

# RESTORATION REVIVAL

lesson one

A GOING BACK

The title of our radio broadcast is  
**Restoration Revival Hour.**

In this series of lessons, we want to study the meaning behind that title. This should give greater awareness of the need of the hour in which we live. It is an hour when God is wanting to restore and revive His people, that they may be found watching and waiting - ready at the coming of the Bridegroom for His Bride.





## LESSON ONE

# A Going Back

Jeremiah 6:16a

Thus saith the Lord,  
Stand ye in the ways, and see,  
and ask for the old paths,  
where is the good way,  
and walk therein,  
and ye shall find rest for your souls.

### RESTORATION

bringing back to former condition  
restoring to an improved condition

### RESTORE

return; rebuild; renew; bring back  
put again in possession of something

### RENEW

make new spiritually  
gain again as new; to begin again  
replacing damaged or decayed parts  
restore to existence; revive

### REVIVE

return to life  
become active or flourishing again  
restore from a depressed, inactive,  
or unused state

### REVIVAL:

renewed attention to or interest in  
restoration of force, validity, or effect

## A GOING BACK

The meaning of Restoration  
- what it is -

These various definitions all point out something in common about restoration:

- bring back
  - begin again
    - restore from a depressed, inactive or unused state
    - renewed interest in

Notice that restoration reverts:

it doesn't take you ahead -  
it takes you back

You don't get restored ahead -  
you get restored back

Restoration is being brought back  
to a place where you once were -  
or where you should have been all along

We have misconceptions about restoration. The church is filled with many myths and misconceptions about what really is true revival from on high.

This is because many are not looking  
to go back to the old paths  
to go back to the book of Acts -

back to the place  
where the church once stood in her former glory

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power,  
after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:  
and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judaea, and in Samaria,  
and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We should be desiring true restoration - not some modernistic thing that comes down the road, and soon changes to some other new thing.

The Lord established what He wanted - and it's up to you and me to follow His path. He gave us the Word to show us the way - and the Word is right up to date. It stands to show us what God has spoken - what He has prepared for us.

It behooves all of us to walk in those old ways which God has given for us to walk.

**GOD NEVER FORSAKES US**  
though we might be guilty of forsaking Him

**Remember this:**

God never departs from us -  
we depart from God.

God doesn't take away from us the way of blessing -  
we walk away from it and forsake it.

We forsake our heritage.  
- forsake doing what we are called to do.

But restoration will always bring you back.

- see Ezra 5: 8-16

We are the servants of the God  
of heaven and earth, and build the house  
that was builded these many years ago. . .

Ezra 6:15-16

And this house was finished. . .  
And the children of Israel,  
the priests, and the Levites,  
and the rest of the children of the captivity,  
kept the dedication of this house of God with joy

Here they are - back on the rock,  
where there used to be a great temple;  
where there used to be  
a great place of great magnificence.

The temple was a beautiful place to behold -  
and it was theirs.

The younger generation had never seen the temple,  
had never seen the glory that was present there;  
they'd only heard about it.

One thing to note is that this younger generation didn't  
have all the ways of the prior generation which had  
been carried away into captivity.

Sometimes God has to let a generation fall short and then raise up a new one. Do you remember the generation that came out of Egypt?

- that generation

went across the Red Sea - that place where God divided the waters so they could cross on dry land.

Exodus 15:19b

... the children of Israel went on dry land  
in the midst of the sea.

- that generation

wouldn't take up the challenge to go in and conquer the land.

Numbers 14:3

And wherefore

hath the Lord brought us unto this land,  
to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children  
should be a prey?  
were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

- that faithless generation

had no confidence in God - turning back because of the giants in the land.

Numbers 14:11

And the Lord said unto Moses,  
How long will this people provoke Me?  
and how long will it be ere they believe Me,  
for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

- that generation

felt they just couldn't do it - and were turned back into the wilderness to perish there?

Numbers 14:28-32

Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord,  
as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will I do to you:  
your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. . .  
save Caleb. . . and Joshua. . .  
But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey,  
them will I bring in,  
and they shall know the land  
which ye have despised.

But as for you,  
your carcasses,  
they shall fall in this wilderness.

Yes, that previous generation

lost the blessing that was available to them  
never got to enter in  
never got to see nor taste the blessing  
of that promised land.

They had believed the evil report of the ten faithless  
spies, rather than believe Joshua's and Caleb's good  
report of faith -

Let us go up at once, and possess it;  
for we are well able to overcome it.  
Numbers 13:30

Numbers 13:27-28

And they told him, and said,  
We came unto the land whither thou sentest us,  
and surely it floweth with milk and honey;  
and this is the fruit of it.

