

## Broken Ground

### Hosea 10:12

**Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.**

### **GOD uses broken things.**

Examples of this are Gideon with his bottles, torches and horns, Judges 7:20; and the woman with the alabaster box, Luke 7:37-38.

Gideon's army used clay pitchers to cover the flame of their torches, when Gideon gave the order to brake the pitchers, the bright light shone round the camp of the Midianite army and they went down.

The vessel represents our bodies and the flame our Spirit. When our self will is broken, God's light in us will shine forth.

When the woman broke the alabaster box, and anointed our King, she surrendered all she had, in belief and praise to our LORD.

Now in Hosea, the LORD asks we deny ourselves in deep humility. Seek revival of our hearts and minds, to the matter of Christ in us.

You may ask:

### **1. How Do You Get Hard Ground?**

Fallow ground is hard uncultivated soil. Liken to a place in our hearts knowing the ways of the LORD and purposefully forbidding HIS will in all our matters.

Hebrews 3:15

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

- a) It is not wise. Matthew 7:24-26
- b) It is not right. James 4:17
- c) It is, not loving. John 14:15.

1Thessalonians 5:19, Quench not the Spirit.

### **2. How To Break Up The Fallow Ground?**

- a) Humility

Isaiah 57:15

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Contrite means "smashed to pieces", broken.

b) Confession

Proverbs 28:13-14

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy. Happy *is* the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. Following HIS Will, enables the right responses and reconciliation. Publicly proclaim HIS name and accept HIS invitation to do HIS work and ministry.

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### **3. How Do You Keep It (Hardened Heart) From Returning?**

a) Keep responding and restore your relationship with GOD.

Hebrews 3:13-15

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

b) Keep seeking GOD, seek the LORD urgently.

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Won't you break up your fallow ground and ask that HE makes it soft and tender for seeding?