"Restoration"

"He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction."

(Pealm 107:20)

The Prophetic Message

Acts 15:15-18 — (15) "And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, (16) 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, (17) that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things (18) known from of old."

Healing the Human Condition

2 Kings 5:1, 14 – (1) "Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. (14) So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

Stabilizing Sickly Saints

Amos 5:4 - "For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: 'Seek me and live'"

<u>Psalm 23:1-3</u> - (1) "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

- (3) <u>He restores my soul</u>. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
- 1 John 5:16 "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that."

Key Point: God Restores the Diligent Seeker

Immunity Boosters:

(1) Recuperation & Rest

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

"So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest..." (Hebrews 4:9-11)

(2) Recognize and Reject Evil

"Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones." (Proverbs 3:7-8)

(3) Repent Regularly

"Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." (Acts 3:19-21)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I seeking the Lord, or do I have merely a vain religious exterior? (Matt. 15:8; 2 Tim. 3:5)

Does God desire to heal us? (Ex. 15:26; Matt. 8:2-3)

Am I able to rest in God or am I a busy body? (Ps. 46:10)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)