

"BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND", Jer. 4:3; Hos. 10:12

Introduction:- Breaking up land for Spring and Summer planting on the farm.

I.What this means as applied to spiritual condition.

A.Breaking up hard-heartedness - Prov. 28:14 - Heb. 3:13

B.Overcoming coldness & lukewarmness.

C.Weeding out roots of bitterness, etc. Heb. 12:15

"rooted & grounded in love." Eph. 3:17

II.Need of this among christians

A.Need of heart melting - Job. 2:16 - ^{had melted my heart soft} "had melted my heart soft"

B.Need of broken & contrite spirit - Ps. 51:17

C.Need to prepare ourselves for revival

D.Remove thorns & hindrances to seed of Word. Jer. 4:3

E.Return to Lord & put away abominations. Jer 4:1,2

F.If we plow wickedness we will reap iniquity. Hos 10:1

G.It is time to seek the Lord. Hos. 10:12

H.Sow in righteousness, reap in mercy. Hos. 10:12

III.How to Break up fallow ground.

A.Let the plow of the Word dig in our hearts

1.This is the instrument God uses

2.It may hurt & be painful

B.Confession of sin revealed by the Word & Spirit

C.Repentance & restitution where necessary

IV.Results of Breaking up Fallow Ground.

A.The Lord will rain righteousness upon you.

B.Fruit will be produced from good seed sown in good ground, when watered by the blessing of God.