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“Restoration” (2)

*“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”
(Job 19:25)*

Expecting Restoration

Acts 1:6-11 – (6) “So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ (7) He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ (9) And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (10) And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (11) and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”

Romans 8:20-24 – (20) “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. (23) And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (24) For in this hope we were saved...”

Key Point: God’s People Yearn for Restoration
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Experiencing Restoration Today

1 Samuel 14:24-29 – (24) “And the men of Israel had been hard pressed that day, so Saul had laid an oath on the people, saying, ‘Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies.’ So none of the people had tasted food. (25) Now when all the people came to the forest, behold, there was honey on the ground. (26) And when the people entered the forest, behold, the honey

was dropping, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. (27) But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath, so he put out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes became bright. (28) Then one of the people said, 'Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man who eats food this day.'" And the people were faint. (29) Then Jonathan said, 'My father has troubled the land. See how my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey.'"

“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.” (Psalm 19:7-10)

Desiring Restoration to Come

Ephesians 1:9-10 – (9) “making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ (10) as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

**“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”
(John 17:24)**

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I sense a desire in my heart for God’s work to be accomplished in the world? (Matt. 6:10)

Do I long to be with Jesus in glory? (John 14:2-3; Rev. 22:17)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)