



# “Break Up Your Fallow Ground” Sun Jan 8, 2023

## I. **Hosea 10:12**

### A. **Fallow**

1. *Idle, Inactive, Uncultivated*
2. *Dormant, Unused, Lifeless, Dead*

### B. **Jeremiah 4:1-3**

1. What happens to any ground that is left unattended? Answer: Weeds, Thorns, and it becomes overgrown.
2. In farming, a field was intentionally left fallow for the purpose of making it more fruitful when the seedtime season was ready; however, when unattended, the ground becomes overgrown with unwanted weeds and thorns. The cultivator would “break up” the fallow ground, clearing the soil of all the weeds before sowing seed.
3. When the scripture says, Return to the Lord...Break up your fallow ground...He is simply saying, *“Don’t sow your seed among thorns, Clear your hearts of weeds or unwanted seeds, break off your evil habits and do away with the hardened heart, and receive a mighty harvest from the Lord.”*
4. **Mark 4:18-19** *“And these are they which are sown among thorns...”*

## II. Revival begins with the heart

### A. **Revival**

1. *Restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength*
2. *Returning to something of great value and importance.*

### B. The Heart is Your Garden...Your Ground

1. *“With the heart, man believes unto righteousness...” **Romans 10:10***
2. *“Keep your heart with all diligence...” **Proverbs 4:23***
3. *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceeds evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications...” **Mark 7:21-23***
4. *“Today if you will HEAR His voice...harden not your heart”* (The condition that hinders revival today) **Psalm 95:7-11**

### C. Willing to Receive Correction...Willing to Change...Willing to Accept Revival

1. **Proverbs 1:5** *“A wise man will HEAR, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.”*
2. Has your heart become callous and hardened that it has lost its pliability to receive? Not only from God who lovingly corrects you with His Word, but also other people (laborers) that God has sent to speak to you?
3. What is God saying? *Return to me...Return to Accountability and the counsel of wise men, for in the multitude of counselors, there is safety and peace; Your independence will only bring you hardship and pain. You want revival? Return to Me...Hear My Counsel and Receive...For the times of refreshing are upon you this day!”*