

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