

## **THE MINISTRY OF RESTORATION**

Isa 58:10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday:

Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Isa 58:12 And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, **The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

1. As leaders we must always be looking out to help someone that is hurting, feels defeated, depressed, lost direction; failed morally, we must always be quick to help, never hasty to criticize or look down on someone who is struggling with things in their lives.

### **Isa 58:10**

**And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry** - The word 'soul' here is synonymous with heart, or benevolent affection; and the idea is, if they expressed benevolent affection or kindness toward those in want.

**Then shall thy light rise in obscurity** - That is, it will be as if the cheerful light of the sun should rise amidst the shades of midnight. The sense is, that their calamities and trials would be suddenly succeeded by the bright and cheerful light of prosperity.

### **Isa 58:12**

**And they that shall be of thee** - They that spring from thee; or thy people.

**Shall build the old waste places** - Shall repair the old ruins, and restore the desolate cities and fields to their former beauty.

**The restorer of paths to dwell in** - Jewish exposition explains to mean, 'Thou shalt build walls so high that no enemy can enter them.' 'Turning thy paths to rest;' that is, thou shalt leave no way of access to robbers.

**Gal 6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

**Brethren** —If another has *really* been overtaken in a fault *the first*; for often he who is *first to find fault*, is the very one who has *first transgressed*.

**If a man be overtaken in a fault.** Not gone into sin as a result of sinful premeditation, but surprised by it. Those intending well are sometimes caught unawares.

**a fault** — *Greek*, “a transgression,” “a fall”; such as a falling back into legal bondage.

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**restore** — The *Greek* is used of a dislocated limb, reduced to its place. Such is the tenderness with which we should treat a fallen member of the Church in restoring him to a better state.

**In the spirit of meekness** - Use no severity nor haughty carriage towards him; as the man was suddenly overtaken, he is already deeply humbled and distressed, and needs much encouragement and compassionate, merciful handling.

**Considering thyself** - Looking to thyself; as he fell through a moment of unwatchfulness, look about, that thou be not surprised; As he fell, so mayest thou: thou art now warned at his expense; therefore keep a good look out.

**Considering thyself ...** - Remembering how liable you are yourself to err; and how much kindness and indulgence should therefore be shown to others. You are to act as if you felt it possible that you might also be overtaken with a fault; and you should act as you would wish that others should do toward you. Pliny (Epis. viii. 22)

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

**Joe 2:25** 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.

Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

2Sa 9:7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

**Psa 23:1 A Psalm of David.** The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for eve