



Jubilee

a season of renewal

“A Roadmap to Repentance”
1 Kings 8:46-53



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Sermon in a Sentence

God is willing to restore and renew His people when they are in sin, but they must repent.

Question

How do we experience repentance and renewal in our walk with God?

I. Sin is a reality, not a requirement.

- A. Solomon acknowledged that Israel would sin against God.
- B. Sin is a reality for us all.
 - 1. **1 John 1:8**
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 - 2. **1 John 1:10**
If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
- C. Though sin is a reality of human life, it is not a requirement for life.

II. Repentance precedes renewal.

- A. Solomon spelled out that renewal was available if Israel would repent.
- B. What does repentance look like?
 - 1. **It starts where you are.**
 - 2. **We have to turn our hearts back to God.**
 - 3. **We have to acknowledge our sin.**
 - 4. **Pray to God for renewal.**
- C. What does the act of renewal look like?
 - 1. **God hears us.**
 - 2. **God forgives us.**
 - 3. **God renews our walk with Him.**
- D. This process from repentance to renewal is played out in the life of the Prodigal Son.
 - **Luke 15:11-24**
 - ¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.**
 - ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.**
 - ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.**
 - ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.**
 - ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.**

16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

24 For this, my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

III. Renewal is based on God’s goodness, not ours.

- A. Solomon made his appeal based on God’s goodness and not that of the people.
- B. The reason that repentance and renewal are possible, is because we have such a loving Father.
- C. Even now if we will repent and call out to Him, our Father is ready to forgive and restore us.

- 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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