



RETURN TO ME

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1. GOD'S CRY THROUGH THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 3:6-7

⁶ The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: “Have you seen what **backsliding Israel has done**? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.

⁷ And I said, after she had done all these *things*, ‘**Return to Me.**’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

Zechariah 1:3-4

³ Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: **“Return to Me,”** says the LORD of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ “Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: **“Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”**’ But they did not hear nor heed Me,” says the LORD.

Joel 2:12-13

¹² “Now, therefore,” says the LORD,
“**Turn to Me with all your heart,**
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

¹³ So rend your heart, and not your garments;
Return to the LORD your God,
For He *is* gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.

A stylized illustration in shades of orange and yellow. In the background, a dog stands on a hill. In the foreground, a person is shown from the waist up, holding a large, rectangular stone tablet with a face on it. The scene is set against a dark, reddish-brown background.

2. RETURN FROM IDOLATRY

**GREATER MATURITY
& INCREASED FRUITFULNESS**

Amos 5:4-6

⁴ For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:

“**Seek Me and live;**

⁵ But **do not seek Bethel,**

Nor enter Gilgal,

Nor pass over to Beersheba;

For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,

And Bethel shall come to nothing.

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, ...

Psalm 1:1-3

³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

Joshua 1:6-8

8 ... For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Exodus 15:26

26 ... For **I am the LORD** who **heals you.**”

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3. SEEK THE LORD & LIVE

Psalm 1:1-3

¹ Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

² But his **delight** *is* in the **law of the LORD**,
And in **His law** he **meditates day and night**.

³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

Joshua 1:7-8

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may **observe to do according to all the law which Moses** My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left**, that **you may prosper wherever you go**.

⁸ This **Book of the Law** shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it **day and night**, that you may **observe to do according to all that is written in it**. For **THEN you will make your way prosperous**, and **THEN you will have good success**.

Exodus 15:26

²⁶ and said, “**If you diligently heed** the voice of the LORD your God and **do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments** and **keep all His statutes**, **I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.**”

Hosea 6:1-3

¹ **Come, and let us return to the LORD;**
For He has torn, but He will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

² After two days He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may **live** in His sight.

³ Let us know,
Let us pursue the **knowledge of the LORD.**
His going forth is established as the morning;
He will come to us like the rain,
Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

Luke 24:27, 44

²⁷ And beginning at **Moses** and **all the Prophets**,
He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things
concerning **Himself**.

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I
spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must
be fulfilled which were written in **the Law of Moses**
and ***the Prophets*** and ***the Psalms*** concerning **Me**.”