Restoring the People of God: A Passion for Restoration

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INTRODUCTION

- Don't revive works without doctrine. You don't revive doctrine or restore doctrine without heart.
- Because the work of restoration is not an outward one, but an inward one.
- If we're going to restore the people back to God, restore the heart of the people, we first have to restore praise for Jehovah.

1 God Sustains Us and Is Deserving of Our Trust

Jeremiah 17:5–8; John 6:59–69

- Thus says the Lord, cursed is a man whose trust is in mankind and makes his flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.
- Blessed is the man whose trust is in Jehovah, whose trust is the Lord, for he will be like the tree planted by the water that extends its roots by a stream.
- This idea of God giving life to his people is in essence the major theme of the book of John.
- Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- Their trust was in what the flesh was doing. They would never be able to be sustained by God because they didn't trust him.

2 God Is the Source of Our Victory

Zephaniah 3:12–20; Romans 3:21–26; 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

- God is the source of our victory. And this is something that we can wake up every morning and say, Thank you, God for.
- The Lord your God is in your midst. a mighty warrior. He will exult over you with joy.
- So that he would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. He's taking care of the problem that we can't take care of ourselves.
- But what it means is God won the victory that I can't win on my own.
- But thanks be to God who gave us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 God Gives Life

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Romans 6; Romans 11:33–36

- And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, you know.
- God gave life in the beginning. There is no life without God.
- Our God specializes in giving life. How wonderful is that?
- I will put my spirit within you, and you will come to life.

- Because he took the dead thing and he made it alive by Christ. So now we're dead to the things that we were once dead in.
- Because my God knows what it means to give life and knows how to make it happen.

4 God Gives Hope Through Jesus Our Savior

Hebrews 6:11–20; Romans 5

- We ought to praise God because He's a God that gives hope through Jesus our Savior.
- So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would find strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- He made a promise. And then he swore an oath.
- This hope we have as an anchor to the soul. A hope both sure and steadfast, and one which enters within the veil.
- He does not take away his salvation. We can distance ourselves from it, but God does not take it away.

THE CHALLENGE

But do we give him praise for these things?

MY NOTES