

The Way of Restoration – Part 2

Restoration is bringing a person back into divine harmony

ast edition we introduced this topic and considered what restoration entailed according to the scriptures. We also started looking at the different relationships that need to be restored – starting with man's relationship with God. We now continue from where we stopped.

What are the relationships that need restoration?

2. **Restoration of man and man.** The moment you are properly

restored to God you must then be restored with other men. Within a family, the relationship of the husband with the wife must be restored. Parents and children must have good relationships. There is one law of God that has a promise attached to it in Exodus 20:12. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Long life. So if a child says, "No, pastor you do not understand. If you know my father, he is the assistant of satan..." God did not ask if the man is an assistant of satan or satan himself, as long as he is the one that fathered you, there must be restoration there. The same applies to your mother. Children should be restored to children within a family. Have you seen some sibling rivalry where some

sisters and brothers fight themselves?

Another restoration is between man and his friends. As much as Job feared God, do you know that God did not restore all that Job lost until he prayed for his friends? His friends went back to him under the instruction of God. Job 42:7-9 reads, "And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams. and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job

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shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. So Eliphaz the Temanite Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according the as commanded them: the Lord also accepted Job." So the reconciliation of the two parts is important. If Job was accepted, the friends bringing anything was useless. The first connection is that you must restore your relationship with God. Job restored his own and God then commanded his friends to go and reconcile with him. Then we see in verse 10, "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when prayed for his friends..." The restoration was after he had prayed and not before. He had completed the instruction of God and the friends also had done their own part with God.

So God's relationship is first, then the relationship with man is next. If it is between a husband and wife, fix it. If it is between parents and children, fix it. If it is amongst children, fix it. If it is between a person and their friends, fix it, because God will not accept you if you do not fix it.

- 3. Restoration of man and his divine purpose. You cannot come into your purpose until you are restored with God and with men. That is why you see some people labouring in vain because they are fighting the helper of their destiny, and God has decided that person they are fighting would be the one that would put prayer in motion over their life. If Hannah had insulted Eli, would she have ever had a Samuel? No. The purpose of God is there, but no man can connect with it by themselves. It is only after you have done your restoration to God and men that you can pray for your purpose and God will do it.
- 4. Restoration of man and his goodness. A person may be in the purpose of God, but if he or she is not walking with a wholesome mind, the goodness

of God will not be there. That is why you see some people who are labouring and sweating but not rejoicing. They cannot find joy. That is what happened with Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4. Nebuchadnezzar was beating his chest that he was okay, nobody could stop him and he was the king over his dominion. Then God decided to deal with him, because He had previously warned Nebuchadnezzar in a dream vet he still thought he was something. God is the only one that can make a man mad and still retain his position. He was a king who ran mad. His own madness was not in the psychiatric hospital. He was living like an animal in the forest. Yet God restored him seven years later just to show that He is God. So

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Nebuchadnezzar was the one who basically wrote Daniel 4. He was narrating his experience after he was restored about how awesome God is. Do you think your goodness will come before you are restored to God and men? It will not happen.

5. Restoration of man and his community. You are not expected to be alone. No man is an island. If you are claiming you are a self-made man, you are just setting yourself up for destruction. Acts 2:1-4 reads, "And when the dav Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The Holy Ghost did not come until the apostles were with one accord in the upper room. Identify God Identify God in every community that God has planted you and be restored to the life of that community under God

in every community that God has planted you and be restored to the life of that community under God. Please be reconciled to God so that you can be restored to the peace that God gives. Some people think they know a fine way of defrauding tax payers by lying to the government and taking money that they do not deserve. Those defrauding their community will never receive the blessings of God because the peace of God will not be with them.

6. Restoration of man and the creation of God. The earnest expectation of the sons of God is there and creation has been made subject unto men. No land is evil. It is the people that are on it that make it evil. Romans 8:18-21 reads, "For I reckon that the sufferings of

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this present time are not worthy to be compared with glory which shall the revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." When you see people that are reconciled to God and themselves, their land will yield increase. People like that will do business there and thrive because they are in unity with themselves. A documentary was done about one οf Scandinavian countries. People were in a gun show, shooting guns and drinking, and an American man went there and said, "Excuse me, how is it that you people are free with guns and nobody is killing themselves on the streets?" They replied that it was because they love each other and they have laws that take care of that. If you love a person, how are you going to take a gun and shoot him? You would not do that.

Be restored to God. A lot of people know the way restoration but are not working in it. Walk in it and live. Enough of you sitting where you are and singing, "God, I love you Lord..." and then you destroy your neighbour when you finish singing your song. How can you say you love God? You are fighting with your wife and insulting her, or you insult your husband, then you sing, "I love you Lord..." and you speak in tongues. God is merciful. You can stand in judgement for the destruction of who God created and you feel nothing? Do you ever wonder why the community and society is

broken? It is because relationships are broken. Men are not reconciled to God. Men are not reconciled to one another.

