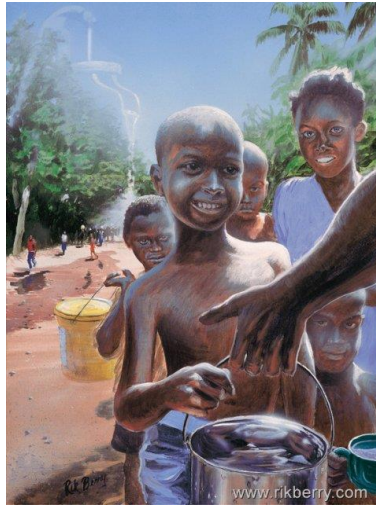


YOUR WORK SHALL BE REWARDED



“In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.

They were broken in pieces, nation against nation and city against city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress.

But you, take courage!

Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”

II Chronicles 15

..... The words of Azariah the prophet to Asa the King of Judah

The Spirit is now speaking to those who have left the clutter of Christendom and found their way to the cross of Jesus with contrite hearts.

The power of the cross clears our heads.

It cleanses our hearts.

We find ourselves nailed to the cross with Jesus.

“I am crucified with Christ; it is not longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.”

From the cross the Master points us to the harvest.

Take courage! Do not let your hands be weak!



We lift up our eyes and see a troubled world.

A world with weather we cannot control.

Pandemics that baffle the experts.

Nations in turmoil and confusion.

A shaky economy.

Multitudes like sheep without a shepherd.

Do not let your hands be weak!

For your work shall be rewarded.

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.

He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

John 4



That harvest is waiting.

We reap the way Jesus did as he sat by the well.

God will give us eyes to see them.

God will send them by.

God will give us words to help them.

God will give us power to open their eyes and set them free.

“He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life.”

Salvation is a gift, paid for by the blood of the Lamb.

Heaven is a gift, paid for by the Lamb’s blood.

The Holy Spirit, ruling our hearts, is a gift, paid for by the Lamb’s death.

Yet the Master promises us a reward, on top of all these gifts.

“When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

Matthew 6

If we answer the Master’s call to reap, his gifts will make our work effective.

“But you, take courage!

Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”



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Prayer- Lord in these tumultuous times it is difficult to find peace. O Give us courage that will keep us from being caught up in the turmoil and despair. Help us not to let circumstances keep us from the work you call us to. Help us to keep our eyes on you, our hearts ever bound to your cross. Keep our hands strong to do what needs to be done. Help us to be confident that you have given us what we need to get the work done, that we can't help but reap what your very hand has sown. And may we be flooded with joy as we see your living power touch others through our strengthened hands. Maranatha Mirror

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