

**8-6-23**  
**PRAYING FOR LABOURERS**

Intro: All of man's history is a history of failures, yet in the midst of these tragedies and failures God consistently shows his power through his remnant. His people.. God's people have never been in the majority... God's people have always been a holy people. The word Holy means separate unique distinct.. rare..

Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Malachi 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Jewels are not common.. Dirt is common..  
Jewels are rare.. dirt isn't.  
Jewels are made through adversity and trials..

One thing I have noticed and that is that weeds just grow but anything of worth in your garden you need to cultivate.

Now Jesus said an amazing thing to his disciples..

Matthew 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few;

Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Jesus said to his disciples to pray for labourers for his harvest.

He said this back when he walked on earth. I say to you there is still a need, in fact I see an even greater need today.

Consider this challenge that Jesus gave to his disciples..

- I. HE SAID THE WORK IS GREAT**
- II. HE SAID THE WORKERS ARE FEW**
- III. HE SAID ONLY THE LORD CAN RAISE UP LABOURERS**
- IV. HE SAID OUR JOB IS TO PRAY FOR GOD CALLED WORKERS..**

**I. HE SAID THE WORK IS GREAT..**

THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS..

Has anything changed?

Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

There is something to do for everyone..

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

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Malachi 3:18 **Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.**

The Lord said his jewels are made up of people that serve him..

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Are you serving God? Every job, every worker is important..

I Corinthians 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.

I Corinthians 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I Corinthians 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I Corinthians 12:17 If the whole body [were] an eye, where [were] the hearing? If the whole [were] hearing, where [were] the smelling?

I Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

I Corinthians 12:19 And if they were all one member, where [were] the body?

I Corinthians 12:20 But now [are they] many members, yet but one body.

I Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

I Corinthians 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

I Corinthians 12:23 And those [members] of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely [parts] have more abundant comeliness.

I Corinthians 12:24 For our comely [parts] have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that [part] which lacked:

I Corinthians 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but [that] the members should have the same care one for another.

I Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

I Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Are you labouring for God? He said, the need is great..

- 1. EVERYTHING IS FOR WINNING SOULS OR HELPING PEOPLE TO GROW..**
- 2. THERE ARE MANY ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES IN THE CHURCH..**
- 3. THERE ARE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DUTIES..**  
***ACTS 6 Deacons were ordained to relieve the spiritual leaders of some of the physical needs of***

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Acts 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples [unto them], and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

## ***II. HE SAID THE WORKERS ARE FEW***

There are few that are dedicating themselves to God and his service..

Why is that? The reason is that they are serving other things.

In a parable we read this:

Luke 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

Luke 19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Luke 19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this [man] to reign over us.

Luke 19:15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Luke 19:16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

Luke 19:17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

Luke 19:19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

Luke 19:20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, [here is] thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

Luke 19:21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Luke 19:22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, [thou] wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

Luke 19:23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Luke 19:24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give [it] to him that hath ten pounds.

Luke 19:25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

Luke 19:26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

Luke 19:27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay [them] before me.

There are so many things bidding for your affections in this world.

Those who choose to serve the Lord, the Lord expects us to put him first in our service.

Remember he bought us, we are not our own.

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

I Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

It is only your reasonable service to serve him..

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Why are there so few labourers for God?

They are cumbered about with the things of this world, which will amount to nothing in eternity..

### ***III. HE SAID ONLY THE LORD CAN RAISE UP LABOURERS***

**Pray the Lord** of the harvest..

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Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

It is God who raises up leadership in response to our prayers..

Pray .. Lord of harvest..

We have not because we ask not.. Are you praying?

We need a new generation of workers for the Lord.

What is your purpose in life, your purpose is your ministry..

Misconception of ministry..

This is the whole idea of the Not Me tract. the problem was I had this misconception of what it was to go into the ministry!!..

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

The job of the pastor is to perfect you for the work of the ministry!

#### ***IV. HE SAID OUR JOB IS TO PRAY FOR GOD CALLED WORKERS..***

We are helpless to raise up workers..

