

The Great Decision

As we think of God's goodness to us today it would be so easy to reject His greatest gift of all - simply by doing nothing! The Lord Jesus says...

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Matthew 12:30

And the consequences of ignoring or rejecting Him are surely horrific...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

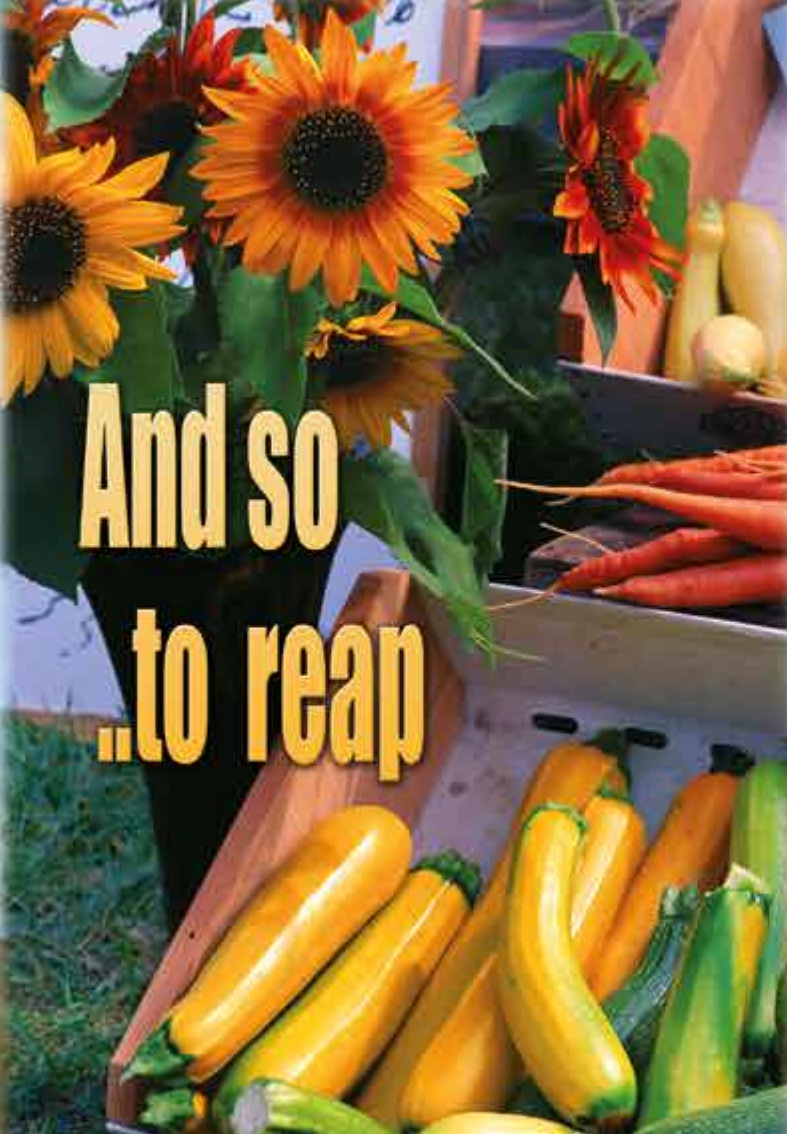
Responsibility for this, the greatest decision of all, is left with each one of us...

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6:7

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And so
..to reap

THE GREAT PROVIDER



Down through the years 'Harvest' has been a time for celebration and thanksgiving.

And here in the West we're grateful that our food supply is not normally interrupted by either war or extreme weather conditions.

But isn't it easy to take so much of this for granted - the farmers, manufacturers and shopkeepers...

and of course God, the Creator, Sustainer and Provider... in more ways than one...



At this time of Harvest let's give thanks for all that we enjoy day by day...



...but let's also consider the greatest gift of all...

The Great Problem



Even in our high-tech, sophisticated society crops can fail and livestock become diseased.

There are some aspects of nature which we cannot entirely control, any more than some features of our own lives.

Many of us would echo the honesty of the Apostle Paul when at one point in his life he wrote...

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...

Romans 7:15

Human nature, common to us all, means that even the best of us have failed...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

...and with very serious consequences...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, God has provided an answer...

The Great Sacrifice

At Harvestime we thank God for the way in which our physical and material needs have been met. But over 2000 years ago, on the Cross of Calvary, He also made provision for our everlasting well-being...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God...

1 Peter 3:18



But this in itself won't put us right with God.

Just as a farmer must take steps to deal with weeds in his field, so we must recognise and turn away from all that we know to be wrong in our lives. We must heed God's warning to us...

The one who sows to please their sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8

...and by asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to be our Saviour and Lord we not only receive forgiveness, but a completely new start in life...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



The Great Challenge

Of course, many of those through whom we receive our food still live lonely, isolated lives... devoted to their land and committed to their livestock. This mirrors something of the dedication that the Lord Jesus asks from those of us who would profess to be His true followers... following His example of self-sacrifice...

...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me...

John 12:24-26

And He calls us to put our faith into action...

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

