When God Hears from the Repentant Heart

Joel 2:18-32
Then the LORD became jealous for His land and spared His people. The LORD answered His people: Look, I am about to send you grain, new wine, and olive oil. You will be satiated with them, and I will no longer make you a disgrace among the nations. I will drive the northerner far from you and banish him to a dry and desolate land, his front ranks into
the Dead Sea, and his rear guard into the Mediterranean Sea. His stench will rise; yes, his rotten smell will rise, for he has done catastrophic things. Don’t be afraid, land; rejoice and be glad, for the LORD has done great things. Don’t be afraid, wild animals, for the wilderness pastures have turned green, the trees bear their fruit, and the fig tree and
grapevine yield their riches. Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the LORD your God, because He gives you the autumn rain for your vindication. He sends showers for you, both autumn and spring rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and olive oil.
I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust ate, the young locust, the destroying locust, and the devouring locust— My great army that I sent against you. You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied. You will praise the name of Yahweh your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. My people will never again be put to shame.
You will know that I am present in Israel and that I am the LORD your God, and there is no other. My people will never again be put to shame. After this I will pour out My Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions.
I will even pour out My Spirit on the male and female slaves in those days. I will display wonders in the heavens and on the earth: blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and awe-inspiring Day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved, for there will
be an escape for those on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the LORD promised, among the survivors the LORD calls.
Watch This!

The return of the crops & vineyards (v.18 & 23-26)

The return of plenty (v.19,22,24-26)

The removal of disgrace (v.19 & 27)

The removal of the enemy (v.20)

The removal of fear (v.21-22)

The return of rejoicing (v.23)
The Return of the Lord

Restoration of God’s people (v.27)

Blessing upon the world (v.28-29)

His wonders will be seen (v.30-31)

Rescue for those who call upon the name of the Lord (v.32)
What about You?

What’s in your life?

What does it take for you to have God’s Spirit in your life?