Nevertheless

the people be strong that dwell in the land,  
and the cities are walled, and very great: and. . .

God turned them back into the wilderness -  
and, there in the wilderness,  
God brought forth a new church!

And, once again, the Church that will stand in faith to  
see restoration may be brought forth in the wilderness.

It may have to get desperate in many churches before  
people will get alarmed enough to cry out,  
We'd best get on our knees to seek God  
with our whole hearts!

It may get to be that the church will be serving  
breakfast, lunch, and supper right in the sanctuary  
before some people will realize that many churches  
have become nothing more than a restaurant!

Then they might realize they'd do better if they did like  
the children of Israel -

entering the house of God three times a day to pray, rather than to eat.

Yes, it may take a desert to get back to that rightful place with the Lord.

It may take a desert condition, a terrible falling away (seeing multitudes denying Jesus) before some will get alarmed enough to get on their faces to cry out for mercy. - **Lord, do something!**

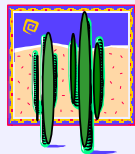
**before we all wind up over there!**

Psalm 107:6-7

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,  
and He delivered them out of their distresses.

**And He led them forth by the right way,  
that they might go to a city of habitation.**

**DESERT:** a wilderness.



Look, we don't want to live in the desert -  
but it may take that to open our eyes  
to the need of restoration in our day.

**That generation perished in the wilderness -**  
and, in the wilderness,  
God raised up a new generation.  
God raised up a faithful generation.

Of all the generations of the children of Israel, the generation that came out of the wilderness and took the promised land was one of their greatest generations!

They had more of the power and the anointing and the blessing of God with them - and when they came out, they saw some wonderful and mighty and marvelous miracles of God.

They were the generation that saw the walls of Jericho fall down flat right before their eyes - [see Joshua 6](#).

They were the generation that saw seven nations fall right before their faces.

They were the generation that saw General Joshua put his foot on the neck of the enemy, and tell them that that was what God was going to do to all their enemies.

see Joshua 10:24,25

Joshua was encouraging them to go on and conquer the land.

They had the blessing and the power of God with them. They were a restored generation. And there in the wilderness is where they got the blessing that they needed.

Remember, now,

it was in the wilderness where the multitude had murmured and complained - **We don't like it out here! You only brought us here to die!**

But that was the former generation. That was the generation that was fed manna straight from heaven - yet declared, **We don't like it!** see Numbers 21:5

**We don't like the old way. We don't like Your manna, God. We don't like your light bread. We loathe it!**

This was all the thanks they had for the way God fed them straight from heaven. They let Him know they were tired of His manna.

And God said, **OK, I'll give you meat to eat. Yes, I'll give you meat to eat - until it sticks right out your nostrils!**

And He caused the quail to fly through their camp till they could pull them in left and right - and it came out their noses! - Numbers 11:18-20

**And they still weren't satisfied!**

There are a lot of people just like that.

They're not satisfied with the blessings of God.

They want something different.

But if we want the blessing of God to abide in our lives, we have to walk with Him in that straight and narrow way.

We have to go **back** to the **old** paths, not wanting something different.

## BACK TO WHAT?

Where will restoration bring you back to?

Back to

- Pentecost
- the basic foundation
- the place of getting into those Scriptures that were given us of the Apostles

This is what we need to give our mind and thought to in this day - wanting God's blessing, and thus wanting restoration.

I hope I've laid enough of a premise here to leave this thought with you - there is a going back needed in this day and hour.

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.

## RESTORATION

in our own lives!  
in a nation!  
in our particular church!  
in the Church as a whole!  
and world-wide!

We want to look at restoration in depth as we pursue this study.

## INDIVIDUAL RESTORATION

Psalms 63:1-2

O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee:  
my soul thirsteth for Thee,  
my flesh longeth for Thee  
in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;  
To see Thy power and Thy glory,  
so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

As an individual person, you can be restored. The Bible speaks of restoration to the soul, in reference to man and his fall.

Psalm 23:3

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.

Being restored to fellowship with God - that's going **backwards**. It's bringing you **ahead** - yet, it's going **backwards** to something which God has already done.

Psalm 51:12

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

## RESTORATION TO THE CHURCH

### To an Individual Church:

Churches need restoration. When a church gets restoration, **it always goes backwards** -

**back** to Pentecost;  
**back** to the book of Acts;

**back** to the foundation  
of the apostles and the prophets  
- and then it builds from there.

**It doesn't move ahead to something different** -  
but, rather, moves **back** to the old paths.

Yet, at the same time, restoration moves them **ahead**  
- because they enter more and more into the fulness  
of the blessings that God has promised to them.

