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“Restoration” (9)

“This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.” (Ecclesiastes 9:3)

“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.” (Proverbs 4:18)

Job’s Juxtaposition

Job 19:25-27 – (25) “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. (26) And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, (27) whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

Paul’s Paradox

2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16 – (7) “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. (8) We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; (9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; (10) always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. (11) For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh... (16) So we do not lose heart though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”

<p>Key Point: Partial Restoration Today; Full Restoration is on its Way</p>
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Dream House

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 – (1) “For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly

dwelling, (3) if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. (4) For while we are still in this tent, *we groan, being burdened*--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. (5) He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

The Destination of Jesus’ Disciples

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:1-3)

“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)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I looking for a dream home in this world, or with Jesus?

Though He restores us by degrees in the here and now, where does full restoration occur? (Job 19:25-27; Ps. 17:15; 1 Cor. 13:12; Heb. 11:16, 13:14; Rev. 21:3-5)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)