



# Divine Delights

*And I will delight myself in thy commandments,  
which I have loved. (Psalms 119:47)*

If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, **Break up your fallow ground**, and sow not among thorns. (Jeremiah 4:1-3)

And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. (Hosea 10:11-13)

A couple of weeks ago, the phrase 'break up your fallow ground,' was brought to my attention as I was reading Hosea with the kids and then within the next day or so, we read it in Jeremiah as a family. I looked it up and found that these two places are the only times fallow ground is mentioned in the Bible. I did a little research and found that fallow ground is ploughed ground that has been left. After land has been ploughed, it needs to be harrowed to level the ground, break up the clods, and destroy weeds so that it is then ready for planting. These passages seem to be talking about fallow ground in people's hearts. Our hearts need to be broken, softened and the weeds (sin and worldly things) removed, so that righteousness can be sown. The Word of God can then take root and grow there and bring forth much fruit in our lives.

*... a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.  
(Psalms 51:17b)*

Dear Ladies,  
May you be encouraged and delight in the Lord also.  
Love Heather.