

## **Title: Restoration, Pt. 7, Restoration of Biblical Unity**

**Text: 2 Kings 20:12-19; 21:1-7**

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### ***INTRO***

Principles of restoration... focus on Biblical Unity, last wk was Restoration of fellowship

- We are designed for relationship, with God & people, not a solitary, isolated existence...
- Jesus prayed that we all would be made one, we are going to continue in that same vein today

### **Restoration of Biblical Unity**

We are going to the last act of King Hezekiah, after he was miraculously healed... it was a huge sign... the world noticed the day earth rewound an 1 ½ hours...

- Babylonian envoy came to see him & present gifts, in arrogance he showed them all his wealth
- Isaiah the prophet shows up, “what are you doing?”

- Then we will move into the transition of power to Hezekiah's son, Manasseh, who becomes king

### **2 Kings 20:15-19, 21 (ESV)**

Hezekiah has a massive selfish generational oversight, the wealth he showed off belonged to the next generation, when we have a breakdown in vision for the next generation, it invites a curse on the next generation

- If the younger dishonors previous generation it also invites a curse... we are not isolated... life choices always affect others
- The breakdown in Manasseh's life sets up rejection of fathers, rejection of God, abuse of women

In this arena (generations) there tends to be a lot of hurt

- Many dads/moms/kids, walked thru forgiveness, let's not rehash things that Jesus isn't bringing up
- Fathers & Mothers, focus on what we can release today, receive God's vision for moving forward

- Sons & daughters, I don't know what you went thru, but it boils down to forgive, get vision, move forward

Jesus came to show us the Father, the role of parents is to show us the Father, what's important today is that you hook into the love of your Father & get His vision...

PRAYER

### ***TENSION***

Let's review the temple Hez. Restored... you are a temple of HS, old foreshadows the new... **draw temple**

- Brazen Altar (Cross), Wash Basin (Confession of Sin/ Baptism), Menora (HS/Word), Altar of Incense (Prayer), Table of Shewbread (Covenant Fellowship), Ark (heart filled with God's Word/Spirit)

### **Kings 21:1-7 (ESV)**

12-year-old boy, no father present, is now king... Rebuilt idol worship his revivalist father destroyed in the land

- Then builds Asherah & Baal idols like Ahab, king of Israel, husband to Jezebel (who hated Elijah)

- Asherah & Baal had extreme sexually perverted worship... Asherah statue of female genitals, Baal was male genitals, he placed throughout the land
- He built idols from all the different demons, host of heaven, and placed them in the temple, burned his son as an offering... Molech

Fortune-telling, omens, mediums, necromancers... today white witches, good witch, wiccan... all of it is demonic

- Then Asherah idol was placed in the Holy Place... the worship of these gods, sexual immorality, temple prostitutes, child-sacrifice, in the temple, Rejected his father, rejected God, abused women

## ***TRUTH/APPLICATION***

### **3 Challenges for the Restoration of Biblical Unity**

Manasseh's issues mirror what Paul had to deal with in the Corinthians... hear Paul's wisdom, receive vision

#### **#1 – Honor Father's & Mother's, Love Sons & Daughters**

Manasseh had a generational breakdown, maybe neglect, but he rejected his father's ways... and was given a kingdom as a 12-year-old boy

- Paul's situation was that after he left Corinth, they began to doubt him as an apostle & spiritual father, whether they should receive him or not...

**1 Corinthians 4:15 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Guides, tutors, paidagogos, "boy-teachers", teenage overseer... these "boy" teachers were creating divisions, but Paul was saying, "I am your father in the gospel"

- Paul re-establishes himself as their father in the gospel, he pursued them in love, didn't back off of truth, but pressed into relationship
- When we love sons & daughters, we intentionally posture ourselves to pour into their lives... it may not be mutual, but we pursue in love, but when it's mutual, "heart of fathers to children" powerful (dad)

- When we open up as sons and daughters to Fathers/ Mothers, healing & wisdom flows... when we open up to Fathers/ mothers generational riches flow
- We may not always have that in families, but that is where fathers & mothers in the faith come in
- One of the reasons I started “trailblazers” ministry is because WE WILL HONOR FATHERS & MOTHERS, much ministry efforts was geared towards young families, it wasn’t a complete, I repented

## #2 – Honor Holy Spirit in You and in Each Other

Manasseh rejected the Lord, filled the temple with perversion, opposed HS... HS the present person of the God Head, rejected HS, sexual sin & division came in

- Church at Corinth was sexually perverse & spiritually arrogant & divided... be with temple prostitutes, then brag about speaking in tongues... messed up!

