

Series: Standing on the Promises

IN DUE SEASON

GALATIANS 6:9-11

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Introduction:

Understand today the God is a God of order. God has built order into the universe.

This universe works according to fixed laws and so does the spiritual universe.

These fixed laws are laws that affect us each day.

One of these fixed laws is the law of gravity.

This law is what is holding you there in your pew.

Another law that we will consider this morning is the law of the harvest.

The law of the harvest is described in this passage.

Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

I want us to consider the principles of this law.

Note:

1. THE LAW OF PROPAGATION

The law of propagation says this: You must sow, if you would reap. There can be no reaping unless you put seed in the ground.

If there is to be a harvest seed must be sown.

Note secondly:

2. THE LAW OF IDENTIFICATION

Not only is there the law of dissemination, but there is the law of identification: You reap what you sow.

Galatians 6:7

⁷ *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***

This law goes all the back to creation.

Genesis 1:11

¹¹ *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit **after his kind**, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

There can be no reaping unless we first sow; that's dissemination. But, we will reap as we sow; that is identification.

Note what the text states again:

Galatians 6:8

⁸ *For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

The text says, "If you sow to the flesh, you will of the flesh reap corruption."

Every kick has a kickback.

There are a lot of people who want to sow wild oats six days a week and then come to church on Sunday and pray for crop failure.

That doesn't work. Whatever you sow, you're going to reap.

Note thirdly:

3. THE LAW OF ANTICIPATION

We reap later than we sow.

Galatians 6:9

⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Every harvest has its due season. Sometimes, we reap almost immediately; sometimes, it may be years before we reap.

Illustration:

I know that the people back in 1973, more than 40 years ago, who began Temple Baptist Church, had no idea of what we would be doing today.

But we are reaping a harvest today later.

This is the law of anticipation.

We must learn that we sometimes we have to wait and not to grow weary in well doing.

Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 11:

Ecclesiastes 11:1

¹ *Cast thy bread upon the waters: **for thou shalt find it after many days.***

Solomon would send out his ships; he would trade. He was a trader, and he would send out his ships. That was what he called "casting his bread upon the water." Rather than consuming it for himself and eating that bread, he sent forth those ships.

In 1 Kings 10 we note:

1 Kings 10:22-23

²² *For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.* ²³ *So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.*

Solomon knew that he could afford to wait for the harvest.

Some feel as if the wild oats that they have or are currently sowing may have been excused or forgotten but note what we read in Ecclesiastes 8:

Ecclesiastes 8:11

¹¹ Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Sometimes, because we don't see it right away, we think that the law of the harvest is not working.

Remember, it works against us, or it works for us.

It all depends upon what we have sown, but it always works.

Notice another principle:

4. THE LAW OF MULTIPLICATION

Not only do we reap later than we sow—that is anticipation; but here's something else: We reap more than we sow—that's the law of multiplication.

It wouldn't make sense to be a farmer unless the law of multiplication is in effect.

What we sow is multiplied and intensified. Now, it can work negatively, or it can work positively.

Let me show you how it works negatively. God warned His people, through the prophet Hosea.

Hosea 8:7

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.

What does that mean? It means there is a law of multiplication and intensification. Now, negatively, if you sow to the flesh, if you play with sin, again, that's going to destroy you.

Illustration:

back in the late 50s and 60s, when something happened in America called the *sexual revolution*—the *sexual revolution*. It was led, primarily, by Hugh Hefner, and *Playboy Magazine*. And, the generation of that day began to smirk and to laugh. They thought that they could break God's law of sowing and reaping. They thought they could transgress God's commandment, where God says, "*Thou shalt not commit adultery,*" where God says, "*Flee fornication,*" where God warned about all of these things:

Exodus 20:14

¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.

1 Corinthians 6:18

¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Now, see what is happening in America today.

We've sown the wind; we're reaping the whirlwind. We have a society that's being destroyed by vile diseases that we can't cure.

We have homes that are disintegrating.

We have a society that's being torn apart.

We have little children who do not know, many times, who their parents are.

You can't turn the television on, without seeing something sensual, hearing God blasphemed, and hearing wickedness flaunted in America.

What has happened to us?

In the 60s, we sowed the wind, and today we're reaping the whirlwind.

Remember:

Galatians 6:7

⁷ *Be not deceived; **God is not mocked**: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

On the positive side, how powerful is a life lived for the Lord!

How we thank the Lord for those who founded this church. Think of those who will be in Heaven because of the seeds that were sowed.

We thank God for the blessings that have multiplied and multiplied and multiplied.

Illustration:

Remember that little ear of corn. In one ear of corn, if it is planted, there is a bushel of corn. And, in that bushel of corn, if that bushel of corn is planted, there are 100 bushels of corn. And, if you plant 100 bushels of corn, there will be 10,000 bushels of corn. And, if you did that, in three years, there would be millions of bushels of corn. That is the law of multiplication.

Now that is why we should sow the good seed and not sow it sparingly.

Note 2 Corinthians 9:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Illustration:

Can you imagine a farmer getting the seed, and, when he's about to go out, his wife says, "What are you going to do with that corn?" He said, "I'm going to put it in the ground." She said, "You stop right where you are. You're crazy. We need that to eat. We're going to eat that corn." He said, "But, wait a minute. We'll eat some of it, but we're going to plant the rest of it." She said, "No, I don't want you to do that. That would be wasting it." He said, "That's not wasting it. We're putting it in the ground. We want a harvest."

This is true with our lives.

If you want a harvest, we must plant. There can be no harvest unless we plant; that's propagation.

You're going to reap what you sow—that is identification.

You're going to reap more than you sow—that is multiplication.

Note this last principle:

5. THE LAW OF PARTICIPATION

We often reap what others have sown.

Note John 4:

John 4:37-38

³⁷ And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. ³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Illustration:

As we sit in this building we enjoy a beautiful auditorium, with padded pews.

And some have no part in making this possible.

Some have never sacrificed they just come and sit down.

Sadly you don't realize what you are doing, but you are reaping a harvest where somebody else sowed.

This place didn't just float down from Heaven.

All that we enjoy here represents the vision, that faith, the prayers, the tears, the sacrifice of God's people, and we are reaping where others have sown.

We all stand on the shoulders of other people.

I feel so blessed that God led us here 15 years ago the last Sunday this month.

A place where people love the Lord, God's Word.

A place where people believe that the pastor is God's appointed and anointed leader to lead the church.

It is truly a privilege to pastor this church.

I said that to say this:

There are others who are going to come behind us.

They are going to reap what we sow.

Sadly today, little children, are suffering—not because of their sins, but because of the sins of others.

Little babies will be born from mothers who are addicted with crack cocaine, and they will come reaping, in their bodies, disease, and bodies that are racked with pain and addiction, because of the mothers.

Some little babies are born with the disease of AIDS—not because of anything that they have done, but maybe, perhaps, because of the promiscuity of their parents.

Not always, but many times, that's the reason for this. Think of the tragedy that happens, when it happens.

Close:

Understand the Law of the Harvest.

We must sow, if we are going to reap.

We will reap what we sow, and we will reap what we sow.

We will reap in proportion as to what we sow.

We will reap later than we sow.

May we sow the good seed because of those who will follow in our steps.

May we be thankful for the seeds that were sown by those who were before us.