If you need workers you put out a sign....

You advertise your pay scale..

That is not the way it works when you serve the Lord. It is not a job, it is a calling.

Who raised up Paul the Apostle?

Who raised up Moses??

Who raised up David??

Who put Esther in the palace?? For such a time as was needed..

Who raised up Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I [am] a child.

Jeremiah 1:7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I [am] a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Jeremiah 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I [am] with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Invitation:

You were created by God to serve him.. he is the potter we are the clay..

Are you serving him?

Consider, if you served the Lord like you do your earthly employer, what would happen?

If you paid your tithe like you pay your utilities, rent or taxes what would happen?

If you attended church like you go to work or school what would happen?

How faithful are you to the Lord? Where are your priorities?

**From 8-6-23**  
**BE NOT DECEIVED SUNDAY EVENING A SUPERNATURAL CALL...**  
**WHY THE LORD PUT THE EMPHASIS ON PRAYING FOR LABOURERS...**

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SATAN IS OUR GREAT ENEMY AND HE IS FIGHTING THE CAUSE AT EVERY TURN... HE IS THE GREAT DECEIVER...

Think about how helpless we are in this battle for the Lord. He needs to do it..

Intro: The greatest battle we face in this life is differentiating between reality and error.. sincerity and hypocrisy.. truth and deception..

In the new testament and gospel .. Jesus and the Apostles were constantly warning about being deceived..

Jesus warned not to be deceived..  
Paul warned not to be deceived..

From the beginning of man's existence the sad truth is that men have fallen victim to deception..

The great deceiver from the beginning was Satan.. It was not long after man's creation that mankind was deceived by the great deceiver himself Satan.

Who did Jesus say he was using more than any one else, to work against God's cause? He used the religious leaders..

John 8:44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

We are living in a world of deception..

Satan is the great deceiver. He was a liar from the beginning the Bible says, and he is the father of lies and father of all liars..

## ***I. God wants us to not be in confusion but to know the truth...***

What is the difference between truth and deception?

We are living in a world of confusion..  
A world of no absolutes..  
A world where

Truth is reality..  
Deception is a smoke screen or facade..  
Truth is what is real or is factual and true..

Dictionary Definition

1. [n] an illusory feat; considered magical by naive observers
2. [n] the act of deceiving
3. [n] a misleading falsehood  
The act of deceiving or misleading. --South.  
The state of being deceived or misled.  
There is one thing relating either to the action or enjoyments of man in which he is not liable to deception.

That which deceives or is intended to deceive;

false representation; artifice; cheat; fraud.

Now what is sad is that everyone who is not saved, and does not know the Lord lives in deception. Yet they think those who live for God and are saved are the ones who are deceived and not living in reality..

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,  
Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

There are certain things as natural men... men who are not enlightened of the Spirit of God, men who have not the spirit of Christ.. There are certain things he cannot understand or know. These are things that pertain to the spiritual realm which our natural eyes cannot see.



### **In 1974 God opened my eyes to the truth.**

Think about that, that was 49 years ago.. I was 21 years old at the time.

I have now been saved more years than I have lived unsaved. When I think back to who I was in 1974, that was actually a different person. That Frank Bissol does not exist. He is no longer.

What I thought, how I thought, back then was all different..

I do not know how it is that Satan can access men's minds, but according to the Bible he can..

### **In 1979 He Opened My Eyes To My Call...**

#### ***II. The person that is deceived is susceptible to hurt and destruction....***

#### **THE DECEIVED**

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Eph . 2:

Ephesians 2:1 And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

I have been made alive.. God has quickened me.. We are born into this world deceived..

It is a miracle that God has saved any of us..

Think about that miracle.....

**II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

This morning we talked about asking God to send labourers into his harvest field.

This is what needs to happen... Next to salvation the greatest thing that ever happened to me was when God called me to preach. It was a call. It was supernatural it was not natural.

Consider this great reason that there are so few that have a heart to work for God and serve God in the day that we live..

