

Bearing Precious Seed

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[0:00] Then to gold comes, reaming all the restless way.! Send the light! Send the light! There are souls to rescue! There are souls to save!

Looking at bearing precious seed, bearing precious seed.! Psalm 126, verse 5 through 6. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

This text shows us how we can bear lasting fruit in our lives. To be a fruitful Christian. Again it says, verse 5.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Let's look through these verses together.

[1:06] First we see that to bear fruit we need to go forth. Go forth. We cannot bear fruit doing nothing.

We must take deliberate action. Deliberate action. Verse 6. He that goeth forth. He that goeth forth. Our Lord gave his word to us and we are told.

He has said in two letters. G-O. Go. Go. Go. He has told us we are to go!

Go! Go! We are on a mission to declare good news. This is God's divine plan for each of us who believe.

To go! Why should we go? We should be motivated to go. To go to souls.

[2:07] Why? Because it's God's desire. Because of the value of a soul. And especially so because it's God's command.

Matthew 28. From 18 through 20. And Jesus came. And spake unto them. This is on the Mount of Olives just before he ascended. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore. And teach all nations. Baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo! I am with you always. Even unto the end of the world.

Amen. The one who has all power has said to ye. All of you. Go. Go ye.

[3:14] Go. Teach all nations. In other words, make disciples. Reach out. Teach them. Reach them. Disciple them.

What's stopping you? What hinders us? Is a good question to ask. In Galatians 5 verse 7. Paul says you did run well.

Who did hinder you? That you should not obey the truth. We know as believers we can get hindered. We can get sidetracked, detoured, distracted.

From doing what God has told us to do. What he's called us to. There's so many hindrances. You were running so well.

What has hindered you from obeying the truth? Many hindrances come. Across your ways and mine. Hindrances. Things such as feeling inadequate. Oh.

[4:13] It's too hard for me. Who am I? Maybe it's apathy. Oh. Someone else will do it. Someone else will tell them about the gospel.

Someone else will reach them. Someone else will tell them. Maybe it's the fear of men. Oh. What are they going to say to me if I say I'm a Christian? What are they going to say to me if I try to reach them with the message?

When I try to tell them about the Lord Jesus? What are they going to do to me? Say to me. Fear of men. In a way it can boil down to who do you fear?

Who do you fear? Sometimes we have a greater fear of men than a fear of God. Who do you fear the most? Some man or woman who might say a smart word or stir you, mock you, or God.

Fear God. Fear God rather than men. It goes on to say, He that goeth forth and weepeth. It's easy to fail to have compassion. To neglect.

[5:20] To care. To not care. To care enough for souls to want to reach. And touch people for Christ.

To reach them as He would want you to. Who will have a heart broken for the lost? Who will be moved with compassion?

Moved with compassion. Who will get stirred up? To do something. Paul was one. He got stirred up. His spirit got stirred up within him. When he saw the state of the city of Athens. As he was there and he was walking around about. And he saw an idol on this corner.

An idol on that corner. A temple here. A temple there. People bowing down to these statues of stone. And his spirit got stirred up within him.

[6:17] When he saw the city. In Acts 17 verse 16. While Paul waited for them at Athens. His spirit was stirred up in him.

When he saw the city was wholly given to idolatry. It was sold out to idols. And it stirred up Paul. To want to reach the people there. Our Lord was moved to tears. In Luke 19. As he came to Jerusalem. And when he saw it.

When he beheld the city. He wept over it. Luke 19. 41. Now the Lord tells of a time when. In Matthew 24. 12.

The love of many. Will grow cold. It will wax cold. Because of iniquity. Because of sin. The love of many will be. Made cold.

[7:14] It will get cold. We'll lose love. Because of the sin. That dominates our culture. And so we're seeing that today. And because of the hardness of men's hearts.

We're seeing. The love of many has grown cold. In this godless world. That we live in. Many pay little attention to God. Or invent their own. Impression of God.

To suit their own ways. In this ruthless dog eat dog world. We're seeing. A world. Headed for destruction. We're seeing the moral fabric of our society.

