## Introduction

- 1. If I knew how much time I had left, would I change my behavior?
  - a. I am a pilgrim (Gen. 47:9; Heb. 11:9, 13; cf. 1 Pt. 1:1, 17, 2:11)
  - b. Judgment will come as will Christ (Heb. 9:27-28)
- 2. My perspective affects my behavior
  - a. How I view God will affect my behavior (Ps. 36:1; Ecc. 12:13-14)
  - b. How I view the church will affect my behavior (<u>Eph. 1:20-23</u>, <u>5:23</u>; <u>Acts 20:28</u>)
  - c. How I view myself will affect my behavior (Phil. 2:12-16)
  - d. How I view others will affect my behavior (Lk. 9:51-56; cf. Lk. 19:10)
- 3. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (Jn. 4:35)

## **Harvest**

- 1. There is a great harvest but few laborers (Mt. 9:35-38)
  - a. We need sowers (Lk. 8:4-15)
  - b. We need those that plant and water (1 Cor. 3:5-9; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13)

## **Time**

- 1. It is easy to become distracted with the world which consumes our time (<u>Jm.</u> <u>4:13-17</u>)
  - a. Even necessities can distract from the greater task (Jn. 4:8, 27, 31)
  - b. Jesus used his time to focus on a great harvest, not of physical grain, but of precious souls (Jn. 4:32-36)

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c. One soul is worth more than the entire world (Mt. 16:24-27)

## Conclusion

- 1. Precious souls believed on Christ because of His communication with this Samaritan woman and her testimony (Jn. 4:39)
- 2. When others came to and heard Jesus Himself they also believed and knew Him to be the Christ, the Savior of the world (Jn. 4:40-42)
- 3. We need more laborers lifting up their eyes and looking on the fields (<u>Lk.</u> <u>10:2</u>)
- 4. Let us not be so preoccupied with the everyday matters of life that we miss the mission (Mt. 28:18-20)