

Study 9

Read 2 Corinthians Chapter 9

SUMMARY

As he continues his discussion about the collection for the needy saints, Paul confesses that his writing may be superfluous. That is because he knows their willingness of which he boasted to the Macedonians, who in turn were stirred up by the zeal of the Corinthians. Yet Paul felt it necessary to send the messengers to ensure that the Corinthians had their gift ready, and that it was one of true generosity and not out of a grudging obligation. To find them unprepared would be embarrassing to both Paul and the Corinthians (1-5).

That they might give liberally, Paul reminds them of the principle of sowing and reaping, and that God loves a cheerful giver. He also writes of God's ability to give them an abundance for every good work and prays that God will multiply the seed they have sown so they will be enriched in all things for even more liberality on their part (6-11).

He concludes this section by pointing out the effect this collection will have. It not only supplies the needs of the saints, it will abound in thanksgiving and praise to God, and produce prayers and longing in the hearts of the recipients for their benefactors. This prompts Paul to give thanks to God, for it is He who makes these things possible (12-15)!

Questions:

1) To whom had Paul boasted about the churches in Achaia was ready a year ago and their zeal had provoked many to contribute? (II Corinthians 9:1-2)

2) Finish this quote, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, _____." (II Corinthians 9:6)

3) Paul instructed the Corinthians to give as purposed in his heart for God loved what kind of a giver? (II Corinthians 9:7)

4) What 2 ways were the Corinthians not to give? (II Corinthians 9:7)

5) According to Paul's letter to the Corinthians God is able to make grace abound toward them for what reason? (II Corinthians 9:8)

6) What God furnishes seed for the sower he furnishes bread for food. What is multiplied? (II Corinthians 9:10)

7) What is increased when God furnishes seed for the sower? (II Corinthians 9:10)

8) What 2 things do the Corinthians enriching cause? (II Corinthians 9:11-12)

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

2) Why was Paul's writing to the Corinthians about this collection superfluous? (1-2)

3) Why were the messengers being sent? (3-5)

4) What is the relation between sowing and reaping? (6)

5) What kind of giving pleases God? (7)

6) What is God able to do? (8a)

7) What is the purpose of the abundance we receive from God? (8b)

8) Why did Paul pray that God supply and multiply the seed sown by the Corinthians? (10)

9) When one is enriched in everything, for what purpose is it? (11)

10) What four things did the administration of this service (the collection) supply? (12-14)