“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

INTRODUCTION

Never before has there been a greater need for God’s people to seek Him with clean hands and a pure heart for revival and spiritual awakening. God invites His people to return to Him through genuine repentance, humility and brokenness to experience His mercy, forgiveness, restoration and refreshing.

REPENT

The term “repent” means to have “a heartfelt change of mind.” This is accompanied by genuine grief over sin and our present direction in life. It involves both personal and corporate brokenness over sin.

Personal repentance: Proverbs 6:16-19; 1 John 2:15-17; Galatians 5:19-21

Corporate repentance: Nehemiah 1: 6-7; 1 John 1:9; Ezra 9:5-8
Returning to the Lord in brokenness and contrition over sin involves falling back in love and obedience to God. This is a call for us as God’s people to set our hearts in a new and fresh way on Jesus.

Zechariah 1:1-3; James 4:8; Isaiah 55:7; Acts 4:12

God’s restoration begins with His forgiveness of sin. When God forgives He restores His people in relationship, which opens the door for His restoration in other ways. We must run to Jesus alone for forgiveness, cleansing and restoration.

Psalm 51:10-13; Joel 2:25; Psalm 80:19; Isaiah 53:6

Refreshing from God takes place because of God’s renewed manifest presence with and in His people. God’s refreshing works are rooted in His redemptive purposes.

Joel 2:18-19; Psalm 19:7; Jeremiah 29:11-14; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

**Challenge**

God’s clarion call to His people is that we might become broken before Him over our sin and the spiritual famine in our churches, communities, nation and world and return to Him. Will you unite with others and seek the Lord through brokenness and lead others to do the same? Will you lead your church and unite with other churches to do the same?

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