



“Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.” Haggai 2:19

God’s choice has always been to bless us – in spite of ourselves, in spite of our sin, in spite of our failures! Man’s redemption – while of great benefit to us – is primarily a marvelous picture of God’s redemptive nature and His character of unending love and mercy!

“And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:1 – 8).

So, even with the seed still in the barn and not sown in the field, the Lord declares, “From this day I will bless you.” Can we receive this unmerited grace – this unmerited favour? This love should motivate us; this love should spur us to action; this love should cause us to throw open the barn doors and get the seed of the Gospel into the ground and hearts of those in need of God’s redemption found in Christ alone!

Don’t forget that the entire world operates on the principle of “seedtime and harvest” and that all progress in the Christian life is achieved by faith! Will you dare to believe God and take Him at His Word? “From this day on I will bless you!” Grace will bless even when the curse is deserved! Grace will flow “on credit.” God will bless your life even without your seed having been sown if you will now purpose in your heart to begin living by the principles of the Kingdom. Faith will always possess what the LORD has promised!

“God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).

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