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THE SICKLE AND THE HARVEST

If you have ever gardened or farmed or are over 70 you might recall what a sickle is. It is commonly used in cutting grain or used in trimming grass or weeds. We don't see the sickle being used much in this period of time, like it was used in the days of old when there were no gasoline motors and machines to do the harvesting.

As I was preparing for this message today, the Lord gave me a revelation of the end time harvest and the sickle. In Mark 4:29 Jesus was speaking and said, ***"But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."***

The sickle is used to cut away the stalk that is in the ground. Inside the stalk is the grain. The grain is the fruit of that stalk. The cutting away happens before the harvest can be completed.

What the Lord showed me is many are going through the cutting away season before the return of the Lord. He is cutting away those things that are keeping you attached to the world and unloosing you from them to bring forth your fruit for the harvest.

What is he cutting away? It is all those things that are deterrents for the harvest. They can be pride, unforgiveness, intolerance, false doctrines, and anything else that is holding you in "bondage" to the world. They must go before the harvest can be completed. They must be cut away to unloose the fruit.

So, if you feel a "cutting away" in your life, do not fight against it. God is just getting you prepared for the time when we meet him. If we allow him to do this work in us without fighting against it, it isn't nearly as painful as it would be if we fought against His will.

Picture that sickle cutting the grain. When the blade is sharp, it cuts smoothly. But if that stalk holding the grain is blowing around in the wind, the cut may be uneven. So, be willing and patient to this cutting away process and allow God to do all he has to do to make you ready!