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## Behold the White Fields

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### ST JOHN 4:

25. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh with is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
26. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.
27. And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seeketh thou? Or Why talkest thou with her?
  
31. In The mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
32. But he said unto them, I have meat that ye know not of.
33. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?
34. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; **for they are white already to harvest.**
36. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and garthereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
37. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
38. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestoweth no labour: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labours.

This discussion with the disciples transpires immediately after Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. The fourth chapter of St John starts with the Pharisees looking for Jesus because they thought he was growing too popular. Rumor has it that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John the Baptist. The truth was that Jesus did not baptize anyone. His disciples did the baptizing. So Jesus left Judea and headed for Galilee and the scriptures said that "**he must needs go through Samaria.**" In Samaria, he came to a city called Sychar near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph and where there was Jacob's well. It was about the sixth hour when a woman approached the well to draw water.

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1. Light, bright, brilliant

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- a. Brilliant from whiteness, (dazzling) white
  - i. Of the garments of angels, and of those exalted to the splendour of the heavenly state
  - ii. Shining of white garments worn on festive or state occasions
  - iii. Of white garments as the sign of innocence and purity of the soul
- b. Dead white
  - i. Of the whitening colour of ripening grain

Jesus asked the disciples to look around them. They could understand the natural things and see the hungry but they could not see the spiritual lacking of those around them.

What do we see when we look at life. Are we utterly concerned with natural things or can we look beyond them and see the spiritual things that are happening and most importantly, the spiritual needs of those around us?

When is the last time you looked the spiritual needs of the people that surround you? How many are ripe for the harvesting that you have simply looked beyond or ignored the signs?

### **HOW IS YOUR SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT??**

#### **ST MATTHEW 7:**

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, **that leadeth to destruction**, and many there be which go in thereat:
14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, **which leadeth unto life**, and few there be that find it.
15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18. And a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20. **Wherefore by their fruits shall ye know them.**

God has already told us to beware of false prophets. He describes them as wolves in sheep's clothing. A wolf can act like a sheep for a little while but eventually his nature will come out. We need to examine not only others but our selves. God tell us that we will know others and ourselves by our fruit. What fruit is coming out of your life? It is the best marker of who you are. We are encouraged by the scriptures to examine ourselves.

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 11:**



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27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
29. For he that eateth and drink drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
31. For if we judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
32. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Jesus wants us to examine ourselves. We are challenged to do so? When we do the examination, God will judge and chasten us. He does not want us to be condemned with the world.

#### **ST MATTHEW 24:**

21. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
23. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
24. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**
25. Behold I have told you before.
26. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
27. For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

God has told us that it would not be possible for the false Christs and false prophets to fool the elects.

#### **HEBREWS 5:**

12. For when the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
13. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
14. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those **who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

To be able to discern, this scripture shows two requirements: the word and use.

God told us to not only be hears of the word but also doers of the word.