

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: Accelerated Harvest

Text: Amos 9:13

Big Idea: We cannot stand still, the race against time is faster. We are in a race against the enemy, it is time to speed up. Plant all the more and reap even more.

Introduction:

1. Harvest – means the season for gathering agricultural crops. The act or process of gathering a crop in a single season. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
2. Harvest is something that we have sown, scattered, and planted in the ground whether good or bad.
 - God’s principle of sowing and reaping. What you sow, you will reap.
3. Accelerate means quicken, rush, fast track, to hurry.
4. Accelerated harvest means to quicken the harvest.
5. Throughout his prophecies, Amos has been exposing national sinfulness, threatening Divine discipline and punishment, picturing the ruin, the desolation, and the captivity of the kingdoms of Israel and of Judah, - but beyond that, Amos has looked beyond the gloomy situations of their generations, the vision of “Smiling Earth”, a happy people, splendid prosperity, and eternal joy.
 - It is not the desire for deceptive hope but it is the Presence of the Divine Spirit that gives him the vision of “The golden years are coming”, and “The World’s great age begins anew.

Amos 9:13-15 (NIV)

13“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, 14and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. “They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. 15I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

Amos 9:13 Ang Salita ng Dios (Tagalog Contemporary Bible)

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I. About the AUTHOR: Amos

DATE: ca. 767-753 B.C.

- Southerner of Tekoa (south of Jerusalem) (1:1)
- Traveled north to Israel (Bethel) to preach as one called of God (7:15)
- Occupation: sheep breeder, perhaps a master shepherd with others under him; not a prophet until called by the LORD (1:1; 7:14f) and a farmer of sycamore figs (7:14)
- Spoke in Bethel (center for idol worship in Israel) and then in Judah under Jeroboam II's resistance (7)

II. AUDIENCE: Primarily northern Israel (1:1; 7:15), but there are some references to southern Judah as well (2:4-5; 3:1; 6:1).

III. PURPOSES of the message:

- A.** To describe how the Lord God will not only come to judge the nations for their evil but will also come to judge Israel for her breach of covenant.
- B.** To proclaim a time of restoration and blessing after judgment under a revitalized Davidic dynasty.

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ACCELERATED HARVEST means:

I. Seed Time and Harvest Time overlap accordingly. (v.13a)

- Overlap means to join, connected, (tag.) magkakapatong, nagpapangabot.
- The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes.
- Overtake (HEB. nagash) signifies coming into very near proximity to the object and thus means to draw near or approach. Here in Amos 9:13 nagash speaks of incredible divine blessing on the land.

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- These agricultural descriptions indicated Israel will experience unprecedented peace and the absence of fear of a foreign threat.
- The only way they could plant and harvest like this would be indicative of God giving security along with productivity.
- The fields will be so productive that they will only finish reaping (umani o anihin) the harvest when it will be time to plant the next crop.
- It is a picture of the unending prosperity the Lord bestows on His people.
- NET Note - "The grape harvest occurred in August-September, planting in November-December. But in the future age described here, there will be so many grapes the workers who stomp them will still be working when the next planting season arrives!"
- There is a similar promise of incredible agricultural production to Israel in Leviticus 26:5 NIV – “Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.”

II. God’s abundance will flow spontaneously. (v.13b)

New wine will drip from the mountains.

- The vineyards of Israel were on mountain slopes. Of the excess of over-rich grapes with which they would be loaded many would burst, and in the spontaneous release of their juice the mountains would literally "drip new wine."
- This process, in our spirituality, is amazing and wonderful to know. Spiritual abundance has always had its expected and enriching overflow effect. Freely have ye received, freely give.
- Matthew 10:5-8 NIV - 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, and drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.
- GRATIS GIVEN SO GIVE GRATIS
 - o Gratis comes from the Latin word for "favor;"
 - o Gratis describes the quality of an action where the action is willingly provided without any requirement by the provider for compensation or monetary remuneration. It's often referred to in English as free of charge, complimentary, or on the house.

- Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons - All four commands are in present imperative calling for continual reliance upon the Holy Spirit to obey and for this to be the lifestyle of these 12 disciples.
- Freely you received, freely give - NLT = "Give as freely as you have received!" ESV = "You received without paying; give without pay." CSB = "You have received free of charge; give free of charge."
 - That's why you will notice that there are many Christian websites that are free, they offer all, they give all for free.
 - Men were simply the human instruments. God Alone should be the recipient of all praise and adoration, not men.
- Galatians 6:9 NIV – "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

III. **God's prosperity will experience by His people tremendously (v.13c)**

New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills,

Dadaloy sa mga bundok ang bagong alak, at masaganang aagos sa mga burol.

(MBB)

- "In his mind's eye Amos can see the wine dropping off the hills like streams after a flood.
- Joel expresses similar thoughts, but there, while the mountains "drop down new wine", "the hills shall flow with milk". The moisture to produce such a lavish crop will be constant, for "all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters" (Joel 3:18+).
- Joel 3:18 NIV - "In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house and will water the valley of acacias.
- When God releases blessing and prosperity, fruit comes naturally. It doesn't affect what place is it but the land itself is blessed by God.
- When God releases blessing and prosperity, the work of God's people is blessed. The plowman, the reaper, the treader of grapes, and him who sows seed still have their work to do and they worked joyfully.
 - They were all doing their respective work with joy and gladness.
- God bless them with energy and joy while doing the work they have to do.

THE PICTURE OF GOD'S PROSPERITY.

1. The fruitfulness of the soil

- New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills,

2. The unity of God's people.

- The plowman, the reaper, the treader of grapes, and him who sows seed still have their work to do and they worked joyfully.

- They were all doing their respective work with joy and gladness.

3. God's protection all throughout the season.

- These agricultural descriptions indicated Israel will experience unprecedented peace and the absence of fear of a foreign threat.
- Quiet resting places and sure habitation are secured by the goodness and Providence of God.

CHALLENGE: "One sign of a true revival, and indeed an essential part of it is the increased activity of God's laborers." (Spurgeon)

DISCUSSION:

1. What are the things that need to change in your heart in order to experience the abundance of God?
2. What can you say about, freely you received, freely give in Matthew 10:5-8 (NIV)?
3. Praise and thank God for all His blessings and provision in your life, family, ministry, and work. God bless you.