

## **O LORD, REVIVE YOUR WORK**

### **Message 4: Break Up the Fallow Ground [24 Jan 2021]**

- **Habakkuk 2:14** is God's Desire for the Church in 2021
  - The Word of the Lord for 2021 to Kenneth Copeland: this is the year of the local Church
- **Habakkuk 3:2-3**
  - Revive Your Word
  - By Making known your Glory
  - Remember Mercy (everyone deserves the right to Receive Jesus as Savior and Lord)

- **Habakkuk 3:18-19**

#### **I. Identify Your Heart [Ground for the Seed of the Word]**

- a. Mark 4:9-13
  - i. Mystery = something that is closed to the natural understanding
  - ii. The Holy Spirit is Revealing the Mystery of the Kingdom of God to the Body of Christ: knowledge of how to operate within the Kingdom Laws
  - iii. Verse 14 is the subject of this parable: Sowing the Word of God
    - 1. Planting God's Covenant Truths in our Heart (Spirit, Ground)
  - iv. Verse 13 Jesus puts a strong emphasis on knowing this parable
    - 1. Knowing the Word as a SEED
    - 2. Knowing the Ground to which the SEED is being planted
    - 3. Knowing how the Kingdom of God works: it works the same for every believer

#### **II. Allow God's Covenant Words to Change Your Direction**

- a. Mark 4:12
  - i. Ephesians 1:17-18 = it's the Holy Spirit Who will open our eyes
- b. 2 Corinthians 4:3-7
  - i. Verse 6: opening the eyes of the world to God's Glory
  - ii. The knowledge of the Glory is the Treasure (verse 7)
- c. 2 Corinthians 4:13
  - i. Hope > Belief > Faith
  - ii. Speak the Covenant Words of God until Faith is established
  - iii. Faith is established when there is absolutely NO doubt
- d. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

### III. **Breaking Up the Fallow Ground**

- a. Hosea 10:12
  - i. Fallow Ground = hard, unreceptive to seed, NO MOISTURE (DRY), overtaken by weeds
  - ii. When there's no moisture there is no growth, no production
  - iii. Weeds choke off the life breath [air flow], shutting down the ability to produce fruit
  - iv. Weeds are:
    - 1. Worldly ideas
    - 2. Religious Traditions [make the Word of no effect]
- b. Psalm 34:17-19
  - i. Contrite = crushed, depressed, destructed (torn apart)
  - ii. 'hope deferred makes the heart sick'
  - iii. This type of heart is not open to the SEED of God's Word
    - 1. Mark 4:14-19 speaks to fallow ground:
      - a. Verse 15 = wayside ground [the occasional hearer]
      - b. Verse 16 = Stony ground [hard, no moisture]
      - c. Verse 18 = Thorney Ground = overcome by:
        - i. The cares of this world [fear, worry, anxiety]
        - ii. The lust for other things
        - iii. The deceitfulness of riches [seeing money as the answer to all problems = 1 Timothy 6:12: the love of money is the root of all evil]
- c. Psalm 34:1-4 is the plough that breaks up the fallow ground
  - i. It doesn't take long for a heart to become hard again when there is NO rain
  - ii. The Holy Spirit is leading us to the Water of God's Word (RAIN)
    - 1. John 14:17
    - 2. John 15:26
    - 3. John 16:13