

“Heart of Harvest”

By Mrs. Sojourner

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” [a]



Let us look at the opportunities to “harvest” in our Christian walks. We spend time in the Word and our “harvest” is that we know more about God and his heart, and about who we are in Christ. Another example is when we tell others about what God has done in our lives, the harvest is their response to the gospel. Likewise, when we pray about a matter, our harvest is in God answering the prayer.

This said, my question today is, “do you have a Heart of Harvest?” You see, the farmer has a choice when he goes to harvest his field. He can go out and harvest just enough food for his family and leave the rest to rot in the field as he says, “Well, I’ve got mine.” Or, he can go out and take the effort to harvest the whole field, thereby providing food for his family, and having plenty for others to come buy. Yes, the second scenario takes more effort, but that farmer receives the

Notes:

[a]
Matt. 9:37
NIV

added blessing of the money from the food sales that help him provide for his family and prepare for next year’s crops. The one who let part of his crop rot in the field stole from those who would have bought the vegetables, and from himself.

When we refuse to share the glory God has revealed to us with others because we are too busy or too shy, or if we refuse to pray for anyone but “me and mine” we rob ourselves AND the others of the harvest and victory God has ready for all.

A Heart of Harvest is a heart of love and selflessness. Willingness to share the blessing God has provided us is part of the reason we, the Body of Christ, are here. So go forth with a joyful Heart of Harvest!

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Leviticus 23:26-32 (NIV)

The “Day of Atonement” to the Israelite and now the Jew was and is the “biggest day of the year!”



them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Notes: (KJV)

There some very exciting things about the Day of Atonement for the believer in Christ. So let’s you and I begin to look at seven blessings which are ours every day which the Israelites could only bring about to enjoy on an annual basis.

Perhaps it is in our nature to value what is scarce or limited above what is plentiful. I think you will find that the daily blessings available to the Believer while plentiful are non-the-less of great value to we Believers to the amount of 360 plus times compared to those who follow the ancient Old Covenant ways of Moses.

Blessings Of Abraham
Gen. 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless

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[1] **Fulfilled in Christ ---**
Gal. 3:13-14 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (KJV)

The Temple High Priest
There was only one day each year when the High Priest for that year could enter the “Holy of Holies” to sprinkle the blood sacrifice on the “Mercy Seat” for the sins of Israel.

Fulfilled in Christ ---
Heb 8:7-8 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have

Scripture:

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Day of Atonement

²⁶The LORD said to Moses, ²⁷"The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, ^[a] and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. ²⁸Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. ³⁰I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. ³¹You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. ³²It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath."

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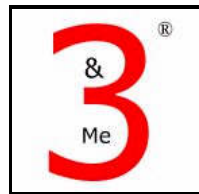
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Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**



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been sought for the second. **8** For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: (KJV)

7 Blessings

1. **A DOUBLE PORTION** – "For he has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you — the former rain and the latter rain in the first month" (Joel 2:23).
2. **FINANCIAL PROMISES** – "The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil" (Joel 2:24).
3. **RESTORATION** – "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten" (Joel 2:25).
4. **SPECIAL MIRACLES** – "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God Who has dealt wondrously with you" (Joel 2:26).
5. **A DIVINE PRESENCE** – "Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel; I am the Lord your God and there is no other, My people shall

never be put to shame" (Joel 2:27).

6. BLESSINGS FOR YOUR SONS AND

DAUGHTERS – "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . ." (Joel 2:28).

7. **DELIVERANCE TO WHOEVER CALLS ON HIS NAME** – "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved . . ." (Joel 2:32).

Fulfilled In Christ

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (KJV)

Rom. 10:12

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (KJV);

Rom. 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (KJV)

Christ fulfills each promise as yes and amen. Gods divine presence is in the Believer residing and delivering each and every day!