HELEN SANDERS 2-28-2024 DRY GROUND

If you have ever had a garden, then you know that ground that is extremely dry will not receive any seed and therefore there is no fruit. Jesus spoke about ground in his illustration of the seeds. Dry ground would be compared to rocky ground. It is often so hard that you have to break this kind of ground up with a hoe and lots of water before anything can grow in it.

Have you been experiencing a dry season in your life? Does it feel like your prayers are not being answered? Perhaps God is letting you know that there are some areas in your life where the seed [word of God] cannot get through because it is dry.

Dryness in the natural comes from a lack of water. Dryness in the spiritual realm comes from lack of spiritual water. Water represents the word of God.

This next point is for those women that are married, and also for husbands. In Ephesians 5:25-28 there is an admonition to husbands as to how to love their wives. It says, *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."* 

When a man loves his wife like Christ loved the church, it means that he gives all he has for her. This in turn waters her and causes her to become holy and without blemish. Often wives are dry because their husbands neglect them. Not all men are like this, but most have not been taught the importance of the God kind of love flowing from them to their wives.

Sin can also cause one to be dry. Bitterness dries things up. If you are harboring any unforgiveness then you can expect to be in a dry place. God cannot get through that hard ground in your heart until you repent.

God wants the ground of our heart to be like a fresh turned garden. It should always be ready to receive the seed of God [the Word} so that it can bring forth fruit.

Whatever place you are in, do not let any dry ground stay dry. Let the water of the Word make you pliable and ready to receive from God.