

REAPING WHAT IS SOWN

Galatians 6:7-9

Introduction: It is obvious that whatever grain a farmer plants, at harvest time he expects to reap what he sowed earlier in planting season. Equally true, if we sow sin and wickedness in our lives, we can expect to reap at the end exactly what we spent our lives doing.

There are two kinds of a life that a person can live, two kinds of "seed" that can be sown - the seed of righteousness and the seed of wickedness. There are also two crops that one will reap. The righteous will reap LIFE EVERLASTING and the wicked will reap CORRUPTION.

I. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE TRUTH OF REAPING WHAT IS SOWN

1. Job Declares That He Has Seen This Fact Proven (*Job 4:8-9*)

- God will blast them into eternity. He will consume their happiness and pleasure by the breath of His nostrils. The only way to escape destruction is to go back and plow your ground again and sow seeds of righteousness.

2. Solomon Verifies the Fact (*Proverbs 22:8*)

- Solomon, king of Israel, knew people. He knew how people lived and died. There was no wiser man than he. He saw people sow iniquity. He saw them in harvest reaping vanity.

3. The Righteous Will Reap Precious Sheaves (*Psalms 126:5-6*)

- They will reap for themselves LIFE EVERLASTING. The true Christian worker who bears precious seed of righteousness, sowing them in the hearts and lives of others, will have a bountiful harvest of souls when he/she comes to the judgment of rewards.

II. JACOB'S SOWING AND REAPING

- Jacob did a great deal of plowing, sowing, and reaping in his lifetime. He sowed fields with wickedness and other fields with righteousness. In harvest, he always reaped what he sowed.

1. He Sowed Wickedness in Deceiving His Father and Obtaining the Blessing (*Genesis 27:34-35*)

- As Esau hunted and prepared savory meat for his father, Jacob dressed in his brother's clothes, put a hairy skin on his hands and went before their father with savory meat his mother had prepared. Jacob lied and deceived his father, thereby obtaining the blessing. Esau cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry and begged their father for a blessing, but he was too late. Jacob had already obtained, by means of subtilty, that which rightly belonged to his brother. Jacob was sowing seed of iniquity. Those seed produced and later Jacob reaped.

2. Jacob Reaped What He Sowed. He Was Deceived and Got the Wrong Woman
(*Genesis 29:25-28*)

- Sin always pays off. Jacob deceived and was deceived. He took his brother's blessing through deceit and through deceit got Leah instead of Rachel. Sin pays a bonus. Jacob's bonus was seven more years of work.

3. Jacob Sowed Wickedly in Taking His Brother's Birthright (*Genesis 25:29-33*)

- He took advantage of his brother's weakened condition. He sowed very wickedly by mistreating and deceiving his brother. He took his brother's birthright for a trifle. Jacob did not realize a reaping day was coming. He reaped his harvest in great sorrow.

4. He Reaped What He Sowed in the Wickedness of His Sons When They Sold Joseph

- His sons deceived him. They sold Joseph, then killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat into the blood. Jacob killed a goat one time and deceived his father. His sons killed a goat and deceived their father. They made Jacob believe that his son Joseph had been devoured by a wild beast. Jacob tore his clothes in sorrow, put on sackcloth and mourned in bitterness many days. He was reaping what he had sown. He had sown in deceit, he was reaping deceit.

III. THE SEED OF WICKEDNESS ONCE SOWED ALWAYS SPRINGS UP

- The sower will always reap if the seed are allowed to remain in the ground. The sower could go back and plow up the ground, repent of his sins, and sow seed of righteousness, but if wickedness is allowed to run its course, there will be an awful harvest to reap.

1. Haman Reaped What He Sowed (*Esther 7:10*)

- Haman sowed wickedly against Mordecai. He planned his death and went far enough to build a gallows on which to hang him. Haman reaped what he sowed and died on the very gallows he prepared in his wickedness for Mordecai. Solomon said:
***"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."* Eccl. 10:8**

2. Agog Reaped What He Had Sowed (*1 Samuel 15:32-33*)

- He had killed all others by the sword. He had caused many mothers deep sorrow over the death of their sons. He died by the sword. His mother was left childless.

CONCLUSION:

People sow in the morning, reap in the evening of life. Sow today and reap tomorrow. It is possible to plow up your seed of wickedness before they mature. This is the only way to escape reaping an awful harvest. Act now.