

Redeemed and Restored

1. The Hope of Redemption

Ephesians 4:4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future/the hope of your calling.

Ephesians 1: 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

Hebrews 3:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest.

2. The Hope of Restoration

- **God Restores Health and Home- Job**

Job 42: 10 When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!

- **God Restores and Promotes - Joseph**

- **God Fulfills His Call....and restores - David**

- **God May Require Painful Obedience....** But afterwards, he restores - Abraham

Hebrews 11:19 Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

- **God Resurrects and restores life - Lazarus**

- **God corrects....and forgives and restores - Nebuchadnezzar**

Daniel 4: 34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven (angels) and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" 36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, **and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.** 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.

Jeremiah 30:15 Why do you cry out over your wound, your pain that has no cure? **Because of your great guilt and many sins** I have done these things to you. 16 **"But** all who devour you will be devoured; all your enemies will go into exile. Those who plunder you will be plundered; all who make spoil of you I will despoil. 17 **But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,**' declares the Lord,'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.'

SO WHEN WILL HE ANSWER.....AND WHEN WILL HE RESTORE?

AT "JUST THE RIGHT TIME":

Romans 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

2 Corinthians 6:2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.

Lesson 1: God's timing is always perfect....It's just the RIGHT time:

Lesson 2: God always has the final say.

The best example of restoration that has implications for the whole world!:

Galatians 4:4 But when the right time came/at just the right time, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Matthew 27:46..46 At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice.... "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Difficulties and dark days ARE a part of this life:

Matthew 24: 6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, **these things must take place**, but the end won't follow immediately. 7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. 10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

1. Understand God's Patience - 2 Peter 3:8-9 " But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

2. Appreciate That God Directs - Proverbs 16:9 "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

3. Trust His Timing...His Use of "Seasons" - Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

4. Live For Today -Proverbs 27:1 " Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

5. Embrace Hope And A Future - Jeremiah 29:11-12 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

6. Wait Quietly - Lamentations 3: 25-26 "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

7 Stand Still - Exodus 14:13 Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again.

Psalms 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Exodus 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still/stay calm.

Psalms 37:7 Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.

8.Submit To Him AND **Trust** His Timing - Proverbs 3:5-6 " Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

1 Peter 5:6 So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and **at the right time** he will lift you up in honor. 7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.