Is torn apart. And sin is. Not just legalized. But it's applauded. We're seeing. The sad reality. Of many. Many things that are.

Displeasing to God. Many millions of babies. Are slaughtered by abortion. And. If. If you're in that state. Where you've done such a thing.

[8:15] There is forgiveness for you. There is grace with God. Thank God for that. But what a tragedy it is. To see. This. Wholesale. Abandonment.

Of. Babies. Before they get. Chance to life. In this boozy culture. That dominates Australia. We see. Drunkenness abounding. We see. Australia loves.

It's sin. And as a nation. We're headed. For destruction. It should break. Our heart. As it grieves. Our holy God.

It should break. Our heart. As we see such things. In. The Old Testament. Jeremiah. Was one known as. The weeping prophet. As we see him.

Weeping over. Israel's. Abandonment. Of God. Israel. Rebelling. Against God. And the destruction. That came. From this.

[9:10] Course of. Action. They brought it. Upon themselves. And Jeremiah. Sat amongst. The ruins of Babylon. As the. Rather. The ruins of Jerusalem. As the king of Babylon.

Had come. And destroyed the city. And it carried. God's people. Away. Into slavery. Jeremiah. Was grieving. Over their sin. He grieved.

Over their sin. And so should we. Brother. Sister. We should grieve. About the state. Of this nation. Of this city. Of the destruction. That threatens. Our land.

Our city. Our state. About the course. Of action. That many. Are headed in. As sin. Leads to destruction. Broken families. Broken people.

Shattered lives. Destruction. The crime. Need. Is all around us. And ought it. We to have. The heart. As Jeremiah. Had. Of. A grieving. A weeping.

[10:05] As it were. Over the state. Of our nation. Over the condition. Of our city. And may we be. Fired up. With that same.

Compassion. That our Lord. Had. As he saw. Jerusalem. And as he. Wept over it. As. Paul had. When he saw. The city of Athens. Holding him.

Over to idolatry. May we be. Fired up. With that same. Burning compassion. That same. Desire. To tell people. To go. Tell. Tell.

Somebody. What God. Has done for you. What God. Has done for you. Can't you do that? Yes you can.

Your story. Is your story. And you can tell. Your story. And God. Can use your story. Your testimony. God. Can. Build in you.

[11:00] And. Work in you. A conviction. That you must. Tell your story. That you must. Not hold back. That conviction. Will translate.

Into action. In your life. From your mouth. As only you can. May our hearts. Be broken. Brothers and sisters.

About our city. About Adelaide. About Australia. About this planet. Over damaged families. And people. Compassion. Be broken up.

Over our sin. And the sin. Of our land. But does anyone care. Does anyone really. Truly care. David felt like that. Who cares about me.

David prayed. In the cave. Psalm 142. I looked. On my right hand. And beheld. But there was no man. That would know me. Refuge failed me.

[11:54] No man. Cared for my soul. No man. Cared for my soul. Those people. Those people that feel utterly. Desolate. And empty. And solitary.

And alone. And they need Christ. Share him with them. Introduce them. To your master. To your saviour. To that friend of sinners.

Who comes alongside. We're called to this. We're called to duty. We're called to be a soul. Rescue station. A rescue station. A place where we can.

A people where we can reach out. As it were. There's an SOS going out. Save our souls. And there's a wickedness.

That is. Destroying our nation. And so. There should be from us. As God's people. Who sends his heart. A broken heartedness. Over this.

[12:53] That men are led astray. In godlessness. And foolishness. As evil. Saturates our society. At every level. And the devil. It seems as having a field day.

Where many. Are just. As lemmings. As. Headed to their destruction. Following the pied pipers. Of this world. And the church.

By and large. Sleeps on. The church. Sleeps on. Oblivious. Uncaring.

And the fear of God. Is absent. When we think of it. People do what is right. In their own eyes. And in the church. Just as. Badly. As the world.

But there is a need for warning. And who will tell them? Of course. We know God is sovereign. But he uses you.

[13:55] He uses human vessels. He uses his people. To communicate the message. He uses the people. He's saved. To reach out. With that saving message.

