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“Are You Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom Brother?”

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Fred A. Fillmore wrote a very well-known hymn titled *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*. He also wrote another song we sing found in the title of this article. Mr. Fillmore was born in Paris, Illinois, in May of 1886. He published dozens of hymns. His father was a minister in the Christian church.

We sing this song—*Are You Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom Brother?* from time to time, but do we really comprehend the message. The message does not originate with the writer of the song, but with our Lord Jesus.

The song addresses both brothers and sisters in Christ sharing the Gospel in the morning, midday, and night time. In other words, a message this great does not cease to be shared. The author could be referring to sowing the seed when we are young, middle aged and older in years. He addresses the location as well... *all along the fertile way*. The author believes that wherever a Christian goes there is someone who needs to hear about Jesus. He then talks about the future. He uses words like *reap*, *harvest-time*, *sheaves* and *garner*. Reap simply means to get something as a result of what you have done. In agriculture, it refers to cutting or harvesting what has been planted. Harvest-time is that time in the fall where crops come out of the field. Sheaves are the stalks and ears that are bundled together at harvest. Garner simply means to gather or store or even to reap.

When you put all of this together, you have the message of Jesus from Matthew 9:35-38. He said, ***The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*** And in the Parable of the Sower, Jesus said the seed was the word of God and the field was the world. Jesus then tells us who should go and where. In Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15-16, Jesus commands ***us*** to ***go everywhere*** spreading the gospel to all people making disciples of them by baptizing them.

According to the song, a harvest (souls of man) can only be gathered if a seed is sown. The author closes the song explaining that a reaping is coming known as judgement and every person will learn their fate based on their preparation for eternity during this life. A huge part of that preparation is sharing the good news of Jesus. Paul explains this is II Corinthians 5:10, ***For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done either good or bad.*** Afterall, ***it is appointed unto men to die once and then the judgement*** (Heb. 9:27).

Now that we have taken a closer look at this hymn that reminds us that we have a role in the Kingdom (church), and work to do, the next time we sing it, let's sing it with conviction knowing we are fulfilling the Lord's Mission. Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom, brother?

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS PART 1

1 Timothy 3:8-9

- I. Dignified- v. 8 Acts 6:3, 24:16, 1 Peter 3:16
A. Venerable (respected), honorable, reputable (well thought of)
- II. Not Double-Tongued- v. 8 Matthew 5:33-37, 23:16-22, Galatians 2:11-14
A. Equivocal, saying one thing but meaning another or, saying one thing to one person and something different to another
- III. Not Given to Much Wine- v. 8 Leviticus 10:8-9, Galatians 5:21,23
- IV. Not Greedy for Dishonest Gain- v. 8 Ecclesiastes 5:10, Proverbs 11:1, 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- V. Holding the Mystery of the Faith- v. 9, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 1 Timothy 4:1-4, 1 Corinthians 4:4

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 680 There's Not a Friend

Song: 274 I Have Found a Friend in Jesus

Prayer

Song: 495 O the Depth and the Riches

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:8-9**Sermon**

Song: 763 Why Keep Jesus Waiting? (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 523 Our God, He Is Alive (Vs. 1, 4)

Prayer**1 Timothy 3:8-9**

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1 Timothy 3:8-9 (NKJV)

- ⁸ Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,
- ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23