



Two Kinds of Sowing - 02.15.26

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Hosea 8 (NIV)

- 1 "Put the trumpet to your lips!
An eagle is over the house of the Lord
because the people have broken my covenant
and rebelled against my law.
- 2 Israel cries out to me,
'Our God, we acknowledge you!'
- 3 But Israel has rejected what is good;
an enemy will pursue him.
- 4 They set up kings without my consent;
they choose princes without my approval.
With their silver and gold
they make idols for themselves
to their own destruction.
- 5 Samaria, throw out your calf-idol!
My anger burns against them.
How long will they be incapable of purity?
- 6 They are from Israel!
This calf—a metalworker has made it;
it is not God.
It will be broken in pieces,
that calf of Samaria.

7 “They sow the wind
and reap the whirlwind.
The stalk has no head;
it will produce no flour.
Were it to yield grain,
foreigners would swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up;
now she is among the nations
like something no one wants.

9 For they have gone up to Assyria
like a wild donkey wandering alone.
Ephraim has sold herself to lovers.

10 Although they have sold themselves among the nations,
I will now gather them together.
They will begin to waste away
under the oppression of the mighty king.

11 “Though Ephraim built many altars for sin offerings,
these have become altars for sinning.

12 I wrote for them the many things of my law,
but they regarded them as something foreign.

13 Though they offer sacrifices as gifts to me,
and though they eat the meat,
the Lord is not pleased with them.
Now he will remember their wickedness
and punish their sins:
They will return to Egypt.

14 Israel has forgotten their Maker
and built palaces;
Judah has fortified many towns.
But I will send fire on their cities
that will consume their fortresses.

1. You will reap what you sow

2 Corinthians 9:6

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

James 3:18

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love...

Hosea 10:13

You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice...

2. There is a blessing in severe mercies

Definition:

A severe mercy is God refusing to let you stay comfortable in sin.

Lesson: sin = pain

Lesson: sin = a lie about what will make you happy

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1 "Put the trumpet to your lips!

(immediate judgement)

An eagle is over the house of the Lord

(a deadly fast predator)

because the people have broken my covenant
and rebelled against my law.

(sin)

"Trials teach us what we are; they dig up the soil and let us see what we are made of.....I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."

- Charles Spurgeon

3. Two seeds... Two harvests

Galatians 6:7-9(NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Two Kinds of Sowing

Sowing to the flesh

- **Self-centered living, gratifying sinful desires**
- **Reaping corruption/decay.**

Sowing to the Spirit

- **Living by the Spirit's power, obedience, and love**
- **Reaping eternal life.**