"Reaping the Harvest" Revelation 14:14-20

Intro:

- * Talk about the time for something to be completed has come to or be ready to do something
- * Illustration:
- * Revelation 14:14-20 reveals that it is time for the judgement—it is time to reap, time for the harvest

Reflecting on the Word: What do we see as it is time to reap the harvest?

1. The 1st Request & Response to Reap (14:14-16)

- **14** Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.
- **15** And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."---Joel 3:13; Revelation 19:15; Matthew 13:39-49
- **16** Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

2. The 2nd Request & Response to Reap (14:17-20)

- **17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.
- **18** Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."
- **19** So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.
- **20** And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.---Isaiah 63:1-6; Habakkuk 3:1-

13; Zechariah 14:1-5; Psalm 2:12

Responding to the Word:

Revelation 14:14-20 Word Studies

Looked:

To perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight

Aorist Indicative Active:

White:

Being of the achromatic color of maximum lightness, having little or no hue owing to reflection of almost all incident light

Like A Son of Man:

Could be translated "the Son of Man"

Having:

To possess

Present Participle Active

Crown (stephanos):

Hellenistic wreath (or diadem) worn on the head to signify victory, glory, prestige and sometimes sovereignty

Cry Out:

To utter aloud often with surprise, horror or joy

Present Participle Active

Put In (pempson):

To send for. Order, request or command to come

Aorist Imperative Active

Reap:

To gather as by reaping or gleaning, harvest

Aorist Imperative Active

Hour:

Juncture, a particular point (or short span) in time sometimes of a critical nature

Has Come:

To come to pass or arrive, as in due course understood as if an event were coming to or arriving at a location, occasion

Aorist Indicative Active

Harvest:

The reaping

Power:

Ruling authority over a domain or sphere of influence, jurisdiction

Loud:

Great, remarkable or out of the ordinary in degree, magnitude or effect

Put In (pempson):

To send out, cause or order to be taken, directed or transmitted to another place Aorist Imperative Active

Gather:

To harvest, gather as by reaping or gleaning

Same as reap

Aorist Imperative Active

Ripe:

To ripen (process), be at the prime

Aorist Indicative Active

Wine Press:

Winepress, a shallow, two tier, pool-like structure used for treading out grape to produce juice for wine

Wrath (thymos):

Fury, a feeling of intense anger

Trodden:

To become crushed by or as if by walking or stomping Aorist Indicative Passive

For:

Could read "from"

200 Miles:

Literally 1600 stadia, a stadia being approximately 600 feet