



Message Reflections

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"We think we are headed toward the future. The truth is, the future is headed toward us...The present makes clearest sense in light of the future. We humans write history by looking at the past. God creates history ahead of time...

He began with the end in mind."

- Reggie McNeal

Read: Revelation 14:14-20 and 15:1-4.

Reflect:

So often we look to the Book of Revelation for closure. How do we live in the tension that we are still entrusted to spread the gospel and be good stewards of His provision, in light of what we hope will be His returning soon?

- Are you ready to be harvested? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to patiently endure? Do you feel that you are patiently enduring? For what purpose?

Read Psalm 138 to the Lord, and give thanks that His wrath is turned aside by the blood of Jesus.

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame. ³When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. ⁴May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed. ⁵May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. ⁶Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. ⁸The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

Pray that you would be energized by the Spirit to live and serve in the present, while keeping our hope for the future.