

“A World Ripe for Judgement”

Revelation 14:14-20

Sunday, September 3, 2023

1. A Harvest of Distinction (14-16)

A. (Matt 13:24-30)²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ” NKJV

B. (Mt 13:36-43)³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” ³⁷ He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! NKJV

C. Principle: Going to heaven is about WHO you know!

D. (2 Cor 13:5) “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith...” NKJV

E. “rather than praying for pain’s removal, we ought to pray for pain’s conversion” P.T. Forsythe

F. Principle: The kind of fruit you produce is the standard of measure the reapers will use to separate

2. A Harvest of Destruction (17-20)

A. (Gen 15:16) “But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.” NKJV

B. (2 Pet 3:9) says that ‘The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance’ NKJV

C. (Lk 18:8) “...when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” NKJV

3. A Harvest by Decision

A. Principle: God is patient in His wrath so that you can respond!