To others. And we. Have a responsibility. Judgment is at the doors. And we need to seek him. I know. I've reflected in times past.

How. I went to an old church. That had a. Slogan up the front. Of the church. It was painted in these. Big. Gold letters. It was. Quite an old church. And it simply said.

Get. Right. With. God. Four words. That says it all. Get. Right. With. God. Paul.

Paul. Had that urging. Within him. As he warned people. With tears. In Acts 20. 31. Therefore watch. And remember. That by the space.

[14:52] Of three years. I ceased. Not. To warn. Every. One. Night. And day. With tears. It is time.

To seek. After God. It is time. To seek. After him. As we look back. Through times of revival. And reformation. We see God move. When his people.

Got right. With him. They got right. With God. Duncan Campbell. Was one who saw revival. He says. In revival. The fear of God. Lays hold.

Upon the community. Moving. Men and women. Who until they had. No concern. For spiritual things. Until then.

They had no concern. For spiritual things. To seek. After God. To seek. After God. And there is a need. To see souls.

[15:47] As our Lord. Would see them. There was a preacher. Moody. In London. One day. Visiting this place. And there were some. Other ministers. There. With him.

And they. Wanted to find out. What was it. About Moody. Moody. That made him. So effective. As a witness. For Christ. He was an evangelist.

Who saw much fruit. And these men. Came alongside. Moody. And they. Wanted to. Find out more. About what. What made. God.

Use Moody. What. What made. Moody. Used of God. And Moody. Took. These three. Ministers. To the window. Of his hotel. And. They looked out.

Over the park. Over the. Seam. Below. And he. Asked them. What do you see? And one by one.

[16:43] They described the people. They described the place. Moody. Looked out of the window. Then. With tears. Rolling down. His cheeks. What do you see?

Mr. Moody. Asked one of the men. I see. Countless. Thousands. Of souls. That will. One day. Spend. Eternity. In hell. If they do not. Find their. Saviour. If they do not. Find the. Saviour. He saw. The people. As souls.

He saw. Them. Differently. Not just. As people. Walking. Around. On two feet. But as. Eternal. Souls. Eternal. Souls. Someone has described evangelism.

As the sob. Of God. The sob. Of God. The anguished cry. Of our Lord. As he weeps over. The doomed city. It's the cry of Paul.

[17:43] I could wish that myself were accursed. From Christ. For my brethren. My kinsmen. According to the flesh. He had such a heart cry. For his kinsmen.

For his nation. For his people. And evangelism. It's the heart winning plea. Of Moses. Oh this people has sinned. Yet now if thou wilt.

Forgive their sin. If not. Blot me. I pray thee out of the book. Which thou hast written. He had a heart cry. For the nation. For the children of Israel. For their danger.

For their peril. For their disbelief. It's the cry of John Knox. He cried. Give me Scotland. Or I die. It's the declaration of Wesley.

The world is my parish. It's the sob of parents. In the night. Weeping. Over a prodigal child. End quote. These are examples.

[18:52] Of that God moving on men. Of women. Of that serious. Reality. Of souls. And of that serious call.

Of our Saviour. To see souls. As our Saviour sees them. To not neglect that. In 1 Peter 3.15. Peter says. Of the need for reverence. And godly fear. As we are to give an answer. He says. Sanctify the Lord. God. In your hearts. And be ready always.

To give an answer. For. To every man. For the. That asketh you a reason. Of the hope that is in you. With reverence. With meekness and fear.

With meekness and fear. And so. We should have that readiness. Be ever ready. Ready always. Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

[19:50] Make him holy. In your hearts. Have a holy awe. A reverence. A godly fear. He that goeth forth. And weepeth. We will be moved.

With that compassion. To give an answer. For that hope. That is in us. That ever living hope. With a passion. With a conviction. With a gusto.

With the love of Christ. That constrains us. This message must be imparted. Through that. From our lips. By you. By me. We are his vessels.

We are his voice piece. We are his feet. We are his hand extended. And the fear of God should motivate us. To go. Which means step out.

