

Title: Destiny unlocked IV – The heavy rains are coming
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How do we position ourselves to receive God's rain?

Hosea 10:12 NKJV

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**, for it is **time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains** righteousness on you. (Fallow ground is land left uncultivated.)

1. We **seek the Lord** until the rain comes. **How?**

a) We **ask for rain**

Zechariah 10:1 (NKJV) “Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain....”

Former rain = autumn rain, which came at planting time.

Latter rain = spring rain that occurs just before the harvest.

b) We **make our time with the Lord** and our relationship with the Lord **priority**.

c) **Go to rainy places**. Don't stay in the desert. **Please don't isolate yourself**.

2. We **break up our fallow ground and cultivate our land – we prepare our hearts**

a) **We get rid of the weeds**: Deal with **offenses and unforgiveness**.

What is an offense? An offense usually occurs when you see, hear, or experience a behaviour that is so **different from what you expected** that it causes you to falter, totter and wobble in your soul. In fact, you are so stunned by what you have observed or by a **failed expectation** that you lose your footing emotionally. Before you know it, you are dumbfounded and flabbergasted about something. Then your shock turns into disbelief; your disbelief into disappointment; and your disappointment into offence.

The person who can hurt you the most is the person that is closest to you. Why is that? Because our expectation is higher upon them. The closer the relationship, the more severe the offence. You find the greatest hatred among people who were once close.

3. We **walk by faith and not by sight - "till He comes and rains on you..."**

Joel 2:23&24 (NLT) “Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For **the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness...**”

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

What is the result of the spring rain that comes just before the harvest?

1. **We truly come to know the Holy Spirit**

John 14:16 (NKJV) “And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever....”

Another = One besides Me and in addition to Me but one just like Me. He will do in My absence what I would do if I were physically present with you”.

2. **We come alive**

3. **We bring life to others - Ezekiel 46:5,9,12**