

## Much More Restoration—Both in Quantity and Quality

Restoration—God’s restoration is greater and better than where it was before. Man’s restoration only attempts to restore the original and he still fails. God’s 7 times better—Either in quality or quantity or both. God’s restoration is always much more.

*Job 42:10-17 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of 12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. 17 So Job died, being old and full of days.*

- a) Many of you have suffered losses. Some losses might have been because of you and other losses might have had nothing to do with you, yet Jesus wants to and will restore unto you that which you have lost, has cheated, or has been stolen. This restoration will be in both quantity and quality.
- b) If you have lost your wife, God is not going to restore to you 7 wives, but a sevenfold wife.

*Psalm 69:4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.*

- a) God restores what He takes not away from us.

b) The one that pays back is not me, but Jesus. He is the restorer.

### **Much more then**

Romans 5:9-10 <sup>9</sup> *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.* <sup>10</sup> *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

a) The Lord Jesus has restored much more to the believer. We are justified and saved from wrath, have been reconciled to God, and shall be saved by His life.

- i) More is *good*
- ii) Much is *better*
- iii) Much more is *excellent*

- o Jesus restored much more

### **Peter's restoration:**

Mark 14:69-72 *And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. [70] And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto . [71] But he began to curse and to swear, saying , I know not this man of whom ye speak. [72] And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.*

John 18:25 *And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.*

a) Peter cursed, swore, and denied Jesus three times.

- i) His sin could have been as bad as Judas', yet he was restored.
- ii) He stayed around to be a partaker and experience that restoration. All Judas should have done is stick around and see Peter screw up.

*And the LORD Said, [Rich, Rich], Behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. "* Luke 22:31-32. (Brackets mine)

a) Peter was prayed for by the Lord. Jesus Himself got involved to ensure and see Peter being restored.

- b) Peter had one of the greatest fails, yet the LORD restored him and gave him **influence in His Body (church)**.
- c) In John 21 - We see all the disciples follow Peter as he said he was going to fish. This is what we call influence. There is hope for you. When God chose You, He had already seen your faults and potential failures. Don't let your past sins derail you.
  - i) He who calls is the one who qualifies and disqualifies. We were never called because of our holiness and perfection, and it was not man that called us.

Mark 16:5-7 *And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. [6] And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. [7] But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.*

- a) He also got a **special mention** at the resurrection. “Go tell his disciples and Peter...” Jesus still loved Peter. Even though he was not the disciple whom Jesus loved, Jesus did not leave him alone. He brought him. Jesus still passionately loves those who do not have a revelation of His love for them.

John 21:16-17 *He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. [17] He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

- a) The trust of feeding the sheep—was given to Peter. Jesus restored Peter.

### **David's restoration**

During his time, David made some serious mistakes. He committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of one of his soldiers, and then arranged for her husband to be killed in battle. This was a grave sin in the eyes of God.

Nathan the prophet confronted David about his sin, and David repented. He wrote a famous psalm, Psalm 51, confessing his sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

God did forgive David, but the consequences of his sin still had to be dealt with. The child that Bathsheba bore died, and David's family was plagued by violence and conflict for many years. He also lost his kingdom to his son Absalom whom he committed treason. David had

to run for his life but was later restored to his position as king of Israel, and he got another restoration in that he had Solomon who went on to become a King of Israel—a much more restoration in quality and quantity given. Although David a man under the law, received more mercy and grace regardless of the consequences of his sins.

### Abraham—Genesis 20

Genesis 20:2-8, <sup>2</sup> And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. <sup>3</sup> But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. <sup>4</sup> But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? <sup>5</sup> Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. <sup>6</sup> And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. <sup>7</sup> **Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live:** and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

a) “Restore the man his wife”

<sup>8</sup> Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

<sup>14</sup> And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and **restored** him Sarah his wife. <sup>15</sup> And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. <sup>16</sup> And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reprov'd. <sup>17</sup> So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

a) God called Abraham a prophet. Yet the man just lied about his wife.

b) A lying prophet was to pray for Abimelech. God did not rebuke Abraham, he rather restored to him not just Sarah but riches from Abimelech.

- i) Abraham received his wife
- ii) 1,000 pieces of silver
- iii) Sheep
- iv) Oxen
- v) Menservants
- vi) Women-servants

- vii) Land to dwell where he pleased
- c) God shows us His goodness to lead us to repentance. Thank You, Jesus.

### King Amaziah

2 Chronicles 25:9 *Then Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?" And the man of God answered, "The LORD is able to give you much more than this."*

- 1) King Amaziah was considering disobeying the LORD citing the 100 talents of silver he would lose after hiring Israel's arm to help him fight his enemies. The response of the man of God was very telling. **"The LORD is able to give thee much more than this."**
- 2) If Amaziah followed the Lord, it didn't matter what loss he had made. The LORD would and could make it up and much more. Notice not more, but much more. God is able to restore to us more than more which is much more.
- 3) **Calculation of 100 talents of Silver:**
  - a) As of October 11th, 2020: 1 Talent (Biblical Hebrew) = 34.2 Kgs. Therefore, 100 talents =  $34.2 \times 100 = 3420$  Kgs of Silver. (This is and was a lot of money).
  - b) 1 kg of silver = Ugx 2,993,108.7
  - c)  $3420 \text{ Kg of Silver} = 3420 \times 2,993,108.7 = \text{UGX } 10,236,431,754$  approximately 10.2 billion shillings worth of silver.
  - d) According to the man of God, the LORD was able to give back to Amaziah much more than this UGX 10.2 billion shillings or \$2.7 Million.
- 4) He listened and obeyed the Lord sending the Tribe of Ephraim home.
  - a) Yes, they got mad that they did not go with him to battle, and they retaliated by killing his people in Judah. When people get rejected, they most likely will retaliate in one way or another. This should not be a surprise.
  - b) But on the other side, he was able to defeat all his enemies of the children of Seir in the excess of 10,000. This victory was by virtue of obedience to the Lord. If he had not sent the children of Israel home, he was going to be defeated and most likely killed.
  - c) The main point I want to draw out of here is that if you follow and obey the Lord's leading, no loss you will suffer that God will not make up for—Big! King Amaziah was almost going to disobey the Lord because he was going to lose 100 talents of

silver had it not been for the man of God who gave him a timely word, "**The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.**"

- d) God is able to restore much more of any amount of finances lost in the effort and attempt to obey the Lord.
- i) I have personally walked away from a loss without retaliation trusting that the Lord would restore unto me **much more** of what I had lost. I walked away from a guy who robbed me of money while at an apartment.

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