

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

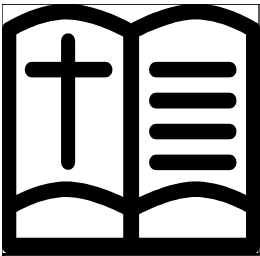
“GOD’S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP” Part 7
“RESTORING THE WAY OF THE LORD”

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 to avoid the judgment of the council and of the Most High
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
 1. To do justly. Whose justice?
 2. Doing justice compassionately
 3. To love mercy
 4. To walk humbly with our God
- 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
- E. Jesus commanded us to love God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves: whole law



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*
- 3. How did Jesus reveal justice and compassion? How did Jesus walk humbly with God? He is our model*

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*
- 3. It was foreordained that we are to be engaged in them Eph 2:10*
- 4. The church is urged to have every member be engaged in, ready for and prepared for good works Titus 3:1,8,14*
- 5. Leadership training is in humble service with justice and compassion*