

# DISCIPLES ARE DOING THE WORKS OF JESUS



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# INTRODUCTION

## WHAT IS RESTORATION?

When Jesus announced His ministry in Luke 4:18, He said He had come to proclaim the year of the Lord (the year of Jubilee). The year of Jubilee was a year of restoration. All debts were cancelled, all slaves set free and everything was restored.

Acts 15:16-17 "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the gentiles, upon whom My name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

As James the leader of the Jerusalem council explained the ministry that God had given all of them, he quoted from Amos 9:11-12 which speaks of the restoration of the tabernacle of David. The tabernacle of David is a picture of what God is doing in His people, the church, in these last days.

## THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES

**God had traveled with His people for 40 years over the Ark of the Covenant. The order of worship was dictated by the tabernacle of Moses, While this tabernacle was set up at Shiloh the people became proud (Jer. 7:1-6) and God forsook them. The Ark was ultimately captured by the Philistines.**

**(Ps. 78:60-61) They soon discovered that they didn't want it, (I Sam. 5:1-12) and sent it back to Israel. About 100 years later, David, who is now in power, wants the Ark. After seeking the Lord humbly, he brings the Ark to Zion.**

**(I Chron. 15:1-2) "And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the Ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. Then David said, "None ought to carry the Ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the Ark of God, and to minister unto him forever."**

**(I Chron. 15:26-29) "And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the Ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod**

**of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. And it came to pass, as the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart."**

**The Ark is set in the Tabernacle of David which is in Mt. Zion. Mt. Zion is a place of spiritual sacrifices of praise, joy, and thanksgiving.**

**In the tabernacle of Moses, only the high priest could enter the presence of God once a year. In the tabernacle of David, all could enjoy His presence.**

**As the New Testament church took its order of worship out of the Psalms, it adopted the mode of the tabernacle of David with the accompanying joy and open expression of celebration and worship.**

**The restoration of the tabernacle of David has nothing to do with a physical rest, but it is the spiritual restoration of the power of God's presence and God's order of worship to God's people who**

**seek Him in these days. The tabernacle of David created a new order of worship.**

**Ministry of singing and singers.**

(I Chron. 15:16-17) (Ps. 47:6) (Col. 3:16)

**Ministry of Instruments.**

(I Chron. 23:5, 25:1-7) (Ps. 33:1-3)

**Ministry of Praise.**

(I Chron. 16:4, 36) (Heb. 13:5)

**Ministry of Psalms.**

(I Chron. 16:9) (Ps. 98:5) (Eph. 5:18-19)

**Ministry of rejoicing & joy.**

(I Chron. 16:10, 16:25-31) (Phil. 3:3, 4:4)

**Ministry of clapping hands.**

(Ps. 47:1)

**Ministry of shouting.**

(I Chron. 15:28) (Ps. 47:5) (Ps. 132:9)

**Ministry of dancing.**

(I Chron. 15:24) (Ps. 149:3, 150:2)

**Ministry of lifting up hands.**

(Ps. 134:2, 141:2) (I Tim. 2:8)

## **Ministry of worship.**

**(I Chron. 16:29) (Ps. 29:1-2) (Mat. 28:9)**

**When anyone comes to know God, he discovers that Jehovah is a God of covenant. His one Book, for example, is made up of two covenants, or agreements. To know Him is to enter into covenant with Him.**

**In the Old Testament, God motivated man to enter into covenant by promising to bless his obedience and curse his disobedience. But each time man tried to live up to God's holy requirements, he failed. It was to this "man of failure" God established a second covenant in Jesus.**

**This new commitment is beautifully portrayed in the story of Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. When Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle against David's troops, little Mephibosheth was taken into exile by people who believed King David was a mean, vindictive man. But the opposite was actually true. David was a man who expressed the very heart of God, and when he learned Mephibosheth was still alive, he called the young man to him. David then restored to him all that had belonged to Jonathan,**

his father. He provided servants to work the land, and he made Mephibosheth a resident of his house, calling him "son." Why? Not because Mephibosheth deserved it; he had never done anything good for the King. But because Jonathan had made a covenant with David, Mephibosheth became heir to benefits his father deserved.

Jesus, the fulness of Man and God, represented Man to God and made an eternal covenant with the Father. Thus, everything Jesus deserves, I inherit as His joint heir. I have to come to God through Jesus. I am in covenant with Him, and because of His grace I receive everything as my inheritance. It is this grace that truly captures and captivates the one who comes to God.

Those who try to relate to God on the basis of what they do will be characterized by an outward obedience to God's requirements, death in the heart, condemnation, a temporal view of the world, and fear. On the other hand, those who relate to God by grace through faith in Jesus will experience the inner working of the Holy Spirit, life in their hearts, righteousness in the mind and in their behavior, an eternal view of this world and God's kingdom, and confidence in the Father's faithfulness.

