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PROTECT YOUR SEED

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Judges 6:1-6

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalm 90:15-17 (NLT), Isaiah 65:21-23,
& Matthew 6:41

So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. Judges 6:3

It is frustrating to labor and not see the reward of your labor. This was Israel's unfortunate reality in today's text. They planted and watered their seed, but that was where it all ended; getting to reap their harvest was an impossibility because their enemies would destroy what they planted before it got to harvest season. This pattern continued until the Israelites became impoverished.

Our text clearly states that 'whenever Israel had sown' that was when their enemy came to destroy. This shows that their enemies came only whenever they made a positive move to secure their future, to stop them from making progress. In the same vein, the enemy comes to destroy, especially when you have sown your seed, to make you fruitless. The enemy represents any negative influence or control over your seeds; these may include self-sabotaging internal attitudes like unforgiveness and malice, or pride and prayerlessness. But, often, it is an external force that comes to antagonize you.

Such devourers come in different forms. For example., just when you have saved up enough money to invest and take your finances to the next level, things would start breaking up and breaking down around you. Sometimes, it manifests in a sickness that stops you from writing a major exam that would have advanced your career. At other times, it comes in the form of emergencies requiring urgent financial expenditures when you have just had a financial breakthrough. These things happen when you have sown – a business, a pregnancy, started school or a job, made an investment, etc. The enemy comes whenever he sees steps taken towards personal progress and prosperity, just to impoverish you, frustrate your efforts, and leave you with no results.

It is therefore pertinent that having sown your seeds, you must protect it from the enemy. Keep watch in prayers, fast about it, rebuke the enemy, confess the Word, and maintain a good and positive attitude while you wait patiently for the 'fruit of the earth' to bring in your harvest. Avoid unnecessary fights, malice and toxic relationships. As you make a conscious effort to protect your seed, I see you inhabit what you build and enjoy the fruit of your labor in Jesus' name.

TO DO

Pause and reflect on the seeds you have been planting. Has it been yielding the right results?

Prayerfully confront the enemy and put a stop to his antics of stealing and destroying your seeds.

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