Lord of Life Ministries

P.O. Box 2007, Fairfax, VA 22031 * www.lordoflifeministries.com

"Restoring Generations"

By: Joyce Morris 10/27/1996

For the past two weeks the word "restoration" has been in my head. My mother called and is excited because God has restored all the relationships in their family, and everything has been reconciled. I won't go into all that detail.

We are seeing that a lot of reconciliation and restoration cannot happen in people in our families unless there are some issues restored in the generations. This is true because the sins of the fathers are carried down to the third and fourth generations. God has to go into generations to root out and tear order to bring reconciliation or restoration in the lives of people who are living

Because the Lord has done a lot of restoring in my own family, my mother is seeing it now and is very excited. She called to share that the brothers have reconciled with each other. In the past two weeks as we have ministered to a lot of people and rooted out and torn down a lot of darkness and released many generations, I have been hearing in my head, "We will restore all the years that the canker worm has eaten."

God is the One who restores. God is in us, so a corporate body is bringing restoration to the generations.

I want to go in the scriptures for a minute because I want to point out a couple of things. When we restore something, to what are we going to restore it? God is restoring in order to bring people back into the first state that they were in the beginning, and that is spirit. Basically, God had to go in your own life and root out and tear down some things in your mind because He is establishing us in the first estate we had with Him before the foundation of the earth. He has been taking us back to what we were in the beginning, and that is spirit.

When we were in spirit in the beginning, we were in the mind of Christ. That is how God is operating out of us. We got in the spirit today and allowed the mind of Christ to work and operate through us. Therefore, we are His co-creators. The Lord has taken us back to Genesis because it was in Genesis that He began to create. God is a creator, is still creating. Everything that you see in the natural with your physical eyes, whether good or evil, has been created from a thought. Everything has originated from a That is something to thought.

think about. Everything that you see out there, whether good or evil, has been created and originated from a thought. God is working in you and me to change our thinking so that we can allow the mind of Christ to rule our lives more than ever so He can use us to send out His thoughts into creation and also into generations. This will bring restoration to many generations.

For every generation that gets reborn or restored, it is bringing creation up elevating creation into a higher realm. If you see people and hear on the news that they are trying to change things, people are getting into some problems and issues. They are starting to get more wisdom, knowledge and understanding. It might not come out of the King James Bible all the time. However, it is something that the Lord has put in their minds, and they don't know it. There are people who desire for things to be different. They want things to work better. There are some of God's sons that He has raised up in this realm to allow their minds to go out into He is sending His creation. thoughts out into people's minds to the place that they want this world to be a better place. It can only be better by having the

Page 1 of 7 - "Restoring Generations"

kingdom of God established in their minds. That is why God has raised His sons on Mount Zion to judge Esau, so we are judging minds. To judge Esau is to judge minds. You have to judge the minds that are in the invisible realm to help people who are in the visible realm. God has raised us to be priests and ministers so that we are building. In order to build something, you first have to tear it down. To restore generations means to bring them back to the place they had with God when they came out of God. That is to be in a place of harmony with God again. They came out of harmony with the Lord because of their thinking, because of what was in their minds, because of their thoughts. Some of them died in that condition. God said He would use a people who would bring restoration to generations.

I want to share a couple of scriptures. *Isaiah 61*

The Father showed me that all these people who are in the generations are locked in time. They need to be restored to get them unlocked and brought into a place of the eternal realm that has no time at all. That is why He uses the Melchizedek order to do that because in the Melchizedek order there is no time. It is an endless life throughout eternity. The more you go within and let God use you in the realm of the Spirit, which is that eternal realm, the more you will lose sight of time and calendars. You will lose sight of what day it is, including holidays. You are getting caught up in this eternal realm. When you are in this eternal realm, you can go into any time. You don't become that time, but you can go

into it. You can change it. You can change the past. You can change the future. That is what this endless life is. God can take you and show you something that will take place in the future. He allows His sons to deal with it in that eternal realm so that it will not happen in the future. That means it changes the future. He can deal with something that is going on right now that would have an effect on something that would take place in the future. God can work with His sons in the realm of the spirit to deal with it, and it will not happen in the future. He takes His sons back into the past to deal with people who have been locked in time.