7. Restoration of man and the Kingdom of God. Nobody will enter into the kingdom of God if they are not properly restored in the first six areas we have discussed. Nobody will enter if they are not properly realigned with all these things. We must be reconciled to God because it is His kingdom anyway. We must be reconciled to men. Then we must be reconciled to the of God. the purpose οf goodness God. community and the creation of God. When you are properly restored, then you will enter the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33

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reads, "But seek ve first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Romans 8:11-12 tells us we are all debtors and we must pay the debt of this restoration. It reads, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in vou. Therefore. brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." This is the Spirit of God that is ready to restore us. If your relationship with God is broken, restore it.

What are the ways by which we can be restored?

 Awareness. You must be aware that you have actually gone out of relationship with God, with man, with your own purpose,

with the goodness of God, with the purpose of heaven for your life and with your community. You need to know. Awareness is important. The prodigal son came to himself in Luke 15. His father was not with him and he did not have a preacher. He had enough preachers in the pigs that were singing songs in his ears. He had a preacher in the punishment of the pain he was bearing. Luke 15:17 reads, "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" He was aware of how far he had fallen. Some people would still keep denying it saying they are okay, they are making more money than some other people or they speak in tongues better than others. Sorry. You must be aware. The moment you come into awareness, it must lead you into something but not everyone gets into it.

The rich man became aware in hell in Luke 16:23-26, "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham

afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said. Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said. Son. remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted. and thou tormented. And beside all this. between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." He was aware but it was too late. He was aware but it did not lead to the next thing were restoration can be done. A person can come late into awareness that they have missed God. He can do it on his deathbed, but if he does not confess Jesus Christ, it is also too late.

Some evangelists went to evangelise. They came to a village and they ministered to some young ones there who

then said they should come home to their father. Their father happened to be the head of the voodoo priests in their community. A large community. When they got there, the man invited them into his living room so that they could talk to his family and they preached the gospel in his living room. When they made an altar call, the wives and children gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Then they told the man to also give his life to Christ but he said, "For me, what you are saying is true. I accept it, but it's too late." They said, "Sir, it's not too late." He said, "Ah, you don't know how many covenants I have entered into. The covenants I have entered into will not allow me do what my children did. I know my children have a better future. I don't." Are you aware like that and instead of going to the next level where it will lead you to restoration you are not doing it?

 Repentance. The prodigal son repented. How do we know? He said in Luke 15:18, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." That is repentance. It was repentance that made him move towards where he should be. That young man matured very fast. He took responsibility for his error. He took responsibility for his conflicted life. He repented.

3. Return. Return to God. The prodigal son returned to his father. He went back home. He did not just say he was sorry, he went back. Deuteronomy 30:2-4 reads, "And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the

Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee"
That means you return.

4. Restoration. Restoration can only be made by God. He is the one in authority that can restore you. It was the father that restored the prodigal son. The son could only be aware of his error, repent and return, but the restoration belonged to the father. In Zechariah 3 we see the story of Joshua the high priest. He was standing before God and was clothed in filthy garments. Because he was standing before God and did not run away from God like Adam did, judgement did not come upon his life. He went back to the presence of God and said he could not help himself, he was aware he had gone far from God and caused disharmony. He repented and returned. Then the living God commanded that his filthy garment should be removed. It was the same thing the father with the prodigal did son. **Immediately** he the saw he prodigal son returning, hugged him and told the servants to bring a robe and get a fatted calf so that they could rejoice and be merry because his son was dead but was now alive

Are you dead spiritually? Are you dead in your relationships? Are you dead and thinking you are alive? The authority of the father to restore you is available. The world that is broken should not make your life to be broken. Why? Because you have a God who restores to sound health and wholeness. God will restore you, but your path is that you must be aware, you must repent and you must return. The restoration is of God. That is what the father did in the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:21-24, "And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they **began to be merry."** Restoration was complete.

The moment you are restored to God, the first thing that will come vour life is fellowship. Immediately vou come into fellowship, communication will be easy. You will hear God and God will hear your voice. Your prayers will not be wasted. You will be healed. You will be delivered. God will make sure you receive daily provision for your life. You will not labour like every other person without achieving anything. God will bless the little that you gather. The blessing of the Lord will rest upon your life. You need to walk in the way of restoration to be blessed. If your relationship with God is not good, connect with Him now.

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Prayer Points

 Father, I repent for walking away from the goodness of your presence, in the name of Jesus.

- Father, I return to you, the saviour of my soul, in the name of lesus
- 3. O Lord, I promise to seek your face till I am restored in every relationship in which I am in conflict, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, I come in the way of restoration, restore me to yourself for your own glory, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord, where restoration with men and restoration with other things must follow, Father make your mercy speak for me, in the name of Jesus
- Father, fulfil your purpose and intention in my life, in the name of Jesus.

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