**It is God's plan that we become just like Him. His greatest desire is to lead us into fellowship with Him. He created man for that fellowship, redeemed him for fellowship, and sanctified him for fellowship. Our fellowship with Him, however, depends upon our receiving His life and walking in His light.**

**Every person is walking either in light, and truth, or in darkness, and deception. Satan's tactic is to destroy us through deception, and our minds are his primary target.**

## **HOW SATAN ATTACKS**

**1. THE FIRST ARROW HE SHOOTS AT US IS DOUBT, making us ask, "Hath God said?" "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman. 'Indeed, has God said, "You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?"' (Genesis 3:1) Doubt is choosing not to believe and act on the truth. The result of doubt is the erroneous thought that you can be neutral whenever God speaks. When God speaks, you either believe or you doubt.**

**2. THE SECOND ARROW SATAN SHOOTS IS DECEPTION. "For if one comes and preaches**



another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully." (2 Corinthians 11:4) Deception is choosing to believe a lie. The lie may come from well-intentioned friends, from your thoughts, from traditions, or some other source; these are all channels of Satan's lies. He is called the "father of all lies" in John 8:44. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is not truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies." Every lie is one of Satan's children, and each one produces destruction and darkness. We cannot afford to receive lies in our minds, either naively or intentionally.

**3. THE THIRD ARROW SATAN SHOOTS IS DEFEAT, which is the natural result of deception. "For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15) Defeat comes from trying to do right in the power of the flesh.**

**4. DEFEAT PRODUCES DESPAIR, THE FOURTH ARROW.** "And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper." (Romans 1:28) In despair, men develop philosophies and theologies that fit their experience. They reinterpret the Bible to take the tension off their consciences.

**5. DESPAIR PRODUCES DESTRUCTION, THE FINAL ARROW.** "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." (Romans 1:18) There are four levels of destruction that affect man when he rejects God:

**Destruction in the body: disease. (Proverbs 3:5-8)**

**Destruction in the soul: depression. (Psalm 32:3-4)**

**Destruction in relationships: dissension.**

**(Galatians 5:15)**

**Destruction in the spirit: dryness. (Luke 15:17-21)**

**It is essential to walk in truth if we are to walk in**

**freedom. God's Word is truth. The Holy Spirit has been sent to make the Word real to us. "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.... And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him."  
(1 John 2:20, 27)**

**Earthly teachers can be channels of the Holy Spirit, but only He teaches spiritual truth. No man has all the truth; therefore, we must not trust any teacher as though he or she were infallible. When we hear something new, we must listen for the Holy Spirit's witness. If we don't hear that witness, we must hold the information for more study and prayer before we receive it. Many times we will hear truth and know it, but we do not understand it. Our responsibility is to act in faith and not lean on our own understanding. The Holy Spirit will show us what is from Him. If our lives are to be holy, our minds must be controlled by God.**

**1. God's mercy is our motivation and our resource for holiness. (Romans 12:1-2)**

**2. There must be a willful presentation of our bodies to God for His use. (Romans 6:12-14)**

**3. We will either be conformed to this world by allowing our minds to be programmed by its information, or else we will be transformed by willfully receiving God's programming.**

**4. A transformed mind will prove, or live out, the will of God. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)**

**Unbelievers walk in the futility of their minds. Believers walk in fruitfulness of their minds. "This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind..." (Ephesians 4:17)**

## **THE TRANSFORMING OF THE MIND**

**1. Jesus teaches us how to think and act. (Ephesians 4:20-21)**

**2. Jesus teaches us to lay aside our old way of thinking and acting as we would a worn-out garment. (Ephesians 4:22) He made it possible for us to lay aside the "old man," or our sinful nature, by uniting us with Himself in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Romans 6:1-10)**

**3. Jesus teaches us to focus our minds on the truth of what He says, rather than the evidence of our past experience. (Ephesians 4:23)**

**4. Jesus teaches us to put on the life of righteousness and holiness of His truth as we would a new garment. (Ephesians 4:24) Since we are one with Christ, we have His life. We are not trying to get it; we already have it. Now we can express it.**

**5. Notice the differences between the old garment and the new garment:**

### **OLD GARMENT**

**Falsehood is an old garment**

**Sinful anger is an old garment**

**Stealing is an old garment**

**Unwholesome words are old garments**

### **NEW GARMENT**

**Truth is a new garment. (Ephesians 4:25)**

**Repentance is a new garment. (Ephesians 4:26)**

**Working and giving are new garments. (Ephesians 4:28)**

**Edifying words are new garments. (Ephesians 4:29)**

**If we grieve the Holy Spirit, we won't put on the new garment, because our minds will be darkened. (Ephesians 4:30)**

**6. All negative responses to others must be laid aside, and forgiveness and kindness are to be put on instead. We can do that now because Jesus has given us His mercy. (Ephesians 4:32)**