



Harvest...

It's harvest time... the time for ploughing, and sowing has passed - it's time to gather the crops in!

Harvest comes as a personal reminder that every day we are individually preparing for our final harvest. Our Creator clearly teaches us in the Bible that *what a man sows - that shall he also reap*. Those who carefully follow His instructions experience a deeply satisfying and peaceful life despite any sorrows and difficulties they encounter. This is the clear teaching of God in the first Psalm and throughout the Bible.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

The *blessed* person is different to the ungodly because he or she is concerned to please God. The Bible is the very foundation of their lives. Every day they are guided and controlled by its teaching.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

What happens when dark times come along?

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

What about those who ignore their Creator?

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

Does it matter? How important is it? The answer follows - there is a Great Separation coming:

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

In summary the Psalm concludes:

For the LORD knows (He lovingly approves) the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

What a contrast!

Please let us know if you would like a free booklet telling more about the way of the righteous. And don't forget - we would love to welcome you to any of our services!

Sincerely, **George Rabey, (Pastor)**

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take His harvest home;
from His field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to Thy final harvest home;
gather thou Thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all Thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

**Five Ash Down Chapel
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Sunday 7th October
at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
we hope you will join us
on these occasions.**



Weekly Programme

**Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Good News Group Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon
(Children 3 years and over)
Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study**

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