

Introduction

1. Harvest Thanksgiving – it is good
2. Let us truly thank God
3. Every leaf / grain of food is God's gift to us

1. THE HARVEST OF NATURE

- 1) A wonderful process: sowing / reaping
- 2) Seen in all of nature
- 3) Acknowledged with thankfulness in the O.T.
- 4) It gives glory to God:
 - (i) a process created by Him
 - (ii) providentially cared for by Him
 - (iii) enjoyed by us

APPLICATION: Let us be grateful + see God's hand in it.

2. THE HARVEST OF NATIONS

- 1) The moral aspect: sowing + reaping
- 2) It has a message for individuals
- 3) Also for nations:
 - (i) relevant to the UK just now
 - (ii) look back to the old nations
 - (iii) a pattern: rise / wealth / decay
 - (iv) godliness: the "wealth of nations"
 - (v) sin: the same way down
- 4) A sober look at the UK

APPLICATION: "When nations are to perish..."
 Let us hide in Christ.

3. THE HARVEST OF LOST SOULS

- 1) The teaching of scripture: each one of us
 - 2) The way we live has consequences:
 - (i) "as we sow, we reap..."
 - (ii) "be sure your sin..."
 - 3) The picture of a harvest in the end: See Rev.
 - 4) The angels will gather them up for the fire
 - 5) We cannot see the lost without pity and concern
- APPLICATION**: Christ and Jerusalem

4. THE HARVEST OF ALL BELIEVERS

- 1) The same principle: sow / reap
- 2) What are we to sow?
- 3) What harvest will there be?
 - (i) earthly fruit first
 - (ii) heavenly fruit at Judgement
 - (iii) eternal fruit: "with the Lord"

OBSERVE: The great double-harvest here.
APPLICATION: It is not in vain to hold on your way.

CONCLUSION

1. The personal harvest
2. The family harvest
3. The church harvest

PSALM

65: 9 – 13

104: 10 – 15

92: 12 – 15