I used to wonder why some of the old countries like China have never changed. Why has China never changed? Why has Japan never changed? Why has India never changed? They have never changed because their ancestors are locked in time and in their traditions and doctrines and religion. It just continues. The sins of the fathers keep on being down through carried Someone has to generations. unlock them. It has to be the ministry which is Christ Himself. It is the Son going through the sons, Christ flowing through the release sons to creation. Therefore, God gets the glory. It is the Lord who gets the glory. As you begin to do this, you bring a change into these countries. They don't know what is going on. God knows what He is doing. He doesn't need anyone to tell Him what He is doing. He doesn't necessarily tell everyone what He is doing. In this realm,

you cannot tell everyone what you are doing.

Isaiah 61: 1 says, "(The spirit of the Lord God is upon me.") God has placed His anointing upon you. We know that this is Christ He is speaking of. Christ quoted this scripture in the New Testament. He quoted it in Matthew when He opened up the book when He went into the synagogue. He did not quote verse 2 all the way. He quoted verse 2 ("to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.") But he did not read, ("and the day of vengeance of our God.") This is in Matthew. That is what He proclaimed when He opened up the book. He was coming to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. He was going to the cross to bring mercy, but it was not time to proclaim vengeance of our God. That is what we are in today in this hour. That verse is very important but it goes together. In *Isaiah 61:4* it says, ("And they shall build the old wastes.") Who are "they?" He is talking about the anointed ones. ("And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.") Whoa! That is what we are doing. We are restoring generations.

You know how God got me in this. It started with me, and it has to start with you. You have to let God restore your generations. You have to allow the Christ in you to rise and stand up in you and bring restoration to your generations. If you are not free in some areas yet, it is because some of your generations may not be free. Therefore, you need to press in and seek God and cry out to God, "God, use me

because I want this." You may not be able to do it all by yourself. Sometimes there are so many in your generations that you need the body to help you. Sometimes God does not do it all at one time. When you get them all restored, it affects not only you but also the whole creation. When one is brought back to God, it lifts creation to a higher level. It is establishing the kingdom of God in the earth. I believe the Amplified Bible speaks of the "ancient ruins." He will bring restoration to ancient ruins. Anyone who takes something that is neglected tears out the part that is worthless and in a mess and recreates and polishes it and totally redoes it. Then when you take it and look at it, you feel good about the finished product. Think about people who restore houses. The houses are a total mess, and you go in and build new walls, and you create different rooms. Then when you finish that project, you say, "Look what I did." I wonder how God feels when He gets through rebuilding a house. We have all been in a building that was totally wasted and desolated. We were a mess when we came to God. Jesus said in Psalm 23 that He will restore our soul. He is a God of restoring souls. He has to restore our souls. Our souls have to go through a process of restoration. When our souls are completely restored, that is when God totally swallows them up. Then you don't get the emotions like fear, doubt and unbelief. That is when you are totally operating in the mind of Christ 24 hours a day. That is when the soul is completely restored. God sees your soul as a virgin right

now. The soul is the mind, and the mind has to be totally changed into the mind of Christ so that the mind of Christ completely rules. Some people never get their souls restored. For some people, it takes forever for God to deal with their soul.

I will give you an example. The whole spiritual journey that you and I have is to return to where we were in the beginning, in the Father. That is our whole spiritual journey. We know that when we walked in the course of this world, we were totally controlled by the darkness of this earth, and we all lived in the carnal mind. We all have that understanding.

