



RETURN

THE PROPHET JOEL

JOEL 2:18-27 *

A. GOD'S RESPONSE TO REPENTANCE:

1. **Jealousy- [qanah] - to be jealous or zealous (18a)**
see Zechariah 1:14
2. **Pity [chamal] - to spare (18)**
see 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 103:13
3. **Restoration - "satisfied" (19,26a)**
see Malachi 3:10-12
4. **Termination of Shame - averted by repentance (26b-27)**
see Jeremiah 18:7-10
5. **Removal of Oppression (20,25)**
see Isaiah 54:14

B. EXPECTATIONS OF THE SATISFIED

1. **Remember the Promise - Fear Not! (21-22)**
see Isaiah 51:8-10
2. **Celebrate the Blessing - Rejoice! (23-24)**
see Psalm 14:7

* Joel 2:18-27 - Chiasitic Structure

Discussion Questions

1. Read Joel 2:18. Why was there such a sudden shift from punishment to blessing? (A little help: GRACE!) Discuss.
2. Read Joel 2:25. What does this verse mean for us? Discuss.
3. Read Joel 2:19,26. God told his people they would be physically satisfied with the abundance He would provide. Do you ever struggle with being satisfied with God's provision in your life? Discuss.
4. Pray for each other to recognize the abundance God has given you and be satisfied with His provision.

JOEL 2:18-27 Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.¹⁹ The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be **satisfied**; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

²⁰ "I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

²¹ "**Fear not**, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! ²² **Fear not**, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ "**Be glad**, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early (autumn) rain for your vindication (righteousness); he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. ²⁴ "The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with (new) wine and oil. (Messianic Prophecy)

²⁵ I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶ "You shall eat in plenty and be **satisfied**, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Zechariah 1:14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, 'Cry out, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion.

Psalm 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Malachi 3:10-12 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Jeremiah 18:7-10 If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. ⁹ And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

Isaiah 54:14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Isaiah 51:8-10 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; ⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; ¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalm 14:7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.