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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture
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## "Are You Ready To Be Picked?"

(What does The Harvester Consider Before Picking?)

In the Bible, the word "harvest" has multiple meanings, a few of these meanings includeg a time of gathering crops, spiritual growth, and a symbol of God's provision.

(What does The Harvester Consider Before Picking?)

The perfect time of gathering crops

The perfect season for their gathering

The end result of their season of labor

The time of their joy and celebration

(in part) When harvesting a crop, a harvester primarily considers the crop's maturity level, moisture content, weather conditions, and market demands to determine the optimal time to harvest.

In the Bible, maturity in Christ means being like Christ in character, words, and actions. It's a goal that Christians strive for as they imitate God and live out Christ's love. (Eph 5:1-2)

## Some signs of maturity in Christ:

- Loving others: Loving others as Christ loved (John 13:34)
- Keeping commandments: Keeping the commandments of Christ (John 14:21)
- Growing in holiness: Growing in holiness like Christ (Eph 4:23-24)
- Suffering: Suffering like Christ (Rom 8:17-18)
- Fading sins: Putting off the old self and being renewed by the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:22-24)



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## Matthew 9:35-37

(the harvest is now ready)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(35) Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages [in Galilee], teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news (gospel) of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness [His words and His works reflecting His Messiahship].

#### **Holman Christian Standard Bible**

(36) When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd.

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(36) When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were troubled and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.

#### **Good News Translation**

(37) So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in.

#### **New Living Translation**

(37) He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few

## 1 Corinthians 14:20-22

(you should be growing up in Christ, not forever having the mind of a child)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(20) Brothers and sisters, do not be children [immature, childlike] in your thinking; be infants in [matters of] evil [completely innocent and inexperienced], but in your minds be mature [adults]

#### **New Living Translation**

(20) Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things. Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind

#### **English Standard Version**

(20) Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

(wanting to live like an adult when it comes to sin, but forever a child when it comes to Christ)

#### **Good News Translation**

(21) In the Scriptures it is written, "By means of people speaking strange languages I will speak to my people, says the Lord. I will speak through lips of foreigners, but even then my people will not listen to me."

#### **Amplified Bible**

(22) Therefore, [unknown] tongues are [meant] for a [supernatural] sign, not to believers but to unbelievers [who might be receptive]; while prophecy [foretelling the future, speaking a new message from God to the people] is not for unbelievers but for believers



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## **Hebrews 5:12-14**

(stop milking it, let Christ grow you up so you can help with The Harvesting)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers [because of the time you have had to learn these truths], you actually need someone to teach you again the elementary principles of God's word [from the beginning], and you have come to be continually in need of milk, not solid food.

#### **Good News Translation**

(12) There has been enough time for you to be teachers—yet you still need someone to teach you the first lessons of God's message. Instead of eating solid food, you still have to drink milk.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(13) For everyone who lives on milk is [doctrinally inexperienced and] unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a *spiritual* infant.

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(13) All those who live on milk lack the experience to talk about what is right. They are still babies

#### **Amplified Bible**

(14) But solid food is for the [spiritually] mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between what is morally good and *what is* evil.

#### **Holman Christian Standard Bible**

- (14) But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil.
- "living on milk as babes" refers to being spiritually immature and dependent on basic Christian teachings. As Christians grow in their faith, they move on to "solid food", which is more complex instruction and study of the Bible.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth
- **Milk** The basic teachings of the gospel, such as repentance, baptism, and resurrection.

**Solid food -** More complex teachings of the Bible, such as distinguishing between good and evil, and understanding doctrine.

**Spiritual growth -** Growing in faith and understanding of God through studying the Bible,



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## Who will God be taking in The rapture?

**In the rapture**, God will take all believers in Jesus Christ, both living and dead, to heaven, meaning only those who have accepted Jesus as their savior will be taken up at the time of the rapture; unbelievers will be left behind on Earth.

- Who is taken: Believers in Jesus Christ.
- What happens: Believers are "caught up" to meet Jesus in the air.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(reuniting with those who loved Christ)

#### **Amplified Bible**

(13) Now we do not want you to be uninformed, believers, about those who are asleep [in death], so that you will not grieve [for them] as the others do who have no hope [beyond this present life].

#### **Contemporary English Version**

(13) My friends, we want you to understand how it will be for those followers who have already died. Then you won't grieve over them and be like people who don't have any hope.

#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(14) We believe that Jesus died and came back to life. We also believe that, through Jesus, God will bring back those who have died. They will come back with Jesus.

#### **International Standard Version**

(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so through Jesus God will bring those who have died with him

#### John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies. / And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

#### Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— / in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed

#### **John 14:3**

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am.



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#### **GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(15) We are telling you what the Lord taught. We who are still alive when the Lord comes will not go [into his kingdom] ahead of those who have already died.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(16) For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the [blast of the] trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first (receiving our Resurrected Body)

#### **Weymouth New Testament**

(16) For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven with a loud word of command, and with an archangel's voice and the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first

#### **Amplified Bible**

(17) Then we who are alive and remain [on the earth] will simultaneously be caught up (raptured) together with them [the resurrected ones] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord!

#### **Christian Standard Bible**

(17) Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord

#### **Amplified Bible**

(18) Therefore comfort *and* encourage one another with these words [concerning our reunion with believers who have died].

## Revelation 3:15-17

God considers the lukewarm Spoiled and of NO VALUE

#### **Amplified Bible**

(15) 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold (invigorating, refreshing) nor hot (healing, therapeutic); I wish that you were cold or hot.

#### **Amplified Bible**

(16) So because you are lukewarm (spiritually useless), and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth [rejecting you with disgust].

#### **Amplified Bible**

(17) Because you say, "I am rich, and have prospered and grown wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked [without hope and in great need],



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# VERUSBACAVIM

When you stand on the Mount of Olives about a mile from Jerusalem, the hustle of the city is loud and overwhelming, even from that distance. And when you're in the narrow streets of the city, the sights and sounds are even more intense and chaotic—the opposite of serenity and peace. But, this was not the plan for a place called the Holy City.

Psalm 147:2 says, "The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel." Jerusalem in the Bible is analogous to God's kingdom. Similarly, the image of God bringing Israel back to Jerusalem foreshadows Jesus bringing wayward sinners into His kingdom. For all who believe in Jesus, God has welcomed them into His kingdom to be with Him forever, and has promised them a citizenship in the New Jerusalem. It will be a place of ultimate peace and rest.

The book of Revelation explains that all believers will live in a new Jerusalem of God's Kingdom, but Jesus also said the Kingdom of God is within all of His followers. This means that if you are a follower of Jesus, people should see and experience that God is with you whenever they are with you. Would people say that about you?

How To Pronounce "Yerushalayim" (yer-oo-shaw-lah-im)



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