I Will Restore It

Joel 2:23-27, “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.”

Listen what God’s Prophet has spoken:

God said, "I will restore It." He's going to restore this Bride Tree how? By four death messengers killed It; then four Life messengers will restore It. What was the first? Martin Luther, justification. What was the second? John Wesley--by sanctification. What was the third? Pentecost with the restoration of the gifts, the Holy Ghost, baptism of the Holy Ghost. What was the fourth? The Word. What? The Word. [1]

Oh, how I wish I had time to go back into Ezekiel and pull out them dry bones and show you! (Ezek. 37:1-10). He said, "Can these bones live again?" He said, "Prophesy!" How can prophecy come? Only through the prophet. It's the Word of the Lord. "Hear ye, dry bones, the Word of the Lord." And sinew skin come upon them, and they stood up a mighty army, and they begin to march toward Zion. Glory to God! That's Him; that's Him--the victory. [2]

But the Life only come, not when the sinew skin was on them, but when the wind blowed upon them. That's when come back, that fourth Message of Life was brought back. "I will restore, saith the Lord." Hallelujah. Glory! Praise be to God!

The fourth Light is to come that will bring forth the same signs. Watch. Justification brought back the pulp. Sanctification brought back the bark: doctrine of holiness. What brought back the leaf? Pentecostals. What is it? Pentecostals, leaves, clap their hands, joy, rejoicing: Pentecostal. What? The fourth was the Word Itself. The Word made flesh, fruits of the proof of the resurrection sign that Christ has finally, after justification being planted, sanctification being planted, baptism of the Holy Ghost. Organizations died out, and Christ has again centered Himself like that cap of the pyramid.

First line, justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, then coming of the Cap. What is it? That Holy Ghost bunch being honed out, so that it can fit with the same kind of ministry He had when He went away; that when He comes back it'll catch the whole thing in the rapture, where they're justified, sanctified, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That
pyramid will stand again. The house of God will live again. The Tree of Life is growing again. [1]

Notice here. The life that was in the husk, in the stalk, and in the tassel, in the husk, all gathers in the seed. And the life that was in the stalk, went--one went to make the other. Justification made a way for sanctification. Sanctification made a way for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The baptism of the Holy Ghost made a way for the Holy Ghost Itself to come right down in perfection, back to the Word again to manifest Itself. [3]

God said how He would do it today, how He would restore all things, what He would do again. He promised to restore. That's exactly right. In Joel 2:25-28 He promised He would restore: "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years that the cankerworm's eat." See, that's the same worm (Joel 1:4). It's in a different stage of life. And when Catholicism started eating, then Lutheran, Methodists, and Pentecostals, and all down, He said, “will restore everything back to a church exactly like that one was at the first place.” [4]

I'll send back another church in the last days. I will restore that original power again. In the evening time it shall be Light." (Zech. 14:6-7).

God promised it. God will do it. He said He would do it. “I will restore all the years that the denominations eat.” [5]

Malachi 4:5-6 said He will restore the hearts of the people, and the faith of the people back to the original fathers again. See? We see this right before us, Church. Where are we at? [3]

The end-time message is to get the Bride ready and prepared for the rapture. What can it do? According to Malachi 4, is bring them back to the faith that was once delivered to the saints (Jude 3): bring them back to the faith of the fathers, the Pentecostal part, in the restoration time. "I will restore, saith the Lord." That's end-time evangelism. [6]

Romanism, and so forth, eat that beautiful bride tree of Christ down till it become a stump. But God brought right back out of that stump, right up through the Lutheran age, right up through the Wesley age, through the Pentecostal age. And now it's in the evening Light. "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years that the cankerworm, caterpillar... I will restore again that church in her beauty, that church in her power." [7]
Already the visible manifestations of what I have been telling you are seen all around us. **The ecumenical move of the tares is factual.** But also it is a fact **that the prophet for the last age must be bringing forth a message from God that will forerun the second coming of the Lord, for by his message will the hearts of the children be turned back to the Pentecostal fathers, and with the restoration of the Word will come the restoration of the power.**

Now it says God is going to "restore". The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a reformation. The Wesleyan Age did not restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word. This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the "Restoration". **God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning.** Now notice in Joel 2:25 it tells why we need restoration. The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a small bit of the stem. Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages. That is right. **They are the antichrist spirit manifested in organization, denomination and false doctrine through the ages.** And that poor little root and stalk is going to be restored. God isn't going to plant a new Church, **but is going to bring His original planting back to original seed.** He is doing it as stated in Joel 2:23, **by the teaching, or "former" rain. Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith.**

Now, I want to bring this thought. All along we have been talking about the Seed of Wheat being buried, then sending up two shoots, then the tassel, then the true ear. This might make some wonder if we said that the Lutherans didn't have the Holy Spirit just because they taught basically justification. It might make some wonder about the Methodists, etc. No sir, we are not saying that. **We are not talking about the individuals or the people, but the age. Luther had the Spirit of God, but his age was not the age of full restoration by another outpouring like in the beginning.** It was the same with Wesley, Booth, Knox, Whitefield, Brainard, Jonathan Edwards, Meuller, etc. **Surely they were full of the Holy Ghost.** Yes, they certainly were. But the age in which each lived was not the age of restoration, neither was any age but this last age, **the age of complete black out in apostasy. This is the age of apostasy, and this is the age of restoration, it is the age of the finished cycle.** With this, it is all over. [8]

Now, the word "restore" means: "to bring back to the former owner; or to bring back to a former state of condition." And if a claim is made on something, to make that restoration, you can enforce it--to make it come back to its right place.
"To restore" means "to bring back, or to restore; a claim can be enforced." Now, to bring anything back to its rightful owner, where it belongs... Therefore, some way it went away from its rightful owner, and can wander around anywhere. But to restore is to bring it back to who really owns it, or to bring it back to its natural estate, where it was at the first time--bring it back into its natural condition. And in order to do this we have a right to enforce (if there's a law), to enforce this rightful condition of restoration--to restore.

