***Hosea 10:12, (NKJV), emphasis added,*** ”**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.”

***And, here’s a “sneak peak” at Old Testament Hosea--*Standing first among the twelve Minor Prophets, the Old Testament book of Hosea was written in the 8Th century B.C. During the decline of the Northern Kingdom and in a period when Israel had turned away from God to idolatrous living, this text warns God’s chosen to veer from their wicked ways. Thought to be the first biblical prophet to associate marriage to God’s covenant with Israel, Hosea sets the standard in that comparison, and his metaphor is later adopted by others, like Jeremiah. He is also denoted as one of the first “writing prophets,” and the end of his book is very similar to the “wisdom literature.”**

Herein lies the rudiments, requisites, and requirements of Hosea's directive:

*1. Sow for yourselves righteousness*

*2. Reap in mercy,* **and*****3. Break up your fallow ground, (i.e. Seek the LORD).***

**and, here, from Hosea of old, is Thursday’s ”Thought for the Day”—**

**It is time to seek the LORD!**

**And, THAT’S ‘PRETTY MUCH’ A ‘NO-BRAINER!’**

**Always careful to show mercy, always mindful of His task, always diligent to point towards righteousness, He was always planning “the great escape” for His chosen. That chilling, damp, heart-breaking day on Golgotha’s hill 2000 years ago, He looked to the tormented sky and finished His purposed mission. Do you know Him as your Savior? Time is short……..seek Him!**

***It is always,***

***Because of Him,***

***Lindi***

Dear LORD, even the Old Testament saints warned about “keeping the faith” and “staying the course.” Let me not wander, wonder, or veer from the path You set before me. Help me take the next step in my faith and witness. Show me when to speak and when to be quiet. Keep me focused on the purpose of the cross, and let my waking moments glorify Your resurrection. For those in the hospital, and those who have suffered loss, I pray a great quiet over their souls today as You reach down to help them. Thank You for Your eternal plan. Let me be true. I love You forever! Bring Your Kingdom, my King! And, help Israel, my Lord! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Wednesday, April 22….”The Destiny of Daniel” is beginning at Phil’s House, 1189 N. W. Ohio St. Rd. 4 p.m. Come join us for a verse-by-verse study. Bring your sack lunch and join us 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call me with questions, 316-323-3889.**