

Harvest, Lambs & Wolves

Luke 10

THREE THOUGHTS ABOUT HARVEST, LAMBS & WOLVES

1. THE HARVEST IS A **REALITY** AND HAS AN **URGENCY** vv.1-2

- There is a ready **CROP**
- It needs harvested **ASAP**

2. HARVESTING CAN GET NASTY v. 3

- Jesus **HIDES** neither the urgency nor the danger.
- Healthy harvesters may become **DEAD** lambs.

3. A READY HARVEST CALLS FOR **FREE** HANDS AND **FOCUSED** MINDS v. 4

- **FREE** HANDS = trust in Him and freedom to serve.
- **FOCUSED** MINDS = **SINGLENESS** of purpose & refusal to be **DISTRACTED**.

“The impression meant to be conveyed is merely that of simplicity and defencelessness. A tradition, as old as Clemens Romanus, tells us that St Peter had asked (on the previous occasion [in Matthew 10]), ‘But how then if the wolves should tear the lambs?’ and that Jesus replied, ‘Let not the lambs fear the wolves when the lambs are once dead,’

and added the words in Matthew 10:28. (*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*)

There is no reason to doubt this interesting tradition, which may rank as one of the most certain of the ‘unwritten sayings’ (*agrapha dogmata*) of our Lord. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges

<http://biblehub.com/commentaries/cambridge/luke/10.htm>

Are you easily distracted from “kingdom work”?

Can you be spiritually focused enough to almost be “rude”?

CONCLUSION

What kind of a harvester/Jesus lamb am I?

- I like Him but will deny Him when wolves come?
- Love Him but will run from the wolves?
- Love Him. The wolves can have me if need be?
- Already dead with Him so wolves are harmless?

***“It’s hard to saw sawdust and
impossible to kill a dead man”***