



## **“FROM DEVASTATION TO RESTORATION – PART 3”**

### **Communion Sunday Morning Service Sermon Connection Handout – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the **times of restoration** of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” - **Acts 3:19-21 NKJV**
- Notice there will be (1) Times of Refreshing and (2) Times of Restoration; **Times** = means plural; there will be many.
  - Notice also, the **RESTORATION** of all things precedes the coming of the Lord. The phrase “whom heaven must **receive**...” in literally “whom heaven must **retain, keep, hold back**...” in the Greek.
  - Our Lord is coming back for a **GLORIOUS** Church. (**Ref Ephesians 5:27**) not a \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
- **Deuteronomy 30:2-3, 9-10 (NLT)** - <sup>2</sup> *If at that time you and your children return to the LORD your God, and if you obey with all your heart and all your soul all the commands I have given you today, <sup>3</sup> then **the LORD your God will restore your fortunes**. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you. <sup>9</sup> “The LORD your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the LORD will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors. <sup>10</sup> The LORD your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.”*
- Friends, we’ve shared before that Satan is out to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our lives (**John 10:10**). To devastate means “to destroy or ruin; to overwhelm or overpower”.
- **But whatever you’re going through right now is not too big for God to handle. In the natural it may seem as though it is impossible and that there is no way out. But, that’s in the natural – NOT in Christ, NOT in God, and NOT in the Word of God, NOR in the Will of God for your life! In God there is ALWAYS a way out. God is famous for turning things around! God is our RESTORER, our MASTER RESTORER!**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is a big part of God’s grace MERCY and LOVE toward us!
  - **Romans 3:25 – 27 (NKJV)** – <sup>25</sup> *whom God set forth as a **propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.”*
  - **PROPITIATION** = means the word “Mercy Seat”
  - **Exodus 25:22 (NKJV)** – *“And there **I will meet with you**, and **I will speak with you** from above **the mercy seat**, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”*
  - **PROPITIATION SIMPLY MEANS A \_\_\_\_\_ OF (1) RELATIONSHIP, OF (2) FELLOWSHIP, AND OF (3) BLESSING!**
- **Read Joel 2:23-27 NKJV**

**Prophecy from 2019 Supernatural Leadership Conference ...** “In 2019 there will come a measure of blessing like you have never seen. God is taking you from a small place of struggle and shame to a large place of abundance. There are greater doors, anointing and blessing. The Gospel will go around the world. Jesus is your Shepard and He is leading you to a new place He has prepared, a new place for you to refreshed. Receive the Word, go in the Spirit and in prayer, and everything will be enlarged for you. Declare that: 2019 is a Year of Restoration. God is bringing me from a small place of shame and confusion into a wealthy place of abundance and refreshing. 2019 is the Year of receiving double for my trouble! - Mark & Trina Hankins

**Prophetic Word from Dr. Jerry Savelle:** "My Word is at work so be at peace, the works of your adversary are about to cease; he thought that he had you, but I've always come through, I'm turning things around just like I said I would do. It's never over until I've had My say, that's why I'm called the Truth and the Way. I watch over My Word when you choose to stand, and I bring deliverance again and again. So, never give up and refuse to give in, it's almost over you are about to win!"

#### OUR PART TO PARTICIPATE AND COOPERATE IN HIS RESTORATION WORK:

- Friends, it is important for us to \_\_\_\_\_ our FAITH in God's ability and willingness to TURN our CAPTIVITY and RESTORE us by three key things:
  - (#1) – By DECREETING and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - (#2) – Make your \_\_\_\_\_ conform to God's Word. Renew your mind daily! Develop a RESTORATION Mentality! Cast down and cast out doubt, evil imaginations and aggressively resist thoughts of defeat and failure!
  - (#3) – Your \_\_\_\_\_ must agree with God's Word. Not just at Church, but at home, around your family and friends, in the store, in your car in traffic, and on your job or business environments.
- We have to BELIEVE and DO our part to release our \_\_\_\_\_, realign our \_\_\_\_\_ and be relentless in our \_\_\_\_\_ to:
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ it. **Read Isaiah 42:9, 22 (NKJV)**
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ it. (See Restoration Scriptures)
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it. (**Proverbs 4:23 – 24 (NLT)** – *"<sup>23</sup>Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. <sup>24</sup>Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech."*)
  - (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Word and instruction concerning it.
  - (6) \_\_\_\_\_ God for it and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Our Father God is ready to \_\_\_\_\_ everything our adversary the devil has stolen from us, to turn any DEVASTATION in our life to RESTORATION. But in order do so He must have someone DECLARE RESTORATION!
- You and I should \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere with RESTORATION! This are days of RESTORATION, a season and a year of RESTORATION! Our Father God is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church everything Satan has taken out of the Church. Jesus our Lord said for us to "...be of good cheer..." (**John 16:33**) so here is a good cheer: R-E-S-T-O-R-E!
- Remember, alarming SYMPTOMS, negative SIGNS, physical, emotional and financial STRUGGLES and STRESSFUL situations are purposed by the devil to move us from FAITH and into FEAR. FEAR contaminates our FAITH, breaks our FOCUS and disrupts our FAITHFULNESS.

#### DELAYS: WHY THEY HAPPEN AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM

- Let's look at three Scriptural sources of delays in our lives: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
- It could be that God has orchestrated a delay in your life because He is arranging a \_\_\_\_\_ appointment up ahead. (**Read Acts 16:6-7; 9-10**).
- Delays can be the result of being \_\_\_\_\_ by Satan. (**Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 18**).
- You could be the cause of \_\_\_\_\_, for various reasons. (**Read Haggai 1:6 – 7**).
  - Our vision could become blurred, and we could eventually give up before the manifestation comes.
  - Therefore, we need to be aware of **3 Three Particular Things** that can cause us to lose FOCUS:
    - (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) DISCOURAGEMENT, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You become \_\_\_\_\_ when you start to believe that what God told you is never going to happen. It looks impossible. If you look at the ashes of your life too long, Satan will convince you that you cannot build it back. You experience \_\_\_\_\_ any time you compare your WAITING season to someone else's DUE season.

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