When we come to Christ, He shows us new things, new ideas and new ways. It is totally contrary to what we were taught. You might have been 30 or 50 years old when God got hold of you. It seems like the more you have had imbedded in you, the longer it is going to take, but God is very patient with us. Your spiritual journey allows God to bring restoration to the soul until you finally come to the place that there are no longer two worlds, but only one. Until you come to that place, you are going to have a wilderness every now and then. You go back into the wilderness every now and then. When you come to the place that you want to really come into the place...It's just like Israel. God showed them the Promised Land. It was right there. The Promised Land had fruits in it. The fruits of the Promised Land were love, joy, peace, longsuffering, meekness, patience, and the nature of Christ. It was the kingdom of God. He was showing it to them. He said,

"You can have it. It is yours."

You can live in that land. heavenly places. You can have it. But they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. They stood on one mountain for 38 years. The mountain they stayed on for 38 years was Mt. Seir. One day the Lord spoke to me, and He told me that mountains are a state of mind. They stayed on Mt. Seir for 38 years. The mountain they were on was Mt. Mt. Esau is the carnal mind. So for 38 years they never learned a lesson. They never walked in faith. They never walked in trust. They murmured and complained all the time. They kept looking back at Egypt because they saw nothing in the wilderness they wanted. They kept looking back at what God brought them out of. All the men of war died. You don't see that in the kingdom of God. God has brought the kingdom message to a lot of people, and you have seen some die off in the wilderness. What happened? They still had the war in the mind. They never came to a place where their souls were one with God. The whole key to the wilderness is to bring you back to be one with the Father. That is what the wilderness is for. The wilderness is the testing ground. wilderness is happening in the mind. Until you are willing to let go of the things in your life that keep bringing you into the wilderness, you are going to continue having warfare in your It takes some people longer than others. As you are in that wilderness, the test is not what the problem is. It is how you deal with the test when it

comes your way, how you look at it, how you respond to it, how you act upon it.

While you are in the wilderness, you still have two minds. When you become one with God, you are coming into a place where you have one mind, the mind of Christ, and less of the carnal mind. That is why God has to go into your generations because some of your thoughts have come from your genes. That is why the Lord has to go down into your generations, to restore you and set you free and change your thinking through the Word. God changes your thinking in many ways—by speaking to you through prophecy, by speaking to you through the Word, by deliverance by His Spirit, or by your meditating on the Word. You are repenting and changing your thoughts and your ways. We have to periodically have a wilderness every now and then until we finally come to the place that we are not living in our emotions, our soul, our feelings or our five senses.

What about the children of Israel? Oh, they had the Word. They sat down and they feasted. They sat down at a table that God had prepared for them right there in the wilderness. He gave them fresh manna every day. They had the Spirit of God. They had the word of the Lord. They had fresh manna. They sat, but they rose up and played. normally took it seriously. When they heard the word, they never became doers of it. They were listeners only. A lot of them murmured. Their soul never developed while they were in the Their soul never wilderness. developed into maturity. That is

what God is trying to do with us. He is trying to get us to mature to the point that we move by the Spirit every day without anyone having to tell us to do so.

should be doing automatically. It is becoming a part of your life. We used to talk about the fact that we must become a sacrifice. That is true. When the sacrifice is put upon the altar, it is going to be burned and consumed. God has done that. It really is not a sacrifice. Once you come into maturity where you are yielding more to the Spirit of God and you are experiencing the peace passes all understanding and you are experiencing the joy and His nature, you have to become it. It is not something you have to work up. It is a state of being. When you experience this, it is not a sacrifice but a surrendering to the Lord daily because you are enjoying His nature so much, flowing through you and giving out to others. God is trying to get us to mature to the point that we are led by His Spirit. That is the purpose of the wilderness. The scripture tells us that the children of Israel could enter into the Promised Land in three days. The old ones died in wilderness. We see this happening in the body of Christ today. Moses could __ ruler. He knew where __ God said he could only see it far off, but he could not enter in. He did enter in on the other side though. Why did God not allow Moses to enter in? Because you cannot let the Law enter in. It will not come in. Moses represented the Law, and the Law cannot enter in to a rest. You can bring in the humble

ones. You can bring in the little ones that remain as a little child before the Lord. That is the Man is yet a child manchild. because he has to depend on God for everything. We cannot do anything without the Father. That means the son still has to have that little child part of totally relying on the Father in everything. Except you come as a child, you will not enter into the Kingdom. All the little ones entered in. The Word and the Spirit brought them right on in. You must possess it. Once the soul is developed, you begin to possess the land. You possess the whole land-body, soul and spirit. You begin to possess all authority in the kingdom of God. This is what the wilderness is all The whole wilderness about. experience is to restore the soul back to oneness with God so that you no longer go in and out, but you remain one with the Father. Jesus was in a oneness with the He said we will do Father. greater works.