Of the comfort zone. Step out. Of the comfort zone. Go forth weeping. As we sense danger.

[20:47] As we sense God's wrath. As we sense those in peril. And we sense God's heartbeat. Which is. Souls. Souls.

Souls. Souls. This should move us. To go. To weep. To leave our shallow convictions. And our petty wranglings.

And our theological coldness. And our empty professions. And go. While we have time. To have that fresh encounter.

With God. To hear his voice. To hear those two letters. G.O. And to do it. And we will be amongst them. That. Go forth and weepeth.

Thirdly. Precious seed. Bearing. Precious seed. The word of God is the answer. This is the answer. This is. The answer. The guidebook. The solution.

[21:44] That our planet needs. Not climate change. But. Soul change. Heart change. Bearing precious seed. This is the answer for our world.

The word. And we must have precious seed. The precious seed. That brings new life. That springs forth. In 1 Peter. 1 Peter. 1. 23. We're told how we're born again.

Being born again. Not a corruptible seed. That which is going to corrupt. And. Fall to bits. And destroy.

But that which is incorruptible. It will never perish. It's ever living. It's everlasting. The word of God. Which liveth and abideth forever. I tell the story. Sometimes.

How. I'm not much of a green thumb. People that know me. Know that very well. Especially my wife. But. When I go to the shed. Sometimes. I have the. I went to the shed. Some time ago.

[22:40] And got some seed packets. Out of the shed. And I. Faithfully planted those seeds. But nothing grew. Because it was corruptible seed. It was well beyond the use by day.

It took me that long. To get around to planting it. You know. But this is incorruptible. Amen. This seed will never corrupt. This seed will never be destroyed. It's the ever living.

Word of God. That liveth. And abideth. Forever. And it is by this precious seed. That we are born again. The word of God is pictured. Numbers of times.

As a seed planted. And fresh new life springs out. As it's germinating in good soil. Producing fruit. Being born again.

Of the word of God. It's vital that we have the right seed. Not a message weakened. And watered down. Not a gospel that's sugar coated. And diluted. And compromised.

[23:39] Such that there's a scarcely. A scarcic. Left of truth in it. But the whole word of God. The whole counsel of God. Faithfully delivered.

And received. Unadulterated. Uncompromising. Of which we are unashamed. The precious seed. That's what we need. The Bible is God's inspired.

Infallible. Preserved word. And we can trust it. Wholeheartedly. So we must have the seed. The precious seed. The uncorrupted.

Faithful. Precious word. This seed is of the highest grade. It can never be corrupted. It's incorruptible. Unfettered.

Unblemished. Not one iota will pass away. And it's our weapon. The word of God. We read in Ephesians 6.17. The sword of the spirit. Which is the word of God.

[24:34] We must have it. Impart it. Faithfully and fully. This is. The lamp. Unto our way. The light unto our feet. And we see.

That we must hold up the light. In a world full of darkness. We must have light. And we must shine this light. We are the ones who are to. Shine this light. To the darkened world.

In which we live. There's a preacher. One day. Telling a story of a man. Who was on a voyage. And he was in his bunk. He was very sick. He was a very sick man at this time.

Feeling very seasick. And he heard some cries. Man overboard. Man overboard. There was a man overboard. There was a man that had fallen into the waters of the ocean. And was threatening to be swept away.

In the darkness at that time. And he was wondering. What can I do to help? Here am I. Lying in my sick bed. There's scarcely anything I can do. Nothing I can really do to help save this man.

[25:33] But he laid hold of a light. And he held it up to his porthole. He held it up to the porthole of his cabin. And the drowning man was saved that day.

Later the man got well. And met the man on deck. And asked him how he was rescued. And the saved man gave this testimony. He said he'd gone down the second time.

And he was just going down. He thought for the last time. When he put out his hand. And just then someone held a light at the porthole. And the light fell on his hand. And a man caught him by the

hand.

And pulled him into the lifeboat. It seemed such a small thing. To just shine that light from the porthole. But yet that was what saw the man saved. And so too we have a light to hold forth. A light to hold forth. We might feel we're nothing much. We might feel we're not able. We might feel we can scarcely do anything for God. Yet we can hold this light.

