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## **THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison**

### **IT WILL BE SETTLED**

Two farmers lived side by side. One was a Christian and the other was an atheist. The Christian was faithful to God in all things. He worshipped regularly, gave of his means and time to the Lord, and sought to teach others the gospel of Christ. His neighbor, the atheist, thought the Christian farmer was crazy and often ridiculed and laughed at him. He even said, "I'll have a better crop than you do. I'll have a higher yield. Your God will not help you have a better crop than me." To which the Christian replied, "But God does not settle everything in October."

Sometimes sinful wicked people prosper materially in this life above those who are living faithful to God. But is such prosperity evidence that God does not exist or that He is not concerned about those who would follow Him? No. The Bible tells us that God makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good and the rain to fall on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). God set nature into motion at the creation of all things for the benefit and survival of all of mankind.

What the atheist farmer did not take into consideration is that, even though he did not accept the existence of God or recognize his material blessings came from God, he still had to give an account to God for the life he chose to live. The Bible reads, "For it is written, as I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:11-12). There are no exceptions to this rule. What we may think or believe about something does nothing to change the truth as God has revealed it. The fact is that atheism will end when we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10 reads, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

We need to learn the lesson that "God does not settle everything in October", that is, in this life. Yet, it will be settled! "Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-9).

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