

**THE PRAYERFUL COMPASSION OF THE CHIEF SHEPHERD CONCERNING LOST SOULS
(Matthew 9:35-38)**

**V. THE COMPASSION OF THE CHIEF SHEPHERD & THE PRAYERFUL CONCERN FOR
LOST SOULS (Matthew 9:35-38)**

- What is the *general* context here?

- What is the *immediate* context is seen in vs 35?

- The **point** of the passage: Jesus _____ for the _____ wants us to see the _____ to the Lord of the harvest (9:36-38)
 1. Jesus recognized the _____ of the people he sought to minister to, when it says “*But when He* _____...” (v36a)
 - a. What He saw ... “*moved Him with* _____ *for them*” (v 36b)

 - b. “He saw ... *that the multitudes were* _____ *and* _____,” (v. 36c)

 - c. “He saw they were ... “*like* _____ *having no* _____” (v36d)

 2. The Chief Shepherd sought to _____ His burden for the multitudes of _____ weary souls with His _____ (9:37)
 - a. Instead of _____ these helpless people as did the religious leaders of the day, their great _____ need _____ the Lord to _____ His vision _____.

 - b. The Lord’s all seeing eye saw that a potential _____ was available if only they (we) had (have) _____ it.

c. Jesus accurately outlined the situation for His disciples by saying... "*The _____ truly is plentiful...*" (v 37a)

“harvest” =

d. The size of the harvest was incredibly _____, ... “it was _____” (v. 37a)

e. Although the harvest is plentiful, those who were prepared to _____ the harvest were pathetically _____ in number (v. 37b)

• Has anything changed today in the Church Age?

f. The _____ of willing laborers in view of the immensity of the harvest created an appalling situation, which _____ the Lord, for He knew what would be their _____.

3. Rather than be *anxious* or *troubled* by the circumstances, Jesus commanded them to _____ to the _____ of the harvest (v. 38)

• Who is “the Lord of the harvest”?

a. In v. 38 the verb “*pray*” (*deomai*) is an aorist-imperative, and it has a great sense of _____ to it; this command is to be _____ by all _____ (v38a)

b. Our prayers are to be directed to “*the Lord of the harvest.*” The Lord is asking for laborers to _____ pray & witness concerning the work of _____, while the Father will undertake to do all the _____ behind the scenes aspects. (v. 38b)

c. It is the _____ who works in lives & then who “*sends out (ekballo)* _____ into _____ harvest.” (v. 38c)

4. A realization of the desperate need for “_____” arises out of a _____ for people to be _____ & _____ for ministry in life.

• So how will all this affect you?