

## **09.07.22 – A Weekly Word for Covenant Church**

**Title:** “The Sower, The Seed, and the Soil”

**Scripture Reading:** [Luke 8:1,4-15](#)

**Reflection:** Pastor Evan Heerema

Harvesting time is coming quickly in western Michigan. In fact, some crops have already been gathered in. In our family, the “last picking” of blueberries has taken place.

The crop gathered in Jesus’ parable has no start date, but it will conclude when the Lord Jesus returns to establish the new heavens and new earth. The sowing of seed will cease, the birds of the air will no longer eat overcast seed on the path, thorns and thistles will no longer be able to choke out healthy plants, nor will rocky ground cause short-rooted plants to become dehydrated.

On that great day, all those who belong to Jesus will be graciously able to see the harvest, “a hundred times more than was sown (verses 8,15).

What a day of thanksgiving that will be. All who are present will be witnesses to the finished work of our Lord Jesus. Redemption will be accomplished fully; the broken universe will be fully reclaimed and returned to its “Edenic” condition. Relationships between mankind and God, between mankind and creation, between individuals and others, and the healthy peace within ourselves will be restored forever. The power of sin to destroy will be no more and love will consistently be the language of the day, every day.

We know that this great harvest is solely dependent on the work of Jesus. And we are privileged to be a part of the sowing of the good news – the Word of God, the seed in the parable. We did not create the seed, we did not designate the soil types, but we must still love to tell the story; “‘Tis pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story; for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.” We tell the story and sow the seed of God’s Word in the assurance of the final harvest. Rest assured, fellow saints, that harvest cannot be denied. It has been God’s plan from the beginning. Jesus is the King of the kingdom.

Do your best work sowing the seed of the Kingdom.

### **Prayer:**

Merciful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise your Name for your redemption and reclaiming love. You invite your children to offer to others your gift. We are redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! We are redeemed through His infinite mercy; His child and forever I am. And for that I forever will give you praise, awaiting the great harvest at the end of the age. AMEN

**Action Item for the Day/Week:**

Sow the Seed now; respond to the Seed now; help others seedlings to grow now.

**Songs for today:**

[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come](#)