[26:31] And shine this light. Take this light. Shine this light wherever you can. I know a brother tonight was asking. How can he occupy himself? Get occupied with the kingdom of God.

Get occupied with giving out the message. Take some tracks. Take some tracks. And pass them out. You don't even have to speak to anybody. You can put it in a letter box. And you can pray as you pass them out.

And God will bless. God will bless the precious seed. God will bless the precious seed. Our humble efforts can see eternal reward.

And we read in Ephesians or Hebrews 4 verse 12. That the word of God is alive. It's quick. It's powerful. It's sharper than any two-edged sword. Piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.

And of the joints and narrows. And as a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It's been said that even the best neurosurgeon in the world cannot pierce between a man's soul and spirit.

[27:34] But the word of God can. The word of God can affect a surgical procedure unknown to man. Can separate, divide between the soul and spirit.

And he's a searcher, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. No psychologist or psychiatrist can do such a work. But God can by this book.

And so we dare not hold it back. We dare not neglect to communicate this message. And not dilute it. But faithfully deliver it.

It's precious. Precious seed. For precious souls. We must deliver it. Brother, sister. You are the deliverer of it.

You are the messenger of it. Some people think, well it's up to the preachers. It's up to the pastors. It's up to those that are the orators of the church. Or those that are the ones who have the titles or the positions of the church.

[28:34] No! Every believer. Go ye. Every believer. You're all commissioned. Commissioned.

Called to this work. To deliver this message. And this message has been authorised. It's authorised. By God.

It's stamped with his authority. And it's like you hear that comment sometimes at the close of some political announcement. This message was written and authorised by some political party.

But this message was written and authorised by the Lord of Lords and by the King of Kings. He's authorised it. And he's given it to you. It's founded on the highest authority.

And so this message that is authorised. God has authority over us. And he's authorised us to deliver this message. The message of the King. Where the word of the King is, there is power.

[29:37] So there is power in this message. In this authority. In this precious seed. And then we see lastly. Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing.

Doubtless come again rejoicing. Doubtless. There's a certainty here. This is rock solid guarantee. No doubt about it. 100% assured. That God's promises are yay and they are amen.

Amen. He has promised and he will deliver what he has promised. We simply have to do our part. Step out. Out of the comfort zone.

And go. Go. Do God's work. Don't hold back. And God can do his greatest work through the weakest of his servants. Isn't that the case through the Bible?

What was David? He was a basket case. Wasn't he? Totally blew it. Should have been struck off. Killed. For his sinfulness.

[30:38] Moses. Oh. I can't speak. Send Aaron. God can do his greatest work through the weakest of his servants.

And friends. God's promise to deliver. Shall doubtless come again rejoicing. There's a rejoicing here. There's a joy. No greater joy than to see another one for Christ.

To know another one. And you can play a part in that. God helping you. God using you. As his communication channel to others.

And it says in Daniel 12. That they that shall be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. They that turn many to righteousness shall as the stars forever and ever.

Will shine in heaven. Will shine in heaven. Through our eternity. It's worth the effort. It's worth the hard slog. Some of you here. You put time and energy in lots of ways to witness.

[31:47] Witness graciously. Witness reliant on the Holy Spirit. Witness trusting in his power. Trusting in his word. Leaning on his strength.

Being led to be Christ to others. As you are communicating this precious seed. And this joy is eternal.

Isn't it? It says there's joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. There's joy in heaven. And one day we'll see those we've reached by God's grace.

Romans 10 it says how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace. That bring glad tidings of good things. There's some beautiful feet here tonight.

And we just see bringing his sheaves with him. So it's talking about harvest. Again it says that this will be doubtless. Doubtless will see sheaves.

[32:55] In other words the reaping of the harvest grain. There will be a reaping time. Friends the reaping time is coming.

Harvest time is swiftly approaching. And God's word will not return to him void. It says that in Isaiah 55 11. His word will go out. It shall not return unto him void.

