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reap destruction. The one who sows to please the Spirit from the spirit will reap eternal life. Here it is clear that ~~we are speaking~~ the apostle is speaking about our own personal development. We are constantly sowing seeds, ^{good or bad} that bring forth abundant fruit in days to come. In our character, in the development of our attitudes, ³ ~~in~~ There is a harvest ahead. In relation to both of these we have the ⁴ ~~promise~~ ⁵ of ~~Christ~~ Paul in 1 Cor. 3 that ² ~~our~~ ¹ ~~fruit~~ ^{all that we produce} will go through the fires, ~~what is~~ ^{and} gold, silver, precious stones will survive. ~~what is~~ wood, hay and stubble will be burned.

The question has been asked, When a person turns to Christ and is saved, Why does not God take that one to heaven immediately? Why does He leave us on earth after our citizenship is in heaven? Rather than here? I believe there are two answers to this and they relate to the two harvests of which I have spoken. One of these is these is the matter of the work. When Jesus was here he walked about through Galilee and Judea and spoke to many people. Why did He go to heaven ~~and~~ after and not stay here after his resurrection to preach the Gospel all over the world? It has been figured out that if the day after his resurrection Jesus had gone to one of the towns in India and preached the Gospel, and then the next day gone to another one, and preached, and the next day to another one and kept that up spending just one day to a village he would not have spoken to the people in all the villages of India and China by this time, perhaps not to all the villages in either one of these two great areas of population. On the other hand, if one ^{person} of us were in one year to lead a person to the Lord and to teach that ~~person~~ the things of God in a very effective manner, so that at the end of the year two of us would be absolutely sold out for the service of Christ, then if these two were the next year to devote himself to winning one more person ~~and~~ ~~training~~ that person for a whole year, so that at the end of the second year there would be four, and then these four would do the same thing the next year so that then there were eight, and each one had kept on this way winning just one person to Christ and training him in the things of the Lord that each one who was thus trained ³¹ working with one other individual the following year, in the course of 30 years every individual who is now living on earth would have been reached.

Jesus left us here to accomplish a work that he desires. It is very important what each Christian can do in winning others to the Lord and in teaching them the things of God. This is work not only for ministers. This is ~~work~~ work for every Christian but of course one who is trained should be able to do it far more effectively. One reason why the Lord leaves us on earth after we have become citizens of heaven is for the work that we can do for Him.