

# GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



## GIG315 – Our Maturity Triggers the Harvest

Hi, and welcome to the podcast. This is a special edition for our *Growing In God* podcast, as it is produced from a Zoom call that we at Hargrave Ministries have occasionally with our donors. When we have these times together and feel it is important for others to be a part of what we are discussing, we create the meeting into a podcast for release. So I hope that you will enjoy this podcast; and if you like being a part of these discussions, I would encourage you to go to our website at [hargraveministries.org](http://hargraveministries.org) and join our Fellow Workers.

I want to start out with the message that we are going to have today. I want to get it spoken so that I can focus a little bit more, because it is intently on my heart to get into this. There is so, so much happening with those who are guiding in the Spirit what is going on. So we do, Lord, we bless this time together. Let there be an anointing on this word from Your heart. Let it be something that ministers to us and directs us very carefully in these days as we move forward into bringing forth Your Kingdom. Because we were the ones given the cry, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done”; so we know that is a commission to intercession to bring forth the Kingdom, and we take it very, very seriously that You have commissioned us in this way.

We of course want to keep praying for the US and Israel. Both the US and Israel have elections coming as we move forward, and we really want to be in prayer for that. Also, as we are praying for Israel, of course everybody I am sure is staying in tune with all that is going on in the Middle East, so there is a lot there to pray about. But one of the things to emphasize is that we really want people to be able to travel to and from Israel freely, so that there can be tours and things that can be done through AMI Center and really work with people on the vision for Israel. So pray for that. And I know you are probably seeing the warnings from the embassy there saying to be cautious; I think there are warnings coming out because something is getting ready to happen, but I do not necessarily think it will be for a long period of time. I think it is maybe going to be short-lived, but of course you are going to get those announcements to be cautious about going there.

Probably the most important thing for me is that I really want you to see a video that came out from CBN. I have it right here, and I wish I could share this, but I do not think it is going to work. So write this down, it is called *30,000 Trojan Horses*. If you go to YouTube and you type “30,000 Trojan Horses” in the search, it will come up and find this for you. It is about five minutes long. I think it is really important that everybody watch this and listen to it. You can get a real feel of what is going on with the whole Islamic issue and be aware, because I think that America is further into what is going on in Europe than people really know or understand. It is just very under the covers, but I know that it is happening and solidifying. So I thank you guys for your attention on that.

I think it is very key that we have the awareness of what is going on and how it is going on; because this is built up, like they talk about the number of years involved that so much of this has been going on without really showing itself for what it is. And that is the deceptiveness of what satan is – he looks like an angel of light, and then you find out what is there. (2 Corinthians 11:14) I mean, they are saying there

are parts of Europe for which it is too late, and I think it is later than we think in the United States of America. I know there are places in the United States where it is completely under a Muslim control. The people that live in these areas are under Sharia law. They are allowed to be under Sharia law, because you say, "How could that ever happen?" Well, do not forget that in religion, if you have a religious system and you are part of a religious movement or denomination or whatever, and you have ways of solving your own problems and situations, then the government of the United States will allow things like that to happen.

It is obviously blowing it out of context from what the originators of the Constitution and our legal system had in mind when some of these things were passed, but that is what is happening. It is almost like judo, where our force is being used against us. So anyway, I just want us to be aware of this. I think it is something that we need to focus on in our intercession and prayer because we are in this time; and as we get into this message this morning, we are into this time where I just think things have been so cloudy for so long, that it is hard to keep a focus on what is important and where our focus should be, especially in our intercession. It has been said so many times that a lot of what is going on around us in the United States, like woke mentality and trans rights and men in women's sports and athletics, and all these things, the Islamic Jihad sits back and loves this kind of thing because it has us infighting among ourselves with stuff that does not make a damn bit of difference. Because once they are in force and power, they are going to kill all these people anyway. Let's have a trans march in Gaza and see how well that works out for these guys. If they think they are going to get rights and all of that through Islam, it just goes to prove how deceived they really are. But satan loves the fog. He loves the cloudiness. He loves this thing of, "I'm okay, you're okay." Well, King Charles, his main job is Protector of the Christian faith, and now he is absolving himself from that to be the protector of everybody and anybody's faith. And so, you keep the issue so clouded, and it seems confusing.

