

GOD'S WISDOM IN THE RESTORATION

Revelation 21.1-7, 22.1-5 // December 23, 2018

WHAT RESTORATION IS NOT

Revelation 19.6-8, 11-16, 20.10, 21.1-7

Restoration is not "starting from scratch." To do so would be a victory for the enemy. It would mean that he succeeded in his plan to destroy. But God would not have the enemy have that kind of satisfaction. What God does is He proves His might, strength, wisdom, and victory over sin, death, darkness, and destruction by *resurrecting* sinful men and *restoring* the earth.

**God's plan was to destroy the curse, not His creation.
Satan's plan is to maintain the curse, and destroy creation.**

WHAT RESTORATION IS

1 Corinthians 15.20-23, 35-44, 49-57 // Luke 24.38-43

Our Bodies: We can first consider our bodies. What will they be like? Jesus is our example. Jesus is the "firstfruit" of those who die in faith. Just as a farmer would inspect the first fruit of the season to get an idea of what to expect for the season, we, too, can look to the nature of Christ's resurrection to give us an idea of what *our* resurrection will be like. If His tomb was empty, so will ours be! We will keep *this body we have now*, but without any weakness or blemish.

Romans 8.18-25 // Psalm 25.13, 37.9-11, Isaiah 49.8 // Revelation 22.1-5

The Locations: Again, God won't just start from scratch, He will prove His power by *renewing* the earth! Much like a classic car that gets restored, God will take the raw material (which was "very good" to start with), strip it of the curse and any weakness, and "raise" it in glory.

EDEN WAS NEVER THE GOAL

We shouldn't think of Eden as "perfection," but as "potential."

Eden should give us an idea of what is to come, but it is only an appetizer for the main course. It was "very good," but not "finished." For now, we suffer in a fallen world with hardship and pain and sin. But in God's wisdom, He works all things for good for those that love Him, and we can look forward to an even more amazing future if we trust ourselves to Christ.

**If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy,
the most probable explanation is we were made for another world.**

-CS Lewis

2 Corinthians 4.17, 18

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

This week and next our Community Groups will be on break.
But still take time to memorize the Memory Verse for this week!

Sermon Notes Extras:

His heritage:

- He'd be of the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Genesis 12.3 // Matthew 1.1, 2**
- From the Tribe of Judah, one of Jacob's 12 sons. **Genesis 49.10**
- He would be a descendant of David and Jesse, David's father. **Jeremiah 23.5, 6.**

His birth and early life:

- Born of a woman, who is also a virgin. **Isaiah 7.14 // Matthew 3.13, 21.11, 26.69**
- He would be born in Bethlehem. **Micah 5.2 // Luke 2.1-7**
- Though born in Bethlehem, He would be a Galilean. **Isaiah 9.1**
- He and His family would flee into Egypt to save His life. **Hosea 11.1 // Matthew 2.13-15**

His adult life:

- In **Malachi 3.1**, Malachi says to God "the Messenger of the Covenant in whom You delight" will come to the temple. This may not seem like a big deal, the Messiah going to the temple, but knowing that the temple has been destroyed since 70 AD leaves the Jews unable to expect the Messiah after that.
- He'll be preceded by someone announcing His coming. **Isaiah 40.3 // Matthew 3.1-3**
- He will ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey. **Zechariah 9.9 // Luke 19.28-38**

His betrayal and death:

- He'll be betrayed by a friend who ate bread with Him. **Psalms 41.9 // Matthew 26.49, 50**
- This 'friend' will betray Him by handing Him over to the authorities for thirty pieces of silver; then, that payment would be thrown down to the potter in the temple, which is a burying place for strangers. **Zechariah 11.12, 13 // Matthew 27.5-7**
- He will be rejected, beaten, mocked, and have His beard plucked out. **Isaiah 50.6, 53.3 // Matthew 26.67, 27.39-44**
- His clothes will be gambled for. **Psalms 22.18 // John 19.23, 24**
- He would be scourged and crucified; yet crucifixion was not invented until hundreds of years after this prophecy. **Psalms 22.16 // Isaiah 53.5 // Luke 23.33**
- He won't be executed not alone, but alongside sinners. **Isaiah 53.12 // Matthew 27.38**
- None of His bones will be broken. This is significant because due to the method of crucifixion (which again, wasn't invented for hundreds of more years), executioners would break the legs of the condemned in order to speed up the process of death. This was part of the command for the Passover lamb in **Exodus**, that the Hebrews were not to break any bones of the lamb. It was a foreshadowing of *the* Lamb of God. **Exodus 12.46 // Psalms 34.20 // John 19.32-36**
- He would be buried in a tomb owned and donated by a rich man. **Isaiah 53.9 // Matthew 27.57-60**
- He'll raise from the grave after bearing the world's sin. **Isaiah 53.10, 11 // Acts 2.32**



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