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OUTPOURING OR HARVEST?

Many are looking for an outpouring of the Spirit. Jesus is looking for those that are harvesters. In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said, ***"³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."***

So, what is the difference between an outpouring and a harvest. The outpouring happened at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit was poured out on all flesh as it was prophesied in the book of Joel. We read in Joel chapter 3:28-29 which says, ***"²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."***

Peter quoted these verses in Acts 2:16-19 after Pentecost had fully come and those in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit. They came out of that room filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. This outpouring caused over 3,000 souls to come to Christ. Acts 1:8 spoken by Jesus, told the disciples that this would give them the power to be witnesses. After Pentecost, the disciples went house to house daily and added to the church. The church multiplied rapidly because of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It touched many and touched and changed people including Saul of Tarsus, who was later called Apostle Paul. This outpouring is still happening today when people witness, and salvation is received.

The Harvest is different from the outpouring. The harvest is when Jesus comes back for those that are his, and reaps them into his kingdom. This is the result of an outpouring, not the outpouring itself.

We must not get caught up in any "outpouring." We should be most concerned that we help bring the harvest in by witnessing and leading lost souls to Christ. When Jesus returns Matthew 24:31 says that he will, ***"...send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect (those that are chosen by God and have received Christ) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."*** This is the great harvest where Jesus receives us unto himself.

Jesus wants every single one of us to go into the field and be harvesters, filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered by God to win souls unto Jesus. Let's pray that any move of God brings souls into the kingdom so they can be received unto Christ. That's God's heart. Harvesttime.