What I want to do this morning here with all of you, and myself, is to bless us, because we are not to be confused. And we are not to be caught up in the way this is transpiring around the globe; and it is global. There is persecution of Christians happening all over. It is very blatant in places in Africa. But this is the purpose of Islam. And I know we could say radical Islam, but let's just again simplify it: this is Islam. Some of you may say, "That is really unfair, you are Islamophobic." And I would say, "No, I just have read the Quran." When you read the Quran, and you read the religious books of the scholars of Islam, not radical Islam, you see that it has a purpose; and that is world domination, until the world is under Sharia law and until people are using the calendar, you are using the language. And if you go back to the times of Daniel where it talks about what happens, that is exactly what they do: they change the times and the seasons (Daniel 7:25), and everything is brought under a different picture. So we are just not going there. And if somebody says, "That is not what Islam is about," I would just say, "Well, then you prove it to me, because I will tell you what I see about it and what my experience is. So do not try to put it back on me, I am putting it back on you. You prove it to be something different than what we are seeing happening all over the world."

The point that I want to make for you, for me, is that I want to have us come into a clarity, out of the fog, out of the confusion, and be able to move in what God wants us to do. I want to read a couple things out of Matthew 13. Let me go down to a couple points. In Matthew 13, verse 24, it says, "Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.'" Now, let's underline that; not on your computer screen, but if you have a Bible, underline it. "He sowed good seed into the field." I do not want to forget that what God did when He created is that He created good seed in the field. Somebody will say, "Well, man is utterly sinful,"

and I reply, "Well, when I read it, after He created and He rested and He created Shabbat, it says that He looked at His whole creation, and man already had been created, and He said it was *tov meod*, it was *very good*." (Genesis 1:31) And so, what God created in the field when He created the field was all good sown into it. And we know that it gets perverted, but it did not start that way.

Verses 25-26 go on to say, "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also." I want you to underline and mark this part also, because I feel like as we get into these things in the age that we are in, our tendency is to be focused on the negative. Even this video we just referenced can just magnify our focus on all that is wrong and what is going wrong. And I know that we should have a little bit of awareness of this, but what I do not want us to be fooled about is that is not the focus. Here is the focus: It says, "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident."

What makes evil in the world evident? It is the sons of God beginning to bear fruit. We are sown into the field, which is the earth, as Christ explained it. We are the seed that He has sown into the field. But nothing of the negative becomes evident until we begin to bear fruit. And so, our focus should be on our growing, maturing, becoming mature sons of God, taking on the fullness of His likeness, and moving in the things of God. That is where solutions begin to come, not from focusing on the negative, because that makes us just as distracted as everybody else is. And it does not mean we have to be dumb about what is going on, but it is not the point. The point is, if we want evil to be exposed, which we do, what exposes evil is our fruitfulness and then moving on to maturity.

Let's go on with reading. I am going to jump down to Matthew 13:30. It says what Christ said to the workers in the field, "'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.''" We have two occasions going on here. The first is the beginning exposure of the tares, of the wickedness. If we want a clarity about what is going on within the age that we are living in, it is our beginning to bear fruit and beginning the process of maturing. What solidifies His coming and dealing with the situation that we are in is when we are ready for the harvest.

We know we have the saying in the Scriptures, "Lift up your eyes because the fields are white unto harvest." (John 4:35) But see, during this harvest time, we have to come into a full maturity to trigger the reaping out of the tares from the field. And I really want that to be a clarity to us; because we are going to be facing things, and it is so hard not to go, "Gosh, we need to deal with this. We have elections coming up, and we have this group of people saying this, and we have communists in office now in the United States; let's form protests." Whatever we do, I tell you we have to focus on us being ready for the harvest. We have to be complete in Him. And it is our coming to that place, our growing in God, if you will, to the point of maturity, that triggers the release of the angelic armies that come and pull the tares out of this field. I do not see anything else that triggers that or causes that or makes that happen other than us, us coming to the place that God is looking for in His calling of us.

