to receive the harvest? Have we gotten the mice, rats and other devourers out before the crop comes in? Are

the shipping trucks ready to transport the harvest out? Are we ready for export of the blessing? It was by faith that Abraham received the word of harvest. Abraham did not sow so that he would see a harvest. He freely sowed because he had already seen the harvest.

Our food is to do the will of Him who sent us. Our food is going to have seed in it. Doing the will of God in our life will automatically sow seed by which to reap the harvest of our destiny. God will require of us proper sowing for the proper reaping of what He has promised. We want to do the will of Him who sent us because God has a goal, a target, a destiny, a purpose, a finish line, a harvest for each of us. He has some place for us to arrive at in Him. If we are faithful to do what He has told us to do the law of sowing and reaping will serve that greater law of harvest in our lives.



Jesus ate the food that had seed in it. He did everything that was necessary to serve the purpose for which God had called Him. Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we would have resurrection life. He determined that we would have resurrection life, so He died on the cross. He even went as far as asking His Father if there was any other way that it could be accomplished. He took the crop of the cross because He had determined for us to reap the benefits of the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. He fulfilled the law of sin and death so that we could enter into the law of the Spirit of Life in Him.



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Our inheritance isn't determined by the things that we do. Our inheritance determines the things that we must do. The laws of the earth serve the greater law of harvest. The law of harvest asks the question; "What must we do today to bring us closer to the day of reaping the promise of tomorrow?"

Jesus became the first to guarantee the last. He is not only the first in Creation, He is also the firstborn from the dead. The law of first things says that whatever you do with the first is what will be done with the last. Even when it comes to the Church, He is the firstborn from the dead. He didn't become the firstborn from the dead so that others might possibly follow. He saw all the ones that followed. He became the first so that all the others would follow. He caused the law of "first things" to serve the greater law of "harvest".

We do not determine what we are to sow. God determines our sowing by what He has determined to be our harvest. If God has called us to be a musician we are going to have to submit the law of sowing and reaping to the greater law of harvest. We are going to have to study music in order to reap the benefits of understanding music. We don't study music in hopes that we might become a musician. We study music in order to reap from our study because God has called us to be a musician. If God said He has called us to be an evangelist and a preacher of His word we had better start studying His word. Studying His word won't make us an evangelist, but studying His word will reap the benefits of knowing His word in order to

serve the greater law of harvest as an evangelist and a preacher of His word. We must sow seed according to what God has said we will be. We don't sow so that we might reap. We sow so that we will reap the harvest that God has shown us. We must find out what God has said about us and then we must sow the things that reap that result. It might mean that we have to school. We might have to sow time, money, study, love, mercy, faithfulness, or any other thing.

It is God in His heaven who determines the seasons and the times. The seasons and the times do not determine God's presence nor God's purpose. God sets the signs in the heavens to serve His purpose in the earth. It is the signs of heaven that determine the harvest on the earth. We must find our faith to sow from the presence of God and the signs in His heaven. Our reaping of our harvest has nothing to do with what is going on in the natural realm. Our reaping is dependent upon what God decrees from His heavenly throne. The natural realm will line up with God's decree from heaven if we are faithful to respond to God's season, not ours.

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