

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

**“GOD’S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP” Part 6
“RESTORING THE WAY OF THE LORD”**

II. SINFUL ISRAEL CALLED TO REPENTANT RESTORATION

A. The failure of Israel in faithfulness

- 1. Half-hearted, rote participation Is 1:1-15*
- 2. Compared to her “sister” Sodom Eze 16:48-50*
- 3. Phony remorse used to “seek the Lord” Is 58:1-5*
- 4. Blaspheming the name of the Lord*
- 5. Breaking covenant loyalty - adultery*

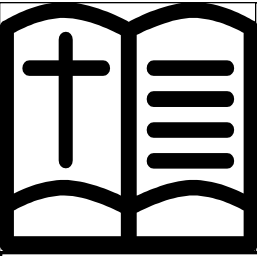
B. The call to repentant restoration Isa 1:16-20

- 1. Not more sacrifices*
- 2. Not more gifts*
- 3. Not prettier, more luxuriant facilities*
- 4. Not better worship tools and celebrations*
- 5. Justice and compassion - the Old Testament put off, put on - 1:16-20; Amos 5:21-24*

*C. The call to proper attitudes in seeking the Lord
Isa 58:6-10, 13*

III. A SINFUL KING CALLED TO REPENTANT RESTORATION Daniel 2 and 4

- A. An ungodly king illuminated by the prophet of God*
- B. Acknowledging but not trusting; living his own way*
- C. A warning from the “watchers” Dan 4:13-17*
- D. The call to repentant behavior Dan 4:27*



IV. THE PROPHETS SET COMPASSION AS THE STANDARD OF WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF HIS PEOPLE

- A. God, through Micah, tells us what He requires of us
- B. From Abraham through the prophets the message is the same Ge 18:19; Isa 1:17; Ho 6:6; 12:6
- C. Jesus reiterates this message to further confirm this central truth for us Mt 9:13; 12:7
- D. Jesus is the exact expression of this truth; He is the living representation of what God requires

V. THE CHURCH, THE RESTORATION BY GOD OF A PEOPLE WITH HIS HEART

- A. The ministry of Jesus and the disciples
 - 1. Just/justice - putting things in the order in which God created them
 - 2. Compassion - seeing the need for mercy in bringing justice and taking the actions to meet it; Spirit-filled humility and boldness
- B. From the beginning the church is engaged in justice and compassion Acts 2:42-47
- C. Compassionate and just ministry is that for which we have been called and left here on the planet Titus 2:14 (11-14); Eph 2:10
 - 1. Evangelism and discipleship Mat 28:18-20
 - 2. Meeting needs - 3 areas Js 1:26-27; Gal 2:9-10
 - a. Widows
 - b. Fatherless
 - c. The poor