

Seed Series Part 8

Like the Sons of Issachar



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Parable of the Sower:

Four soils

We want Good Soil [hearts]

30, 60, 100 fold fruit



Seeds

Soils

Seasons



1. The Lord Decided This week...



“Issachar”

2. There are Seasons for everything:

2.1 Practical illustration:

Oom Johan taught us about Gardening

Farming and gardening dependent upon Seasons...

All of life is seasonal | Health, wealth, family, business AND:

Spiritually | The Seasons of God and His Kingdom

Psalm 127

What is God busy with?



2.2 Seasons and Times: Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3 A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...



2.3 We are supposed to know:

Luke 12: Interpreting the Time

54 He also said to the crowds: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, ‘A storm is coming,’ and so it does. 55 And when the south wind is blowing, you say, ‘It’s going to be a scorcher!’ and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why don’t you know how to interpret this time?”



Luke 12:54-56 The Message

54-56 Then he turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’—and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘This’ll be a hot one’—and you’re right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the God-season we’re in right now.



3. Who is Issachar then?

3.1 Intro:

We know:

- Issachar was Jacob's ninth son
- Ancestor of one of the twelve tribes of Israel
- In Hebrew: "man of reward" or "hired man"
- Issachar's mother was Leah

Our 'why' is hidden in Scripture...



3.2 Scripture for us:

1 Chronicles 12:32 From the Issacharites, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do: 200 chiefs with all their relatives under their command.



The sons of Issachar –

- 1. Understood the times**
- 2. Knew what to do**

Sons of Issachar | They discerned the times and seasons:



1. Inside knowledge and understanding of God's activities;
2. Were not taken by surprise when things happened;
3. Had influence as a result of their grace to understand times and seasons;
4. Knew what Israel should do and when it should be done;
5. The nation followed their example.

This grace available to us!

3.3 What does this mean for us?

- Can we have this grace?
- Shofar Church community
- Kingdom grace, not for selfishness

HOW?

1. God not a respecter of person | We can have that
2. Promise to Abraham is also for His Seed [Jesus, then us]
3. Ask | Pray to God | As sons and daughters | Friends
4. Believe | Receive by faith | Holy Spirit in us
5. Use for Kingdom purposes | Listen, be sensitive



Seasons of God...



Prayer



See you next week