Turn to Isaiah 61:4, which reads, ("And they shall build up the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, desolations of many generations.") Isaiah 61:6 reads, ("But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.") What is God You cannot boast in yourself, but you can boast in their glory. You can boast in their being restored.

Isaiah 58 is a very important chapter where God is talking about the kind of fast that we are to have. Look at *Isaiah* 58:12,

("And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.")

Verse 11 talks about when you begin to release creation and minister to people who are in It says you are a bondage. watered garden, and you are like a spring that comes up in the That is who you are. garden. These waters go out to the generations. A lot of ministers are teaching this. They really believe it, but they are saying it is some day in the future. They are missing it. It is now. It has been. God has been doing this for several years. God has been trying to find someone to grow up and do this. Finally God has someone He can move through.

God talks in Isaiah 58:13 about turning away your foot from the Sabbath. There is a condition that you cannot turn your foot from the Sabbath. You cannot come out of your rest. God wants you to stay in a rest. Continue to walk in and be led by the Spirit. We continue to read in *Isaiah 58:13*. "And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:") your walk you always honor Him. He is your delight. You do not delight in things. Instead, you delight in Him. If you are going to minister to generations and restore generations and be used like these ministers and priests are to be here as light, you cannot merely do your own thing or go your own way. Neither can you speak your own words. That

is why God has to do some work on the soul, to help you mature. I am finding that the more you mature, the fewer words you say. Sometimes I walk into the 7-11 without saying a word. Sometimes in the past it might have bothered you if you were not carrying on a conversation with the person you were with. It does not mean that you do not like each other. That is not it. We are just in a state where we do not need to be talking all the time. Whenever the Lord wants us to say something, it comes out. In Joel it talks about sounding the alarm in Zion. That is taking place now. There are two things going on. First of all, it talks about sounding an alarm in Zion. God has really been doing that. How has He been sounding it? He has been doing it through His Word and His Spirit, through the trumpet that is being sounded throughout the earth. Alert, alert, alert! Sound the alarm constantly. Darkness is covering the earth, too. We talked about that recently, about the darkness and what it is, and the flood that is beginning to come in the earth. We see that one minute He talks about the darkness and the next second He is talking about the morning spread upon mountain. There are two things going on. There is a new day dawning in your mind. In order for you to bring a new day to dawn in someone else's mind, it must dawn in you first. more God deals with you and releases you and sets you free, the more real the day becomes. It is becoming alive in you, and you are becoming it. There are great people who have had the new day dawning in their lives. You are the day. You are the children of light. I am going to share 12 things that describe these people. Joel saw God's sons. In *Joel 2:3*, ("A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth:") The fire that is in front of you is for protection. The fire that is behind you has burned all the things that are not Christlike, the chaff. If there is anything else to be burned, the fire that is in front of you will take care of that.

