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The Seed, the Soil..



..and the Son

The Seed, the Soil and the Son

*Farming has always been a tough
struggle, with much of life on
the land following a seasonal
pattern.*

*Occasionally however, there is
the chance to pioneer some new
development...
or perhaps even literally, to break
some new ground.*

*Of course, this
not only applies
within the realm
of agriculture but
in an even more
important way...*



Facing the Elements

Farmers must co-operate with the weather and this reminds us that we all need to order our lives in line with things that really matter.

Over the years many have found that the way to lasting security and fulfilment is through entering into a personal relationship with God.

Perhaps it was a farmer of a previous century who said...

*I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help
come from. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker
of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

Sadly many of us still believe that we'll earn acceptance with God by trying to live a good life. But His Son, Christ Jesus, says...

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one
comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6



Sheep and Seed

If we want to 'get right' with God we must hear what He says about our human nature... whether we specialise in livestock...

We all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way...

Isaiah 53:6

...or in crop production...

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction...

Galatians 6:8

And this applies to even the best of us...

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

Romans 3:23

...with very serious consequences...

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

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, there is an answer today...



Making the Sacrifice

Down through the years many farming families have lived isolated, lonely lives, often sacrificing the comforts of urban life in order to work the land.

Yet the greatest sacrifice of all took place on another barren hillside almost 2000 years ago...

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

1 Peter 3:18

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Just as we can lead a horse to water, but fail to make it drink, so the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus will do us no good unless we're prepared to make the right response...

Taste and see that the Lord is good...

Psalms 34:8

We do this by seeking His forgiveness, turning from all we know to be wrong and asking Him into our lives as our Saviour and Lord.

This will mean 'breaking new ground' in the spiritual realm, with practical consequences for every part of our lives...

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

2 Corinthians 5:17



The Cost of Commitment

A farmer must be devoted to his land and committed to his livestock, no matter how demanding this might be.

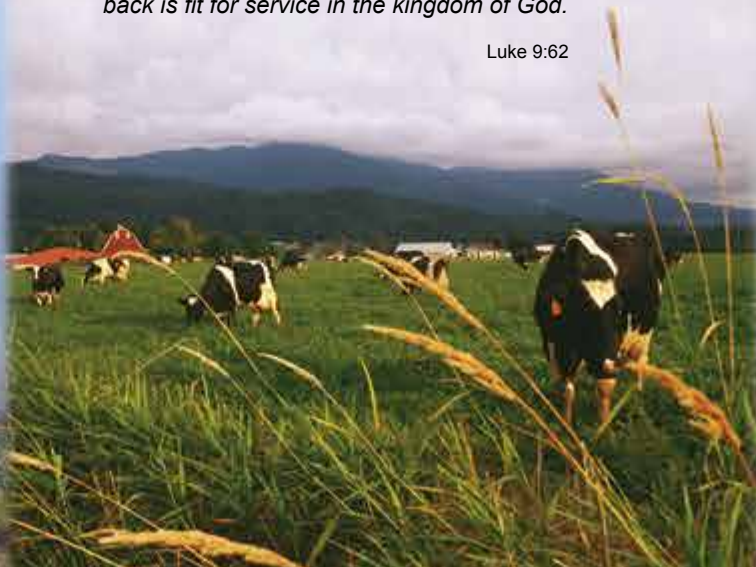
In a similar way, Christ Jesus calls all who would be His true followers to a life of sacrificial commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

No-one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:62



Harvest Production

Farming life is full of challenges, including the most important of all...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Our response to this will produce a 'harvest' of one kind or another...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

How will you respond to the greatest challenge of all?

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

Galatians 6:7

So NOW is always the right time to 'get right' with God...

...now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

