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Soul Restoration ~ Pastor Trey Dickerson

Towards the end of 2018 in our Living Logos newsletters, we have been going through the 23rd Psalm, talking about how God has prepared a good life for us to live now—a life where our Good Shepherd cares for us, where we lack nothing, and where we are led into comfortable and restful places. Well, in Psalm 23:3, King David says regarding his Good Shepherd, “He restores my soul.” What an awesome promise, church! God has promised to restore our souls!

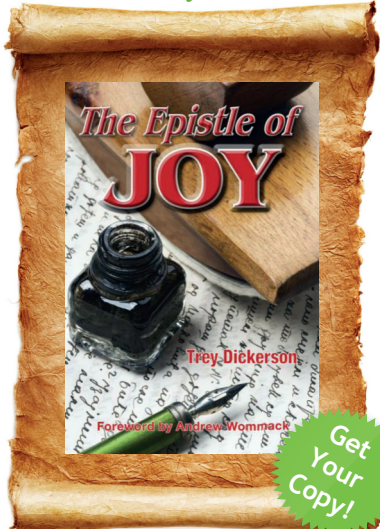
Now this is important for so many of us because, unfortunately, many of us have experienced a lot of trauma in our souls and this has opened the door for the enemy to steal, kill and destroy in many areas of our life. Well, if this is you, I’ve got good news for you today: You have a God of restoration shepherding you—the same God who told His chosen people in Joel 2:25, “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling

locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust (Pretty much all kinds of locusts)...” So, no matter what kind of “locust” that has infested our life—the “bad dad” locust, the “abuse” locust, the “bully” locust, etc.—God has promised to restore what any of these “locusts” have stolen from us! Amen, to that!

But a question that should be raised is—How does He do this? How does God restore our soul? And the reason this is such an important question to ask is because it is obvious that



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Oftentimes we see the Scriptures using the word “Behold!” For example, the apostle Paul uses it in Second Corinthians 5:17 when he said, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; *behold* all things have become new.” Now this word literally means “Look,” but I prefer to use the following phrase—“Check this out!” So for example, in Second Corinthians 5:17, Paul was essentially saying, “Hey guys! If you are in Christ, you are a totally new creation! All of the old junk has

passed away, and *check this out*, everything has become brand-spanking new!”

Well, guess what? Our Living Logos newsletter has become new as well! We are excited to roll out this new format to you because we have realized that most people are not going take the time to read a six-page newsletter. So, while we certainly want to remain true to ourselves and give those who are interested the “Living Word,” we also want to have more people actually take the time to read the truths we send out . So, that is why we wanted to change the format around while also dressing our newsletters up a bit. So, I say all of this to say: *Check it out!*

(*"Soul Restoration" continued*)

this does not automatically happen for all of God's children to the same degree.

So, how does one's soul get restored? Well, I'm glad you asked—because did you know that the Bible tells us exactly how one's soul gets restored!?! We are given the answer in Psalm 19:7 which says, "The Law of the Lord is perfect, *converting the soul*; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

You see, the word "converting" here is the same word that was used in Psalm 23:3 for "restores." So, what we see in this verse is how the Lord restores our soul—it is through the Law of the Lord. No, not the Mosaic or Levitical Law, per se because when David wrote this, the Law was all they had. So, what we would say today is "the Bible, the Word of God, etc."—which would certainly include the Law and the Prophets, but also would now include the Gospels, the Epistles, etc. So, yes, the Word of God is what restores our soul.

David goes on to say that the testimony of the Lord is sure, "making wise the simple." In other words, one of the ways the Scriptures restore our souls is by taking someone who is simple (i.e. ignorant or idiotic) and making them wise. In other words, it is not about accumulating knowledge and cramming a bunch of information in our heads. Where the power of restoration lies is in letting His perfect and sure Word impact our hearts with its wisdom. Psalm 119:130 says that His Word gives light (How?) by giving "understanding to the simple." Again, the Word of God takes someone who is simple and gives them wisdom and understanding—thus restoring their soul.

But the promise of the restoration of our souls involves more than just smartening up one whose soul is ignorant; it stands to reason that it also affects the other parts of our soul as well like, for example, our emotions. Yes, the Word can restore our mind, will and emotions to the prosperous position they once had. In other words, there is the healing of our emotions and the restoration of our will that is available through the Word of God. Amen! So, yes, His Word has the power to deliver our mind, to restore our

emotions, to heal our heart, and to change our will. His Word has the power to save our life and even create life! Amen!

Do you remember how the Lord first created man (Genesis 2:7)? He first formed his body from the dust of the ground, He then breathed into His nostrils the breath of life, and then man became a living soul. So, what was it that made man a "living soul?" It was when the Lord breathed into him the breath of life.

Well, the Bible teaches us that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God (Second Timothy 3:16), doesn't it? And this literally means that His Word is God-breathed, right? So, what do you suppose happens when we receive God's living Word—His breath—in our lives? You got it—it is like God breathing into man all over again! Yes, as it was with Adam, the breath of God will create (or you could say, recreate or restore) a living soul within us! Amen! Saints, take a breath of God's Word today, and let your soul live again! Amen!

(For more on this subject, you can visit our website and read the full message entitled "He Restores My Soul" under the section called "Articles")

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