

The Law of Sowing and Reaping in Ministry

(Galatians 6:7-9)

Sunday evening, October 3rd

The same laws of God that control nature control man. The laws of nature and the laws of God's Word proceed from the same God and bear resemblance.

"The eminent geologists James Dwight Dale told a graduating class at Yale University, 'As you face scientific problems, remember that there is nothing truer in the universe than scientific statements in the Word of God'" (MacArthur, Galatians, page 183).

The Bible is not a science book but when it speaks of science it is accurate and inerrant (*Job 26:7-8*).

One of those laws is **The Law of Sowing and Reaping**. After the Flood for the first time there were different seasons (*Genesis 8:22*). The law of nature is also a law of God for man whether is a believer or unsaved.

The unsaved can be deceived (*2 Timothy 3:13*). Believers can be deceived (*Malachi 1:13*).

1. Sow the Word and Reap Souls (*Matthew 13:3, 8*)
2. Sow Sin and Reap Corruption (*Galatians 6:8a*)
3. Sow Righteousness and Reap Life (*Galatians 6:8b*)
4. Sow Good and Reap in Due Season (*Galatians 6:9*)

"Weariness" is to grow weak and tired (*Luke 18:1; 2 Cor 4:1; 4:16; Eph 3:13; 2 Thess 3:13*)

"Faint" is to collapse in weariness (*Mark 8:3*)

1. Examples of Weariness

- A. Paul did not grow weary spiritually (*2 Cor 11:27; Galatians 6:17*)
- B. The Galatians grew weary spiritually (*Galatians 1:6-7; 3:3*)

2. Areas of Weariness (There are only two fields in which to sow and reap)

- A. "The Flesh" (*Galatians 6:8a; 5:13-15; 24*)
- B. "The Spirit" (*Galatians 6:8b*)

3. Warning of Weariness "if we faint not"

- A. To grow weary is not to totally stop sowing. To faint is to totally stop sowing.
- B. We grow weary and faint when we stop eating (*Matthew 15:32; Matthew 4:4; Amos 8:11*)

4. Promise for the Weary "In due season we shall reap"

- A. The Certainty "We shall reap"
- B. The Time "In due season" "The harvest is the end of the age" (*Matthew 13:39*)