It shall accomplish what he sends it to do. And so too the preaching, the messaging, the witnessing that we impart. God will use it for his glory. Our duty is simply to proclaim it.

So the question is what kind of messenger will you be? Bearing precious seed. Have you got the precious seed? Get the Bible. We've got boxes of these Bibles.

This webinar this morning was from the Canadian Bible Society. It's called Graceway Bible Society.

[33:54] They've given us some boxes of Bibles. We've still got a few boxes left of Bibles. And we may get another stock as well. Bibles. This is the ultimate tract really, isn't it?

The ultimate leaflet. And we've got New Testaments too. And of course smaller leaflets. Have you got the precious seed? He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed.

How are we to witness? Let me just close with this statement here. How someone has described the gospel. And how we should communicate it. So as the gospel is a fact, therefore tell it simply.

The gospel is a joyful fact. Therefore tell it cheerfully. The gospel is an entrusted fact. Therefore tell it faithfully. The gospel is a fact of infinite moment.

Therefore tell it earnestly. The gospel is a fact of infinite love. Therefore tell it feelingly. The gospel is a fact of difficult comprehension to many.

[35:03] Therefore tell it with illustration. The gospel is a fact about a person. Therefore preach Christ. Tell people of Christ.

I know there's a sister lives out in Port Adelaide Way that gave out a leaflet. And we've got a response from out there. There's people who can respond. Even to a leaflet.

And some might think, well, I don't see much to show for it. But doubtless. Doubtless. You're going to come rejoicing. And you're going to bring your sheaves with you.

There'll be a harvest one day. There'll be a reward. There'll be a result. There's an outcome in eternity that we may not even understand. Maybe some of you have already witnessed to that will be one.

I know there was someone telling me that one of our leaflets, I asked him how he came to the family day actually. And he said that he found one of the leaflets on the ground.

[36:03] You don't know. Someone might have been just sowing that precious seed, as it were. Or the wind blew it where he would find it.

Who knows what God can do? That the message you deliver, that even a simple gospel tract, just a word of witness to those you meet, can reap an eternal harvest.

Shouldn't we take this seriously? We're talking about eternity. Eternity. That's forever, isn't it?

Talking about souls, never dying souls.

Someone has said this. Can we be casual? In the work of God. Casual. When the house is on fire.

And people are in danger of being burnt. We shouldn't be casual about this course. There will be a harvest.

[37:07] And reaping time is approaching France tonight. For the meantime, pay the price. There's no greater occupation to occupy your time.

If you're feeling like you've got plenty of time on your hands, well, you're blessed. You're mightily blessed. And God can use that time that you have for his kingdom, for his glory.

You are mightily blessed if you've got time on your hands. Brother, sister, use it wisely. Use it wisely. In the framework of eternity.

In the context of an eternity. And think, how can I use that time for him? How can I use that time, recognising the urgency of the hour, to be that faithful messenger?

There's a limited time to act. It's for a limited time only. This program, if you like. This context of a lifespan.

[38:16] We've only got a limited time. Our life is but a vapor, isn't it? And so let's use that limited time we have to act.

Let's not slacken, but intensify the effort. And resolve to be, to do, to act. And know this, that we're on the edge of victory.

Doubtless. We're going to come rejoicing. Bearing the sheaves. The harvest. We'll have harvest reaped and gathered for his glory.

We'll see wonderful, precious souls won. And we'll know them in heaven. And we're on the edge of eternity. It says the Lord is at hand.

The Lord is at hand. If you've been watching the newscasts and the news clips lately, you see what is going on. The Lord is at hand.

[39:21] The Lord is at hand. I urge you tonight, I've been speaking to believers, trusting you're a believer if you've yet to trust him. Please seek prayer tonight. Seek prayer.

Don't leave it another day to settle it with God tonight. And seek his space. We'll be glad to pray with you. Pastor Adam, another Christian here alongside, we'll be glad to gather with you and encourage you, pray with you.

If you'd like prayer for whatever reason tonight. But be encouraged. Be stirred. Be stirred, friends, tonight. He that goeth forth. Bearing precious seed.

Be ready. Thank you.