

The Last Days Outpouring and Harvest.
James 5:7-8; 16-17.

Intro. The "last days" is the period of time between the first and second comings of Jesus Christ to Earth, otherwise known as the "church age". We have learned three of the four characteristics of the "last days" in this series. The fourth topic will bring us to the close of this important message, but not the "end" of it.

1. The Lord's Plan

- A. Deut.8:22 - seedtime and harvest.
- B. Deut.11:13-14 - former and latter rains.
- C. Mark 4:26-28 - we are God's Farmers
 - "seed is the Word of God"
 - "soil is the heart of man"
 - "rain is the Holy Spirit"

2. The Lord's Patience

- A. James 5:7-8 Just like the farmer, God is waiting for the harvest.
- B. 2 Peter 3:1-9 God is giving everyone a chance.
- C. Rev.21 -Retribution will come and a New Heaven and Earth will be made because God will move His Throne to Earth.

3. The Lord's Partners

- A. James 5:16-18 "Elijah was a man". - God works with ordinary people.
There was a "natural side, humanity of Elijah. But there was a spiritual side also"
- B. God's partners are PERCEPTIVE - THEY KNOW GOD'S PLANS (1 Kings.18:41)
- C. God's partners are PERSISTENT - THEY ARE COMMITTED TO THE TASK (42-43)
- D. God's partners are PREVAILING - THEY GET THE JOB DONE (44-45)

4. The Lord's Power

- A. 1 Kings 18:46; James 5:16 "Hand of the Lord" - human symbol of God's power.
- B. Acts 2:1-4 "OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT"
- C. Acts 2:14-36 "PREACHING"
- D. Acts 2:37-41 "CONVICTION AND CONVERSION"
- E. Acts 9:1-3 "IMPARTATION OF GIFTS AND CALLINGS"
- F. Acts 16:25-34 "MIRACULOUS SIGNS THAT LEAD TO SALVATION"

Conclusion: Let us become God's Partners for Revival Harvest today by "sowing the Word" into men's, and "praying like Elijah" until it rains.