

# RESTORATION

**Joel 2:23** Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

**Joel 2:24** And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

**Joel 2:25** And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

**Joel 2:26** And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

**Joel 2:27** And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

**Joel 2:28** ¶ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

**Joel 2:29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

## A. Our Heavenly Father is a God of Restoration:

1. David experienced the restoration power of God in his life when he struggled with his walk with God:
  - a. He cried out in **Psa. 51:12 Restore** unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.
    - (1) David understood that regardless of how much he had fallen short in his walk with God, If he would repent .... God would restore
  - b. David knew he served a God of restoration and believed God to turn his **negative situation** around that he encountered at Zigzag:
    - (1) When the Amalekites (type & shadow of demonic forces) attacked David's camp and stole his family & all his goods
    - (2) The bible tells us in 1 Sam 30:4 that everyone else cried in defeat... but not David:
      - (a) 1 Sam 30:6 "David encouraged himself in the Lord"
        - (1) David was able to encourage Himself because he understood the God he served was a God of restoration
        - (2) (b) vs 10 David pursued" ... the enemy & "**David recovered all**"

- B. We understand that the devils ministry is to steal, kill & destroy Jn 10:10
1. But it is also the ministry of Jesus Christ to bring restoration thru the Abundant Life He offers
  2. Why is it that some people never get restored but others like David Recover all & experience the Abundant Life God promises
    - a. Answer is found in: Isa 42:22 But this *is* a people **robbed and spoiled**; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are **hid in prison houses: they are for a prey**, and none **delivereth**; for a **spoil**, and **none saith, Restore.**
      - (1) Have you become use to being robbed by the devil
      - (2) never receiving the spoils of spiritual warfare
      - (3) Living / hiding in the prison house of the powers of darkness
      - (4) Not experiencing deliverance from your situation
      - (5) and giving up all hope and doing what Israel did:
        - (a) “**..none saith, restore**”
          - (1) Just giving up .... learning to live in defeat
    3. The Lord promises you and I RESTORATION that regardless of the length of time we may have spent in bondage... & regardless of the loss we may have encountered by the powers of darkness ....God is able to bring restoration If we would turn to Him
      - a. Joel 2: 25 “And I will **restore the years** ....”
        - a. restore the years of failed health
        - b. restore the years of living in poverty
        - c. restore the years of failed marriage
        - d. restore the years where you struggled with your walk with God
        - e. Restore the years your ministry brought forth no fruit
        - f. Restore The Lord’s favor resting upon your life

B. **Def RESTORE** (JOEL :25)

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