## **I. THE REASON IS THAT MANY HAVE NOT REALLY BEEN CALLED..**

I believe that just as God supernaturally saves a person, so too God supernaturally calls a person...

Did Paul call himself?

Consider why most people go into the ministry.. . Fellow at Pocono's.. why he became a Rabbi...

THIS MORNING I ASKED THE QUESTION:

***Who raised up Paul the Apostle?***

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## **II, I BELIEVE MANY WHO THINK THEY ARE SERVING THE LORD ARE IN FACT DECEIVED THEMSELVES...**

The greatest problem today is that we have allowed a lot of people take the leadership in our churches who in fact are not converted.. The ministry to them is just a job. They have sacrificed nothing to follow Christ ...

Satan has deceived them.. into thinking they are OK..

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE DECEIVED?

It takes a victim that is gullible.

It takes a victim that is naive

It takes a victim .. usually that is young and in-experienced..

**\*\*THE DECEIVED MUST SHOW**

naiveness, naivete

gullibility, innocence,

a person given to foolishness

### **III. THE GREAT DECEIVER HAS DECEIVED THEM**

Remember the people that Jesus had the most problem with in his day..

The people he had the most problem with were the religious leaders..

I believe nothing has changed... it is religious leaders that are the problem..

Satan uses Trickery.. It takes craftiness on the part of the deceiver..

In Paul's day he warned time and time again to be careful of false teachers and leaders..

***Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.***

***Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.***

***Acts 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.***

***Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.***

Satan is still working to deceive...

### **IV. SATAN IS STILL WORKING LIKE IN THE GARDEN**

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

It is an amazing thing that it did not take Eve long to recognize that she had been deceived by the serpent..

Now thousands of years latter it is not as clear to mankind..

The deception in this world is so great that men are blinded to it their whole lives. It did not take Adam and Eve long to recognize that they were in a state of deception and condemnation, men today live their whole lives thinking they are OK..

### ***V. II Cor. 4:2-6 Shows the devices of Satan To Keep Men Deceived and Lost***

II Corinthians 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

II Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Note the devices of Satan and his tricks used to deceive

#### ***1. II Cor. 4:2 says that he uses the Hidden things of Dishonest..***

Satan must hide his dishonesty and lies..

In the first deception in the garden how do we see this camouflage.. or hidden dishonest evident in the the deception of Eve?

NOTE: Satan hide himself in the identity of whom?

#### ***2. Satan walks in craftiness***

Πανουργία, pan-oorg-ee'-ah; from 3835; adroitness, i.e. (in a bad sense) trickery or sophistry:-(cunning) craftiness, subilty.

What is a trick? A trick is some form of craftiness or an illusion

In other words it has no reality or substance.. you think it is something that it is not..

Satan makes you think he is good but he is evil..

Satan makes you think he is loving when he is filled with hate..

Satan makes you think he is looking after your best interests when he is seeking to destroy you...

People who are easily deceived look at the cover of the book and ignore the content.. They look at the outside and ignore the inside..

### **3. SATAN WILL TAKE GOD'S WORD AND GIVE A DECEITFUL TWIST TO IT..**

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Handling the word deceitfully

What was his response to the word of God in the garden of Eden?

Hath God said.. ye shall not eat of the trees..

You misunderstand the command.. God did not say you will die..

The day you eat the fruit you will be as gods knowing good and evil..  
Consider: How he deceived..

THE TREE WAS CALLED THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL..  
HE MADE EVE THINK THAT GETTING THAT KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE DESIRABLE..  
HE MADE EVE THINK THAT GOD'S MOTIVE FOR HIS COMMAND WAS RESTRICTIVE AND BAD

### **4. ULTIMATELY SATAN DECIEVES BY BLINDING PEOPLES MINDS**

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

How does he blind a persons mind?

He does so by confusing the truth..

He confuses them with wrong thinking..

**Wrong thinking blinds a person's mind.. confusion..**

**II TIMOTHY 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

**Ultimately.. God needs to supernaturally call out and redeem workers for his Kingdom..**

Let us not have false expectations... This is a battle field.. the battle is getting more intense..