





Being Threshed like Wheat!

Matthew 3:1-12

Context is all important

- Happens in the desert.
- Happens when we let go of our inhibitions.
- Happens when we stop believing God owes us!
- Happens when we open ourselves to God in a baptismal way.....

Process of Harvesting 1

- Cutting ripened growth with hand stickles (Evangelism)
- Binding grain into sheaves (nurture into community)
- Gathering stalks left behind (prodigals)
- Transport sheaves to threshing floor (church)

Process of Harvesting 2

- Threshing (Discipleship)
- Winnowing (with Holy spirit/Ruach)
- Sifting (Freedom in Christ)
- Bagging to go (Great Commission and Missionary community)

A case study: David & Araunah

1 Chronicles 21:15-22

- Puffed up David tempted to take census!
(fleshy act)
- Blown it Lord! Have Mercy! (Repentance)
- Judgment: Plague then to destroy Jerusalem
but Lord says enough! (Judgment belongs to
God)
- David & Elders fall face down in sackcloth
(corporate repentance)

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- Want to build altar on threshing floor owned by Araunah (Trusting Place).
- He offers it free but David insists he pays (no cheap grace).
- Full price 600 shekels of gold (costly discipleship)
- Site for future temple (Holy Ground)