

Restore Us Lord

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**The kingdom of God is still
the reason we should repent**

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

MATTHEW 3:1-3

¹⁷ Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

MATTHEW 4:17, MARK 1:14-15

Repent (μετανοείτε — metanoείτε). Broadus used to say that this is the worst translation in the New Testament. The trouble is that the English word “repent” means “to be sorry again” from the Latin repoenitet (impersonal). John did not call on the people to be sorry, but to change (think afterwards) their mental attitudes (μετανοείτε — metanoείτε) and conduct.

ROBERTSON'S WORD PICTURES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT - MATT 3:2

This is John's great word (Bruce) and it has been hopelessly mistranslated. The tragedy of it is that we have no one English word that reproduces exactly the meaning and atmosphere of the Greek word. The Greek has a word meaning to be sorry (μεταμελομαι — metamelomai) which is exactly our English word repent and it is used of Judas (Matthew 27:3).

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What is a great way to think?

1. Expect loving kindness from God

¹⁰ His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; ¹¹ the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

PSALM 147:10-11

¹⁰ Not in the might of the horse doth He delight, Not
in the legs of a man is He pleased. ¹¹ Jehovah is
pleased with those fearing Him, With those waiting
for His kindness.

PSALM 147:10-11 YOUNG'S LITERAL VERSION

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things
that come from the Spirit of God but considers them
foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are
discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the
Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person
is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, "Who has
known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we
have the mind of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

What is a great way to think?

2. Expect constant goodness, love and kindness to attend your ways

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PSALM 23:6

6 Only -- goodness and kindness pursue me, All the days of my life, And my dwelling [is] in the house of Jehovah, For a length of days!

PSALM 23:6 YOUNG'S LITERAL VERSION

Cries for Restoration

Restore us!

¹ You have rejected us, God, and burst upon us; you have been angry—now restore us! ² You have shaken the land and torn it open; mend its fractures, for it is quaking.

PSALM 60:1-2

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

PSALM 80:3,7,19

Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

PSALM 85:4

Restore my life!

Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up.

PSALM 71:20

Restore your people!

⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice
and Israel be glad!

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When God restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and
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PSALM 14:7, PSALM 53:6

Restore my joy!

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me
a willing spirit, to sustain me.

PSALM 51:12

Restore my fortunes!

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. . . . Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

**Restore comfort to
those who mourn!**

I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will
guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners,

ISAIAH 57:18

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Restore your people

Restore my joy

Restore my fortunes

Restore comfort to those who mourn

**I'm going to please the Lord, by
expecting Him to be loving and kind.**

**I'm going to honor Him by a firm
conviction that His goodness and
love will always be with me**

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