**1 Corinthians 6:16–19 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but

the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own

Paul is saying put away sexual sin you're a temple of HS, sin against your own body, grieve HS, honor HS in you

- When I counsel men who struggle, one of the main things I try to impart is developing a prayer & word life, build relationship with HS, make more room for Him... Paul goes on to say honor HS in each other...

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Paul brings us back to oneness, all one in Christ through HS, the spirit makes us one

- Many different gifts, but the same spirit, we have different gifts... but one body... someone is a hand, foot, leg, WE ALL TOGETHER ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD IN HS... TOGETHER WE ARE HIS FULLNESS
- **Jesus baptizes us ALL into HS at salvation & then many fillings of HS to empower us to do His will...**

- Spiritual maturity is not measured by tongues or prophecy, but by the fruit of the spirit... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, & self-control... MATURITY
- Paul makes it clear, 1 Cor. 13, when he says if I speak in tongues & don't have love, I'm a gong, prophecy & no love I am nothing (desire gift, pursue love)

### #3 – Honor Women

Manasseh dishonored women like Ahab, Ahab's wife was Jezebel, controlling seductive demonic woman; women were objectified or controlling... no honor

- Controlled or controlling... curse-based living... anytime someone is controlled or controlling... curse
- Good fathers teach good sons how to honor women, women are not objects for your pleasure, sisters
- Good mothers teach good daughters modesty, you can beautiful without being sensual



- The world calls sex & sexuality god, but its stealing our future generations, from body image to human trafficking... right now I want to bring honor women

History... Corinth & Ephesus were the epicenter of the worship of Diana (Artemis) for the world (acts 19), had temple prostitutes, (Asherah/Jezebel) a group of women were a ruling party, the worship derived from Amazonian Women of Greece, lesbian warrior cult, killed their sons

- This is Paul's missional setting when he wrote 1&2 Corinthians, Ephesians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus
- The Corinthian church had a problem with members going back & forth between church & pagan temple, which gave birth to Paul's doctrine on being a temple of HS, don't join with a prostitute, 1 flesh
- Seductive ruling/religious class of women in worship settings... this was Paul's missional context setting

- Keep that all in mind... I've spent the past 2 years studying & praying over this subject, it's debated, here's where I land... **women are called to preach**
- I'm not an "equality/feminist" guy, I'm a Bible guy... I believe & submit to Bible, husband is head of the wife, my view is complementarian (nerds)
- But woman being called to preach is a gospel issue, not a gender issue... Gal. 3:28 there is neither Jew/Greek, slave/free, male/female all 1 in Christ Jesus

Brief insight... when you interpret scripture start with exegesis, original language, context, historical, which I gave you, & "biblical & sys. theology", Bible interprets Bible, it tells you... Here's a controversial scripture...

**1 Corinthians 14:34a (ESV)** <sup>34</sup> the women should keep silent in the churches...

Pastor, that's pretty clear... is it??? Let Paul interpret Paul

**1 Corinthians 11:5a (ESV)** <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies...

Can you prophesy without speaking... what is he saying?

- Paul had people going back and forth btw church & pagan temple... women would get up to prophesy could it be it looked like the pagan temple, these are

brand new Christians, no Bible, no Jewish history, did he adjust for his missional context?? he did it before

- Paul preached, “circumcision is nothing”, confronted Jewish people for trying to make Gentiles get circumcised... Paul made Timothy get circumcised...

**1 Timothy 2:12 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

Looks clear... Paul wrote this to Timothy while he was pastoring Ephesus, the capital city of worship of Diana, this was his missional context... let Paul interpret Paul...

**Romans 16:1-2 (NIV)** I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. <sup>2</sup>I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me

Phoebe was an independent businesswoman who was a deacon, probably appointed by Paul, it is believed that she delivered the letter of Romans to the Roman church... she spoke publicly at Paul’s direction

**Judges 4:4-5a (NIV)** <sup>4</sup>Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel...

Whole counsel of God... OT, Deborah, a woman, a prophet, a wife, leader of Israel, held court...

- After 2 years of study and prayer, the idea that women can’t preach doesn’t hold water... way more scriptural understanding that says the opposite

## Fathers need to empower daughters

- We live in a world that either wants to objectify women, degrade them or give into this false feminist power that degrades men, which is all evil...  
controlled or controlling, neither are God's heart
- What did Jesus do, when he talked to the Samaritan woman, He revealed who He was, gives her the gospel, goes into town with a message for the city

## **LANDING**

Manasseh repented, cleansed the temple & the land,  
God heard his prayer honored his father, honored God, &  
honored women

**Acts 2:17-18 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.”

Can you see the honor of generations here? HS is for everyone? The honor of women?

- Get a vision of unity