

"And thou shalt observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and The Feast Of Ingathering At The Year's End." Exodus 34:22 KJV



Harvest is a time of reaping the Benefits of God's Provision. It should be a time of giving thanks to God for His Provision. Although farming is back breaking work, it still depends on the sun and rain to produce. The Dust Bowl of the 1930's was a grim reminder of how vital rain actually is. God Controls the weather no matter what men do to alter its behavior. *"God Understandeth the way thereof, and He Knoweth the place thereof. He Looketh to the ends of the earth, and Seeth under the whole heaven; to Make the weight for the winds. He Weigheth the waters by measure. He Made A Decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder. Who Hath Divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, to Cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness. He Causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; He Maketh lightnings for the rain; He Bringeth the wind out of His Treasuries."* When hurricanes blow, tornados rip, earthquakes shake, tsunamis roll, and volcanoes erupt, all men can do is run! In this modern era we have forgotten Who Causes the sun to rise, the rain to fall, and the seasons to begin and end. Without the proper timing of rain and sun, winter and spring, and summer and fall, man could produce nothing at all. Greedy men think by corporatizing farming they can circumvent nature, but water and energy have to come from somewhere and God Created all physical laws. Men have used a bit of scientific knowledge to bio-engineer seeds, but have seriously depleted the crop species and diversity God Provided with polluted cross-pollination. Genetically modified plants by their very nature are killing the bee population. No bees, no food! Bio-engineered high yield crops have no nutrition, are less resistant to drought, and are actually poisoning our food supply. Rather than producing more food for a hungry world they actually contribute to famine by corrupting what God Originally Intended. As usual, when men try to improve on God's work, all they do is pollute it. Men greedily patent inferior plants and then monopolize food production. The end result of their evil greed is Detailed in the Book of Revelation. *"And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, 'A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.'*" A penny in John's day was a day's wages. Basically, a loaf of bread will cost a day's wages! Manipulation of Divine Design will eventually doom the planet to famine and pestilence! Mexico and India are already suffering economic hardship and hunger as a result. U.S. farmers are being sued and driven off their land by greedy corporations like Monsanto. Instead of learning how to use the resources God Has Given, like George Washington Carver did with the peanut, they are taking shortcuts. The sweat of hard work is part of the curse of sin. When unthankful men try to circumvent God's Design, a worse fate awaits. Let us not forget to be thankful for all that God Has Provided. *"In EVERYTHING give thanks."* You may work hard, but remember, your health is always in God's Hands!

Gratefulness is part of giving,
Thanks to God for all our living,
Remembering His bounty past,
Will bless us while our life shall last. –CGP

Unthankfulness and ingratitude are the character traits of wickedness, most often exhibited as covetousness and complaining. Let's not be perceived as malcontented unthankful children. *"Your Father Knoweth that ye have need of all these things."* If you need it, He Has it. Go to Him first. He Will Give it to you with perfect timing!

"But my God Shall Supply all your need according to His Riches In Glory By Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father Be Glory For Ever And Ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20 KJV