

THE POWER OF RESTORATION

Ne 5:11–12 (NKJV) -- ¹¹ Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them.” ¹² So they said, “We will restore *it*, and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say.” Then I called the priests, and required an oath from them that they would do according to this promise.

Lesson Summary:

- Restoration of what has been lost is sometimes not just a blessing, but a mandate.
- God is a restorer. His heart and nature are towards restoration.
- There is a mandate to restore what has been lost.
- May we strive to catch the wind of the Spirit and align our hearts with His.

Introduction:

- Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, creation is not (Heb 13:8, Rom 8:22, 1 Co 15:53-54).
- Second law of Thermodynamics states that all things move from order to disorder.
- Nehemiah's burden was for his city and people (Neh 1:4).
 - o God responds to the cries of His people (Neh 5:1).
 - o A deliverer is often God's response to His people's cries (Neh 1:5-7).
 - o The mission is greater than the call.

Areas of Restoration:

- 1) **Restoration of Lands (The Fires of Evangelism):** (Jhn 4:35 & Mt 13:38)
 - a) Evangelism is a mandate for all believers (Mt 5:14-16).
 - b) Love for people is at the heart of evangelism.
- 2) **Restoration of Vineyards (The Joy of the Lord):** (Neh 8:10)
 - a) Joy overpowers circumstances (Phl 4:4 & Ps 70:4).
 - b) Joy of the Lord gives strength. Shout now! (2 Chron 20:13-22)
- 3) **Restoration of Olive Groves (The Anointing of the Holy Spirit):**
 - a) Holy Spirit stewards the release of God's power (Ac 1:8 & 4:31).
 - b) Holy Spirit Empowerment yields powerful results. (Ac 10:38).
- 4) **Restoration of Houses (The Faith once Delivered to the Church):**
 - a) Faith moves God and belief moves faith (Unbelief paralyzes faith - Mt 13:58, & Jas 2:26).
 - b) We are the household of Faith (Jude 3).

SUMMARY:

Decay is a natural occurrence; therefore, restoration is a necessity of this life.
We must strive to restore what has been lost. Contend for:

- Restoration of the Fires of Evangelism.
- Restoration of the Joy of the Lord.
- Restoration of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- Restoration of the Faith Delivered to the Church.