I bless us today that we are going to, yes, be aware. Paul said, "I would not have you ignorant, brethren," and you just have to make sure you put the emphasis on the right syllable there. But, "I would not have you ignorant, brethren," about what is going on. So we are not to be ignorant, but that is not to be our focus; and that is a big difference. Our focus is to be on crying out to God that His fullness and the fullness of His Word and maturity be completed within us and through us. And I believe in the Body of Christ, whatever seems like division that exists within the body of Christ, or within the

“church” – because do not forget, there are a lot of really anti-Semitic churches that are all part of this whole evil thing that is going on; just the title “church” does not impress me very much. You have to be walking in the fullness of His righteousness and His life by the Word. This is something that I want us to really see, I want us to focus on, because I believe there is something in us that has to happen, and ultimately it is that full maturity.

I am going to read another Scripture, and I am not really changing tracks here, but I want us to really grasp this idea of understanding. Because you say, “What do we do? How do we pray for this? How do we get into this through this time we are in, that will bring us to a place where we are ready for God’s harvest in our lives?” I think that there is something that can help us in it, and it is a simple word: it is called *understanding*. Out of this time together there is an understanding I want us to be praying for; that we have it individually, that we have it as a group, that the body of Christ has it. We need understanding right now for where we are and what is going on. We are in the same chapter, Matthew 13, and I am going to read out of verses 18-19. It says, “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...”, and I love the fact that he uses that term, “the word of the kingdom.” Not the word of salvation, not the word about this or the word about that. This is the word of the Kingdom. We in our hearts are oriented to a purpose to see God’s Kingdom come into this physical earth, where Christ rules and reigns as King and sits on the throne of David to accomplish that. “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it [listen to what happens when you do not have understanding], the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.” I want us to see this, because it is not that they did not hear. We always think about hearing: you hear the word. But there was something more than hearing; there was an understanding of the heart of the word. And when there is understanding, then something different happens. When there is not understanding, the door is open for satan to come and snatch the word of the Kingdom out of the hearts of people, and organizations, and whatever.

He goes on with this explanation. In verses 20-23 it says,

“The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. And the one on whom the seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word [see, the problem isn’t hearing], “...who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit...”

See, and we are talking about this second parable that Christ told. He told them the first parable, then He tells the other second. But what happens? You start bearing fruit. That process of bearing fruit is what exposes wickedness and the tares and the demonic plot against God’s creation. So indeed, he begins to bear fruit and bring forth, “some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.” But when you have this hundredfold fruit coming to maturity, then we know what happens, according to the further parable; and that is, the reapers are sent into the field to pull out the evil and the wickedness. So I want us to see that.

I want to read out of a lexicon the interpretation of the word that is used in Hebrew for understanding, and what the translation of that is into English, so we can have some kind of a grasp. Because there are a lot of words that we talk about, wisdom, perception, discernment, and I want to separate a little bit,

because there is a blending; I want to have a greater understanding of what we are talking about when we say understanding. The lexicon defines it, "To comprehend and to be able to make proper decisions, judgments, and actions based on the information." So, to have understanding means we comprehend, we understand the information; but the understanding is what gives us the ability to make proper decisions. See, it clears off the fog; and that is why I think it is so necessary at this moment. People are in such confusion. There is so much terminology out there. There is so much that just brings a lack of ability to get clarity about what is really happening and what is going on. Understanding is that clarity. The lexicon says, "It makes proper decisions. It makes proper judgments and actions based on the information."

Our actions, as we know, are intercession, and that is where I really want to apply this. We need understanding, because we need the ability to stand in God's Presence, and we need to intercede with a request for actions that are based on this information. We cannot be confused. In the Hitpa'el binyan<sup>1</sup> of the word in the Hebrew, *understanding* means "to have wisdom." You find an example of this in Psalm 119 verse 100. It means, "To think about, to ponder, i.e., to process the information, and so respond in an appropriate manner." I think what we are looking for is to respond in an appropriate manner, and I believe that the appropriate response we are to have is to not go try to fight evil. I think our appropriate response is to cry out before the Lord to see the Lord move, to see us come to maturity.