### To the Church world-wide:

Now, there's only one Church. There are many  
buildings called churches. But there is only one  
Church: the Body of Christ.

And that Body is made up of all who have received  
Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, all who  
have believed to the saving of their souls.

It doesn't matter where they come from.  
And it doesn't matter what label they bear.  
There's only one Body.

And when God speaks to the Church,  
He speaks to all -  
not just to one little portion.

If the Church has lost something in one part of the world, then the whole Church has lost something throughout the world.

So when God deals with the Church, it's not always one little assembly that He's dealing with - though at times He does deal with an individual assembly. Generally, though, He deals with the Church as a whole!

And, when it comes to restoration and bringing back the blessing, **God wants to restore all.**

He doesn't want to bring the blessing to just one little church, to one assembly.

He doesn't want to bring the blessing to just one area of the world.

No, He wants the **whole** Body to be restored!

God, in His greatness, wants to bring a blessing of restoration to His Church throughout the world!

Zechariah 10:1

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain;  
so the Lord shall make bright clouds,  
and give them showers of rain,  
to every one grass in the field.

### RESTORATION TO A NATION

Restoration can be to a nation!

**Yes, an entire nation can be restored.**

II Chronicles 7:14

If My people, which are called by My name,  
shall humble themselves, and pray,  
and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways;  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

If any nation knew what restoration was all about, Israel certainly did.

And, in the near future, Israel will once again know what restoration is - when the Lord Himself will come and restore. He'll make a kingdom of Israel which will reign over the entire world from New Zion.

### LEARNING FROM ISRAEL'S EXAMPLE - nationwide revival -

It's important for us to understand prophecy. It's important for us to note what God has spoken, how He has dealt about nationwide revival.

When God speaks, always remember that there's a message of importance in what He has to say.

Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Don't be someone with greasy ears: where what you hear goes in one ear, only to slide right out the other one.

If you have greasy ears, nothing you hear has a chance to enter the heart.

We find much recorded in the Bible of God's faithfulness in dealing with His people Israel.

We also find much recorded of His dealings with the Church - who are also His people.

We want to remember - though the Church is made up of mostly Gentiles, we have been joined with Israel as one Body. This is God's mystery of one Body.

I Corinthians 12:12-13

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

And in the matter of restoration, God's message to His church is the same as His message to Israel:

I Corinthians 10:11

Now all these things happened unto them  
for ensamples:

and they are written for our admonition,  
upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Let's take time, therefore, to search the Scriptures and find out what they have to say about God's dealings with His people Israel concerning restoration.

We want to examine some of these accounts to see just exactly what is expected of us in order for revival to come in our day.

the time when

Israel was restored after being captive 70 years

they found revival under King Hezekiah -  
after the temple had been idle for years  
and was filled with uncleanness

God brought revival in the day of Joshua  
the high priest.

In the Scriptures we find more than one occasion when Israel was restored, when revival came to them as a people.

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For further study on the topic of **RESTORATION REVIVAL** it would be helpful to read carefully and prayerfully the following books in the Scriptures:

**Hosea, Joel, and Amos**

- these have much to say about restoration  
in our day

**Also chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation**

- these contain the Lord's message  
to the 7 churches.

This study on RESTORATION REVIVAL covers the following topics -

### 1) A Going Back -

As we have seen in this first lesson, true restoration revival is a going back to the old paths.

### 2) The 70 Year Captivity -

A careful look at the 70 year Babylonian captivity, and the restoration that followed! From this we will gain an appreciation for God's plan for our day.

### 3) Restoration Revival Under King Hezekiah

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A look at the need when Hezekiah became king, and the steps he took to bring down God's blessing of restoration.

### 4) II Chronicles 29 -

Hezekiah saw the need, and did something about it. This lesson will help us to see the dangers of neglecting spiritual things.

### 5) See the Need - and what to do

**AFTER** you realize the need in your own life for restoration revival; and the need in the Church - throughout the land and throughout the world.

### 6) Naked -

We look at the filthy garments that the high priest was wearing, and find that he need to be clothed with a change of raiment. We then look at the Laodicean church's nakedness, and it's deception that everything was just fine. And finally we look into our day to see the need of the present-day church, and God's desire to bring RESTORATION REVIVAL!

### 7) Back to Pentecost -

We study the revival that came at Pentecost, and the persecution that followed it. Are we willing for such a revival? or do we want mere blessing.

### 8) Restoration in Your Temple -

We sum up these lessons in a personal way. If nobody else is experiencing restoration revival, you can in your own temple! **Why wait?**

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Take the Exam