

OBSERVETH THE WIND & REGARDETH THE CLOUDS ECCLESIASTES 11

Text: Ecc 11:4

(Ecclesiastes 11:4) "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

Introduction:

We are aware of God's plan to reach the world. It is found in Psalms 126:5-6.

(Psalms 126:5-6) "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. {6} He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

It can be summed up in six words: going and sowing; weeping and reaping.

We are all to be sowing and reaping. We are to sow the Word of God and reap souls for Christ.

We have here in our text a real travesty.

1. THE SOWER WHO WOULD NOT SOW

(Ecclesiastes 11:4) "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

A. Here stands a sower who will not sow.

1. He has seeds in his hand but is afraid to drop them into the soil.
2. A harvest awaits if he sows, but he is afraid to do so.

B. The Bible speaks of different kind of sowing

1. The sowing of righteous living brings rewards.

(Proverbs 11:18) "The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward."

2. The sowing of material wealth brings abundance.

(2 Corinthians 9:6) "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

3. The sowing of the Word of God results in reaping souls.

(Psalms 126:6) "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

C. This reluctant sower is immobilized by the wind. (The fear of how people may react)

2. THE REAPER WHO WOULD NOT REAP

(Ecclesiastes 11:4) "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

A. This man has sown his seed and it is now time to reap.

B. He stands with scythe in hand but will not swing it.

1. He is afraid of the clouds

2. He fears that a storm will destroy his long awaited crop.

3. His lack of reaping is more deadly than any predicted storm.

C. Many clouds keep us from reaping

1. The fear of what people will say if we reap.
2. The fear of beginning well but not being able to finish.
3. The fear of God not coming through to help us reap.

D. God has not given us the spirit of fear.

(2 Timothy 1:7) "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

3. THE HARVEST THAT NEVER CAME

(Ecclesiastes 11:4) "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

A. No Sowing, No Reaping, No Harvest

B. This harvest was lost because of the fear of clouds and wind.

1. What do you fear that keeps you from sowing?

Close:

We must not let the storms of life prevent us from doing what we are to be doing; Sowing and Reaping.

Fear must not keep us from being faithful

Let us go and sow and reap and bring in the harvest