

“Optimistic When Things Seem Beak”

Matthew 13:24-52

Matthew 9:36

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

Bearded Darnell
lolium temulentum

Daniel 2:34,35

You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. *But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

Daniel 2:44

In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Luke 9:54

When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

Acts 1:6

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important."

- C.S. Lewis

Spiritually Apathetic

"They simply shrug off God, religion, heaven, or the ever-trendy search-for-meaning and/or purpose. Their attitude could be summed up as 'So what?'"

- 44 percent of respondents told a Baylor University study that they spend no time seeking "eternal wisdom," and 19 percent said, "It's useless to search for meaning."
- 46 percent of respondents told LifeWay Research that they never wonder if they will go to heaven.
- 28 percent told LifeWay that "it's not a major priority in my life to find deeper purpose."
- 18 percent denied that God has a purpose or plan for everyone.

"The real dirty secret of religiosity in America is that there are so many people for whom spiritual interest, thinking about ultimate questions, is minimal."

Psalm 37:1-6

Do not fret because of evildoers,
Be not envious toward wrongdoers.
For they will wither quickly like the grass
And fade like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord and do good;
Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your judgment as the noonday.

