



Renewed, Revived, and Restored Pt 2: God is Able! January 12, 2020!

Text: Isaiah 40:28-31

- Last week, we learned that restoration is a central theme in Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, Mount Sinai to Mount Zion, and Captivity to Christ, Paradise lost will become Paradise Restored!
- This is because Restoration is God's Heart!
- **We learned that this Text is situated in the first chapter of what many call the second section of Isaiah. The first 39 chapters mostly demonstrate the need for the renewal, revival, and restoration of God's people.**
- This Text reminded God's people then and reminds us now that:
 1. We often forget the greatness of God!
 2. Our God is everlasting! He is eternal with no beginning and no end!
 3. He is the Creator of ends of the earth!
 4. He never gets weak! He never gets weary!
 5. This holy, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, God "giveth power to the faint!"
 6. God's mercy is irrespective of age!
 7. Those that "wait upon" or patiently trust the LORD will have their strength renewed!

Our God is...

1. **Merciful** to His People
 - **Psalms 86:15 (KJV)** *But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.*
2. **Kind** to His People
 - **Isaiah 54:8 (KJV)** *In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.*
3. **Good** to His People
 - **Psalms 31:19 (KJV)** *Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!*
 - **Psalms 107:1 (KJV)** *O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*
4. **Longsuffering** towards His People
 - **2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)** *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*
5. **Forgiving** towards His People
 - **Jeremiah 33:8-9 (KJV)** *And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.*

Amen!

Today, I'd like us to consider a few more Texts that declare and proclaim that Restoration is the Heart of God, and consider His ability to renew, revive, and restore even in areas we thought impossible!

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- **Ezekiel 36:24-28 (KJV)** *For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*
- **Psalms 51:7-12 (KJV)** *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (KJV)** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*
- **Romans 6:4-6 (KJV)** *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*
- **Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- **Ephesians 2:4-10 (KJV)** *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
- **Ephesians 4:22-24 (KJV)** *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your*

mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

- **Colossians 3:5-10 (KJV)** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- **Titus 3:3-5 (KJV)** For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. **4** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- **Revelation 21:5 (KJV)** And he that sat upon the throne said, *Behold, I make all things new.* And he said unto me, *Write: for these words are true and faithful.*
- Beloved, these verses and so many more point to a beautiful truth: God loves His people! He delights in us and wants us to delight in Him:

Psalms 37:3-5 (KJV) Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. **4** Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. **5** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

However, sometimes life happens. There is trauma or disappointment. The consequences of sin manifests. Betrayal and loss breaks our hearts. We can stop believing that God is a Restorer, and that with Him, all things are possible:

Matthew 19:26 (KJV) But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

Luke 1:37 (KJV) For with God nothing shall be impossible.

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2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV) *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*

Areas of Restoration and Healing: Keep Believing!

1. **Spiritual** Restoration

- Some things we might face: Consistent sin, feeling distant from God, lack of zeal, apathy in prayer and worship, demonic attack and oppression, self-deception, places of “comfortable rebellion” and more...
- God is Able!

Isaiah 57:15 (KJV) *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

2. **Mental** Restoration

- Some things we might face: Cloudy mind, racing thoughts, depression, anxiety, doubt and unbelief, paranoia, and even unto severe clinical issues...
- God is Able!

Philippians 4:7 (KJV) *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

3. **Emotional** and Heart Restoration

- Some things we might face: Loss of the ability to love, unbiblical anger, inability to forgive, the hurts of loss and regret, feeling overwhelmed, feeling low (not humility), lack of joy and peace, harsh tone and words, etc...
- God is Able!

Psalms 147:3 (KJV) *He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.*

4. **Marital** Restoration

- Some things we might face: Distance from each other, constant disagreements, unforgiveness, lack of intimacy, fighting over the children, financial stress, healing from violations and betrayals, extended family issues, and even divorce...
- God is Able!

Matthew 19:5-6 (KJV) *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

5. **Family** (and friends) Restoration

- Some things we might face: Loss of your having your children's hearts or "feeling close" to you parents, Distance from friends, misunderstandings and the lack of believing the good, unforgiveness, gossip and slander, harsh words...
- God is Able!

Malachi 4:6 (KJV) *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

Ephesians 4:31-32 (KJV) *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

6. **Physical** Restoration

- Some things we might face: Sickness and disease, demonic attack, loss of strength and vitality...

- God is able!

Matthew 9:35 (KJV) *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

7. **Financial** Restoration

- Some things we might face: Mistakes of the past, under-employment, lack of zeal for your work, debt, lack of savings, inability to give the way you desire, money worry and stress, money idolatry, bankruptcy....
- God is able!

Philippians 4:19-20 (KJV) *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

To all these things,

Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV) *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

Amen!

6:00-6:15 Prayer Mon-Fri
Monday Motivation/Thursday Preparation