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Text : John 12:23-24

“But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

Introduction

What are God’s expectations of us?

God expects from us a good and bountiful harvest. God does not want the tremendous seed planted in us to fail to bear fruit. God provides every condition necessary for a good harvest.

There are four such conditions.

- We have been given Christ
- We have been given one another
- We have been given certain earthly goods.
- We have been given a certain setting

Obedience and sacrifice are the elements to get a good and expected harvest. But Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat disappears into the ground and dies, it will be alone. A single grain will become a big tree with many fruits only if it falls into the ground and dies.

What are the processes to expect a harvest?

1. **The Falling Process**

The grain of wheat has to fall into the ground and die.

Examples: John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Moses, Joseph

2. **Dying**

The seed actually goes through a process before it comes out as fruit. That can only take place when it disappears and dies.

- The Development of a Relationship with God**
- The Development of Humility (cf. Matt 18:3; John 3:30)**

The seed disintegrates and decomposed. It utterly changes in its character and appearance. Allow the dying process to continue.

3. **Bearing Much Fruit (cf. John 15: 1-8)**

- Bearing fruit is a very spiritual thing
- This is what the Lord God wants: for our lives to be abundantly fruitful.
- God wants us to bear more fruit to produce “much fruit” (John 15:8), to live a more productively loving life in Christ.
- This happens only if we are grafted into Christ so that we can expect a harvest when the seed falls and dies.

CONCLUSION

What did Jesus do that brought about much fruit?

He did six things: just three years of a preaching, teaching
And healing, living a life of humility, obedience, and sacrifice on the cross.

Your obedience and sacrifice to the Lord will give rise to a bountiful harvest.

Expect a Miracle... Expect the Harvest!