BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***A FRUITFUL GROUND***

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Memory verse -
Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shall find it after many days.

Eccl. 11:1

Notes

It is important that we get the right seedlings and it is also important that we sow on the right ground. In the story of the creation, God commanded the waters and the earth to bring forth grass herb yielding seeds, moving creature that hath life, fowl that may fly above the earth, living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth (Gen. 1:9; 20 and 24). By implication, the waters and the earth contained these elements before they could bring them forth (consider Gen. 2:5-6).

The instruction that this gives to us is that the ground on which we sow must be living and contain the seed of what we sow or at least the nutrients required to nourish it for growth. That is why the bible instructs us to break up our fallow ground (Jer. 4:3). The instruction not to sow among thorns infers that unbroken ground is neither ripe nor conducive for sowing because it contains thorns that can choke life out of your seed.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 encourages us to cast our bread upon the waters. The water represents the word (Eph. 5:26 KJV) by implication it means cast your resources on the word just like the widow of Zarephath (I Kgs. 17:8-16), lay up treasure in heaven (Matt. 6:20) and believe in the sufficiency of the one that supplies every need (Phil. 4:19).