We need to be praying, honestly, for ourselves, we need to be praying for the body of Christ, to come to this fullness. That is what we are supposed to do, right? We are supposed to grow up in all ways into the likeness of Christ. We are to become that. And I think we should be contending before God for our fullness of maturity into the likeness, unto the measure of the stature which belongs to the, what is it? fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13) That is what we are to be. But I think we need to pray about it. When we see what is going on, our understanding should drive us to an intercession that says, "Lord, complete in me." I love Daniel's prayer when he was praying over the prophecy about the seventy weeks. He got on his face and repented. He was worried about where he was coming from and what was in his own heart.

It further goes on, with the Hif'il binyan<sup>2</sup>, that *understanding* means, "to distinguish, i.e., have knowledge and respond appropriately." It means, "To consider with full attention, think about, ponder, process the information, and so respond in an appropriate manner." I think God is trying to get us to respond in an appropriate way to all of this that is going on; and the proper way is not confusion, and it is not to go in and fight fire with fire. We are not going to get into a hand-to-hand combat with satan, and we are not going to get into a hand-to-hand combat with Islam, because they are defeated foes, and Christ already has the victory. What we are looking to see is the fullness of the victory of Yeshua brought into manifestation in this day that we are living in.

Daniel talked about that, when he was praying over the things that were going on. In Daniel 12:7, the angel came to him and started telling him what was happening in "time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed." And in verses 8-10, he goes on to say, "As for me, I heard..." See? hearing is not the problem. "I heard but could

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<sup>1</sup> The Hitpa'el binyan is one of the seven Hebrew verb patterns (a way a verb is formed) that often gives verbs a reflexive or self-directed meaning.

<sup>2</sup> The Hif'il binyan is a Hebrew verb pattern that typically gives a verb a causative meaning.

not understand.” I mean, this is pretty cool. Daniel is over here going, “I heard the vision explained to me by the angel, but I did not understand what was really being said and what I was to do about it.”

So I said, “My Lord, what will be the outcome of these events?” He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. Many will be purged, purified and refined [he is talking about the end time to Daniel, right?], “...many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly [the tares will be tares]; and none of the wicked will understand [which we know: satan never understands; he would not have crucified the Lord of glory had he had understanding (1 Corinthians 2:8)], but those who have insight will understand.”

I think we need to see this understanding as something that was part of the prophecy to Daniel of what would happen with God’s people in the end time.

Ephesians 5:17 says, “So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” We are to move into understanding. I believe this is a time when we as God’s people are to come into an understanding. And by virtue of the understanding, we are going to know how to move, how to intercede, how to pray, what to do, when to do it, where to do it. All of that is going to come through this understanding. I know perception is one thing, but we can have perception but still not know what to do. We can see what is going on; just like the video, we can see what is taking place; but that does not mean we have the understanding of what we do about the things that are taking place for us right now.

So I lose this in us, that there is going to be this time of understanding. Proverbs 2 talks about it. It says in verses 1-3, “My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make your heart attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding; for if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding.” And so it is telling us this same thing. Verse 6 says, “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.” And you can go on. Proverbs 2 goes on in verse 11 to talk about the understanding, and it says, “Understanding will watch over you.” I think a lot of our immunity comes from true understanding.

Proverbs 4:5 talks about this whole thing. It says, “Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth,” and he goes on. So we see this over and over. Psalms 33:15 talks about it, “He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.” See, God understands perfectly what is going on in this age. God is not confused. The Scripture says He is not the author of confusion. (1 Corinthians 14:33, KJV) And so, He is going to give understanding so that His people can walk in a clarity of knowing, understanding; and by that understanding, knowing what to do and how to do it.

I bless us, because it all comes down to this: We are to mature as sons of God. We have heard this word, and we have known this for years through the living Word that we have sat under, that we are to mature into His image, into His likeness. But I do not think we quite grasp how important it is and how everything of God’s moving that is going to be triggered in this end time is not going to be triggered because we are watching what satan is doing, or because we are trying to fight what satan is bringing forth; it is going to be triggered by true sons of God coming into an understanding and being able to be completely, fully matured, ready for the harvest. When we are ready for harvest, the tares will be removed. Wickedness will be pulled from the earth.

I bless us to have this. Let it be real to our hearts, in the name of the Lord.

Amen and amen.