

# Fresh Oil



May 2010  
Dear Fellow Servants,

Spring is a wonderful time of the year. If the old adage is true that "April showers bring May flowers" than May is a great month for us to consider the whole subject of sowing seed and expecting God to bring the growth. The April showers can only bring May flowers if there is seed sown in the ground first. What is true in the realm of the natural is also true in the spiritual.

After the flood waters receded in the time of Noah God made a promise to Noah, which is recorded in Genesis 8:22:

***"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."***

God set in motion a law that governed the created order, a law which is still in effect to this day. Farmers bank on this law when they go out into their fields each spring, work up the ground, and plant their seed. They know that if they want to reap a harvest in the autumn they will need to sow seed in the springtime. It's really quite simple: no sowing, no reaping. To the degree that we sow, this we shall also reap, as the apostle Paul declared in Galatians 6:9:

***"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."***

The J.B. Philipps paraphrase of this verse puts it this way: "...a man's harvest in life depends entirely on what he sows."

It is ludicrous to think we will reap a spiritual harvest if we haven't taken the time and sacrifice to sow first. How could we expect people to be friendly to us if we are grouchy to them? Also, we shouldn't expect a large harvest from meager, grudging sowing. Consider what Paul said to the affluent-but-stingy Corinthian Church in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7:

***"...he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver."***

Where are you planting your seed this spring and to what measure? Is it generously sown in good ground, capable of producing a healthy harvest, or are you trying to get by on just a little? Why not launch out in faith and trust God to bless you with a prosperous harvest in all areas of your life? Remember, it starts with the seed you're sowing now. So, roll up your sleeves and start planting!

Your fellow servant,

**Pastor Brian**

*... I have been anointed with fresh oil*

PSALM 92:10