Like if somebody stole some property, and they're holding the property captive. Then you can take the law and go to this person, and the law enforces this person to restore this property back to its natural owner, into its first estate. Enforcement...

Enforce... Then, we have the privilege to enforce upon Satan the claims that God give us, for God has a law; and His Word is the Law. And God in this Word made certain claims to the church. Therefore, we have a right to force these claims upon Satan and say, "Give it back."

And he has to do it, because we can take God's Agent (John 14:26; 16:1-14), the Holy Spirit, go right down on our knees, and say, "It's THUS SAITH THE LORD." He's got to give it up; that's all, 'cause the Holy Spirit's there to make him do it.

The law of the land is to enforce--it's by the land, for the land. But the Law of the Spirit of God (Romans 8:1-2) is to force Satan to give up that which he has unrightfully, deceitfully taken from God. Souls of men he took from God, souls of women, children; sickness of the body, he placed upon people where God made them in His image to be like Him (Gen. 1:26). And the church is given the rightful, legal rights by the Bible, to take the Holy Spirit and enforce this upon them.

Now, there's the law. Now, the One that's here to enforce that law is the Holy Spirit. How about people who don't believe in the Holy Spirit, would reject Him? See? You're rejecting your own peace and mercy. See?

What is it? Enforcing. "Give it back." See? That's it; that's what it's talking about. "Restore it. Bring it back to its right owner."

And if Satan has robbed you of the privilege of being a son or a daughter of God, we have a right by the Holy Spirit to enforce the claim of God: "Bring them back."

If he's afflicted you and made you sick, we have a right before God to enforce the laws of God: "By His stripes we are healed." Amen. Bring him back; turn him loose. You're taking him out yonder to death, and we claim him. Bring him back."

Now, that's the enforcement. Restore it back to its natural condition again. A man's sick, baby's sick, woman's sick; they're out of their natural
condition. Then we have a right to enforce our claim: not our claim it's our claim because God give it to us: "By His stripes we were healed; He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24).

Now, we have a right to enforce that law. And the Lawgiver, the Holy Spirit Himself is here, the Agent of God to see that it's done that way. Amen. Now, the only way He can work is when you let Him work. See? You've got to believe it (Romans 4:13-16).

There's a law given amongst everything. Oh, there was a law in Christ; that law's in man. You can bury him to the deepest grave, or the deepest sea, or the lowest hell; there's a law of the Spirit of God, that'll raise him up again. See? (Ps.16:10; John 5: 28-29).

Now, we have a law, the law of the Life in us (Gal. 6:2). Only thing you have to do... You're made, and borned, and placed here in the Body of Christ as sons and daughters of God (I Cor. 12:13; Gal. 4:6-7). You don't have to "knuck" down to the devil. We've got a law; that's the law of the Holy Spirit. The only thing you have to do, is know how to let go and let God. You keep fighting at it, and it won't never work (Exod. 14:14). When you let go and let God, that's all...

It isn't what we fight, and pull, and hurry, and, "Oh, if I don't get this; if I don't get that"; that's not it; it's to know that the law of Life is in you. And you just let go and let God. Then He takes you to your healing, takes you to the baptism of the Spirit, or anything that He's promised. Any claim that He's given is yours (I Cor. 3:23), and by letting go and letting God...

That's the way you do. Let Satan just get away; all the doubts and everything flee from your mind, then God will raise you up. Good.

God has set all of His laws to serve Him, both natural and spiritual, working according to His Word, regardless of the conditions. I love that.

God sets all of His laws in motion. Think of it; let it soak in now See? God set all of His laws into motion; that it must work according to His own Word (Are you getting it? See?)--His Word. His laws has to work according to His Word. He commanded the sun; He commanded the moon; He commanded the earth; He commanded nature; and they all fall right in line. And all the laws work in harmony with God's spoken Word. And the law of Life that's in us will also bring us to a resurrection. It's got to. It's impossible for it not.

Regardless of how little we are, how low we are, how impure we are, how unholy we are, how sick we are, how afflicted we are, the law of God's Spirit by His Word, makes it obey Him, forces the issue, and says, "Give it back." Amen.
Oh, if we could just think of that for a minute. **Forces it, regardless of conditions? No matter what the condition is, the law of God's Word forces the condition to cope with His Word.** See? It's got to.

See? No matter, regardless of conditions, you're going to meet God somewhere. **You've got to come to Him; you've got to meet Him.** See? Because what? **He has spoke a Word,** and put a law with that Word. And the law is His own law, His own Life behind It. That's the reason He swore by Himself; there's none greater.

Then the law of God's got to work by that Word. **The law of God's Word,** the law of God is with His Word.

Now, if the court writes out a word, "It is certain, certain thing, a penalty to do so-and-so." All right. Now, that's the word of the court, and the law of the court enforces the word of the court. And God speaks something, **and that is a law; and the Holy Spirit's here to enforce that law (Amen.) for the believer.** You have be ordained to do so; and it takes a believer. You got to have the badge of believer. [1]

*St. John 11:40, “Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?”*

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[1] “Restoration Of The Bride Tree” (62-0422), pg. 75-76, 14-18, 20-22
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