



“Prepare the Way of the Lord” Sun Jan 15, 2023

Foundation Scripture: **Hosea 10:12**

- I. Preparation – the key to victory
 - A. Break up your fallow ground
 1. *God is preparing us so that we might be prepared for Him.*
 2. *The church has been Dormant, Lazy, and Dead, but an awakening to revival is upon us...and awakening to God's love and an awakening to His return.*
 - B. **Micah 2:13**
 1. Jesus, the King of all kings...the Lord of all lords...He is the one who broke the chains of bondage...He is the one who broke the curse...He is the one who broke every law, every written word that was spoken against you...Jesus, The Breaker of All!
 2. We must Break up....just like the Breaker has done. (vs. 13). We must “Break up the fallow ground” so we can pass through the “outer” gate....this is the only place that we will see His return! (Stop being on the outside wishing that you were within....Start breaking up...prepare your lamps with oil/Holy Spirit and show God that you are serious right now!)
- II. The Shift of Praise
 - A. **Matthew 21:8-11, vs. 15-16**
 1. *What were the people doing? **Preparing the way of the Lord through praise!***
 2. *Even the children were praising God....it was a family thing!*
 3. *Do you know why praise is so important? It stirs up the anointing and it stops the enemy (II Chronicles 20:21-23 / notice the singers PREPARED the way).*
 4. *Praise & Worship has been a vital key to revival in the past and if He used it before, He will certainly use it again. It is one of the key elements of the shift that God has prepared for us, and it is essential in breaking up the fallow ground. It was a cornerstone for miracles in the past, and it is the cornerstone for the preparation of miracles and His return right now!*
 - B. **Expressions of Praise** (3 expressions of your voice & 3 of your being & one in between)
 1. **Speaking** **Hebrews 13:15**
 2. **Singing** – (Individually & Corporately) – **Psalm 47:6-7 / Hebrews 2:12 / Acts 16:25**
 3. **Shouting** – **Psalm 47:1 / Joshua 6:20** (shouting prepared the way....)
 4. **Musical Instruments** – **Psalm 33:2** / when David played, it soothed King Saul
 5. **Lifting Hands** – **I Timothy 2:8** (The place of surrender)
 6. **Bowing Down / Kneeling** – **Psalm 95:6**
 7. **Dancing** – **Psalm 149:1-6** (David danced with all his might)
 - *What is praise? **It is glorifying God with your temple; it is your outward expression of your inward joy and reverence for Him! Psalm 150:1-6**
 - * Don't let the rocks cry out; GIVE HIM PRAISE!