

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 33

Cost of Seeking: Priorities – Planting and Fallow Ground

I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'

Hosea 10:12 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Hosea speaks of two kinds of preparation in seeking the Face of God that will have a cost for us. One, is the plowing of the fallow ground in our lives. The fallow ground are those areas that have become hardened. There are many reasons areas in our hearts become hardened. Lack of forgiveness, failure to release offenses by others, the allurements of worldly pleasure to name just a few. There have become hardened because we have not allowed the Word of God and the Spirit of God to wash them and cleanse them, and so, like the soil...over time, without the water of the Word, these areas become hard places in our lives. These need to be submitted to the plow of God's word, so that they can once again become soft soil for the seeds of the Word of God and the seeds of righteousness. And that is the second thing Hosea tells us. In seeking the Face of God, we must sow the seeds of righteousness into our lives and from our lives. Acts of kindness for others. Righteous thoughts and actions. Words of kindness or sacrificial giving are all seeds of righteousness that will result in God showering our lives with His righteousness, and drawing us closer to seeing His Face. Seeking the Face of God is costly. It is not cheap, but the reward... is God Himself. Will you pay the price?

- Day 1:** Are there areas in your life that have become hardened to the Spirit of God? Spend time today allowing God to show you.
- Day 2:** Submit those hardened places that the Lord revealed to you to Him today. Repent and ask Him to soften your heart, and cleanse you by the power of His Spirit.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to show you how to sow seeds of righteousness in your life and in the lives of others around you.
- Day 4:** Intercede for your family today and ask the Lord to guide you as a family in breaking up the fallow ground and sowing seeds of righteousness. Pray this as a family if possible.
- Day 5:** Pray for your church to be a place where the Word of God can break up fallow ground. Pray for your church to know how to sow seeds of righteousness in your community.
- Day 6:** Pray for other believers in your city to be touched with this message from Hosea.
- Day 7:** Today pray for the missionaries from your church to make sure there is no fallow ground in their hearts.