

John 4:35

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

I remember when I lived in California several years ago that it was pretty early in the morning when I would leave for work. So early that it was still dark out, even by the time I got to work. I recall as I was driving on the freeway on my way to work one morning, I looked in my rearview mirror and saw all these cars about a half a mile behind me. All I could see were a bunch of white headlights shining in the darkness. When I saw this, I thought of today's devotional verse.

You see when the disciple looked up they saw all these white turbans approaching them and Jesus used this as an illustration for today's verse.

† ***Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!***

I have always heard this, but could never truly understand it until I saw all those white headlights behind me. As I did, I realized that some of them probably do not know the Lord. So I prayed for them all and their salvation.

It may not take a bunch of headlights coming at you to realize how many are going to hell without Jesus. Nevertheless, you can look around at your workplace, in your school, in your family, in your circle of friends and realize that some of them may not go to heaven unless you share Jesus with them and pray for them.

Maybe you have prayed and even shared Jesus with them, kind of like planting or watering a seed in the field. It reminds me of what Paul said:

† ***1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.***

Then the next thing to do after planting the seed of God's word into someone's heart, is pray for them:

† ***Matt 9:37-38 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."***

Once you start praying for God to send out the laborers, you may just be praying for the very person that God will use to save your friend, family member, co-worker, or loved one.

† ***Colossians 4:2-4 (NLT2) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to***

Speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.