



The Story of God God Restores

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the fact that you have revealed the future to us. Thank you for what you have in store for us. Please guide our discussion and speak to us through the Scriptures. Let us be encouraged and inspired by the restoration that you will provide. Amen.

1. Read **Revelation 7:9-10**

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, ...¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"

Share the story of when you received God's salvation as your own. What excites you about this future event in heaven?

2. Read Revelation 1:1&3

*"¹ The **revelation** of **Jesus Christ**, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. ...³ Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."*

Revelation is the big reveal! Jesus is revealed as God (Rev. 1), the Church is revealed in the now (Rev. 2-3), the Great Tribulation is revealed (Rev. 4-19), and the New Heaven and Earth are revealed (Rev. 20-22). Why do you think it's a 'blessing' for God to reveal the future to us?

3. God Restores!

a. Two Coverings (Genesis 3:7; Rev. 19:8)- God restores our shame. Why is that so significant for us?

b. Two Rivers (Gen. 2:10; Rev. 22:1)- Water is life! God restores our life. Describe some of the struggle to survive and what it must be like no longer to have to strive for resources to live.

c. Two Trees (Gen. 3:22; Rev. 22:2)- God provides healing through the tree of life. Try to describe what it will be like to experience physical, emotional and social healing.

d. Two Cities (Gen. 11:4; Rev. 22:3-5) All people living in union with God! Contrast the world we live in today, with this future world where all people will be living in the light of God and doing His will all the time.

4. Read Romans 12:12

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

Discuss what it means for you to live in the ‘in-between’. We are certain of heaven, and yet we still live here on earth. What has been helpful for you as we await the return of Christ?

Challenge: Scripture Memory

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Message Outline

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Image- 21 judgments

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II. God Restores

A. Two Coverings

Genesis 3:7

"Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."

Revelation 19:8

"Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage supper of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure."

B. Two Rivers

Genesis 2:10

"A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers."

Rev. 22:1

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb..."

C. Two Trees

1. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Genesis 3:22

"Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever..."

2. Tree of Life

Revelation 22:2

"through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

D. Two Cities

City of Enoch- "initiation"

Babel

Genesis 11:4

"Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

D. Two Cities

1. Babylon

2. Jerusalem

Revelation 22:3-5

"³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."

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Are you Born Again?

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