They are looking like the Garden of Eden. They are becoming the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden is the kingdom of God. Adam had a relationship with the Father in the Garden of Eden. What did he have? Joy, peace, longsuffering, life. Life! He ate of the tree of life. These people are beginning to look like the Garden of Eden. Nothing shall escape them. These are the things: 1. They are a great people. 2. They are strong people. They have gone through the wilderness. They have gone through the storm. They have gone through the fire, and they have become strong in the Lord, not in themselves. But God's nature has been worked in them to make them strong. That is a part of the nature of God. He is strong. 3. They are like the Lamb, like the Garden of Eden. 4. They have the appearance of horses. A horse has been broken. In order to break them, you have to ride them. A horse has strength. 5. They make a noise like cherubs. 6. They have the noise of a flame of fire. Everything that you have allowed God to consume in you, then that has become the nature of God, and the nature of God is fire. That fire, that part of the

nature of God in you, consumes what is in other people that He sends you to. 7. They go into people's houses like a thief. They go into the windows of the soul, which is the mind. You don't tell a person that you are going into their house to get those things. You go into their house and start tearing down everything that is not like Christ. It is God doing it through you, coming in like a thief. 8. They are the army of the Lord. They learn to walk in their own path. They don't try to be someone else. They don't try to get in someone else's position. They trust each other. 9. When they fall on the Word, it doesn't cut them. It doesn't cut them because they become the Word. They have already allowed the Word to cut them. In other words, they have allowed the Lord to deal with the soul. That is why it is not cutting them. 10. They are an army. They are camped, and they are very great. They are strong. They execute His word. Turn to *Ioel 2:23*. It reads, ("Be glad, then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.") We experiencing the former and the latter rain because the former and latter rain is moving as we allow God to move through us to minister restore and these generations. Joel 2:24-25 - ("And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you (He is talking to Zion.) *the years* that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army

which I sent among you.") This is God's army that is bringing the God has to restore restoration. He has to restore Zion. Jerusalem. He has to restore Israel. This very much excited me. I kept hearing, "We will restore all the years." I asked, "God, what are you trying to tell me?" We have a tendency to think God will restore. It is the army of the Lord that is executing this when we get in the spirit and God takes us into the generations. His word is being executed. His voice is going out. You can feel the energy and the vibration. It is God's voice going throughout the land and going down through generations and going through time. He is declaring Himself and causing them to awaken. He is delivering them and setting them free from all the years that the cankerworm has eaten. The cankerworm is the carnal mind. That is why God is dealing with the mind. That is why we have to be like a thief and go into the houses. God is going right into the minds of the generations. He is judging their thoughts because it is a thought that keeps them from being in harmony with God. It is also unbelief and sin. We are the repairers of the generations, and we have been doing this for several years.

I was going down the road yesterday, and the Lord was sending us into different areas to make contact with people. We were going down route 50. I turned and saw a man on the sidewalk. I cannot describe his appearance. Words are inadequate to fully describe his appearance. His clothes were dirty, his beard was long, and his hair was long. He looked like he

was a cave man. His clothes were filthy. It must have been months since he had a bath or changed his clothes. His mind was totally tormented. He was in complete darkness in his mind. When I went by, there were no words to describe what hit me. There were tears that I felt inwardly that I had to hold back I knew what God felt for that man standing on He needs his the sidewalk. generations restored. He needs us to function in order to release him when it is God's time. I felt God's concern, care and compassion for that man. God is not going to lose that soul. The man may get delivered in this hour. God may put him on our mind one day and begin to release him to set him free. I believe that with my whole heart. God is concerned for that man. I look at that. Just in the natural, you see an old beat-up house that is all torn down and is rotten and has holes in it and the roof is caved in, and half of the walls are fallen down. You look at that, and you can picture it, and you can see in the mind of God what that house could look like when it is completely restored. God looks at that man on the sidewalk who looks totally lost, a house that is completely broken down and unable to function. He may very well be on drugs. God sees the condition of that house and knows what that house will become because God will restore that house! God will restore that house to the state it was in with the Father before the foundation of the earth. That is why I get so excited. Maybe you feel that you miss something because you cannot stand in a pulpit and preach to people for hours, but this is better. This is far greater because it is not just one person doing it. We are doing it together. It is a corporate effort to reach these people and set them free.

These things are to be pondered—your families getting restored, things to be reconciled, issues to be cleared up. How great our Father is! We have a lot to look forward to. We should be thankful for how He has enlightened us. We should not take it for granted. We need to cherish it.We are to restore the generations, and we are doing it.