

Double For Your Trouble: God Is Restoring What The Devil Stole

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- These last two years have been especially painful.
- Even “faith preachers” are talking like “God is dead” and there is such fear.
- Yet, God is a God of restoration! He wants to restore what has been taken.
- [Jas 5:11 NASB95] 11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and [is] merciful.

What can we learn about receiving restoration from what God has did in Job's life?

We can learn what is our part, what is included in restoration, and what does God bring restoration.

I. God's restoration is received when we:

- a. Acknowledge God's power to restore.** [Job 42:2 NASB95] 2 "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
- b. Grow in our understanding.** [Job 42:3 NASB95] 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' "Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
- c. Live a life of repentance.** [Job 42:6 NASB95] 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes."
- d. Forgive those who were part of our pain.** [Job 42:10 NASB95] 10 The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.
- e. Pray to God.** [Job 42:10 NASB95] 10 The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

II. God's restoration of double involves these areas: [Job 42:10, 12 NASB95] 10 The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold. ... 12 The LORD blessed the latter [days] of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.

- a. Wealth.** [Job 42:11-12 NASB95] 11 Then all his brothers and all his sisters and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one piece of money, and each a ring of gold. 12 The LORD blessed the latter [days] of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys.
- b. Family.** [Job 42:13-15 NASB95] 13 He had seven sons and three daughters. 14 He named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. 15 In all the land no women were found so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.
- c. Health.** [Job 42:16-17 NASB95] 16 After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. 17 And Job died, an old man and full of days.

III. God's restoration will happen: [Mar 10:29-30 NASB95] 29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, 30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

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- a. **Now** – [Psa 23:6 NASB95] 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
 - b. **Later** - [Rom 8:18, 25 NASB95] 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ... 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.
- We will receive God's restoration of double wealth, family, and health that Satan has stolen as we acknowledge God's power, grow in our understanding, live a repented life, forgive those who have caused us loss, and pray in faith to God.
 - Are you ready for double? What decisions do you need to make today to receive double?