



## LEAVING EARTH

### “We All Need Some R&R”

*Acts 3:17-26*  
August 30, 2015

#### God’s Reign & Our Responsibility

- ✓ God Pronounced It Would Happen This Way  
*Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10; John 5:39*
- ✓ Man’s Part in the Process  
*Acts 2:23; Genesis 50:20*  
God’s Plan Will Always Prevail.

#### Our Response to God – Repent & Return

- ✓ Repentance: A Change of Our Thinking That Changes the Core of Our Living.  
*2 Kings 17:13; Jeremiah 8:4-5; Ezekiel 14:6; Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17 Luke 3:8; Acts 26:19-20*  
*Matthew 11:21-24; Luke 16:30-31; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Romans 2:4; Acts 17:30-31*
- ✓ Return: Going Back to What You Know is Right  
*Luke 15:11-32*
- ✓ Repentance Results in Refreshment & Restoration  
*Acts 2:38*

#### God’s Response To Us

- ✓ He Brings Times of Refreshment to Our Lives
- ✓ He Will Forgive Our Sin

*Colossians 2:14; Psalm 51:9; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22 Acts 5:31; 10:43; Ephesians 1:7*

- ✓ His Kingdom Will Come  
*Isaiah 11:6-10; 35:1-10; Matthew 24:14*
- ✓ The Messiah Will Return
- ✓ Judgement Can Be Avoided  
*Deuteronomy 18:15,19; 1 Samuel 3:20*
- ✓ Blessings Will Be Realized  
*Romans 9:3-5; 1:16; Luke 24:47*

#### How Can Times of Refreshment Come Into My Life?

##### 1. **Spiritual: Seek His Face**

Daily connection. Face to face.

*Exodus 33:11; Psalm 27:8; Matthew 17:1-2*

##### 2. **Strategic Solitude; Alone With a Goal**

*Matthew 14:23; Mark 6:31*

##### 3. **Physical: Diet, Exercise and Laughter**

##### 4. **Mental: No screen zone & enjoyable diversion**

To go someplace you’ve never been, you will have to do something you’ve never done.

##### **This week I will refresh:**

Spiritually by

Physically by

Mentally by

## THE ACTS: LEAVING EARTH

“We All Need Some R & R”

*Acts 3:17-26*

August 30, 2015 AM Service

Great message right before Labor Day – it’s only been a month of a school and we are all in need of some R & R!!

Review where we are and what has happened.

Crippled guy healed – Peter makes sure they know that this happened in the name of Jesus and gave Jesus all the credit – the glory and pointed people to the one who could change them too!

### God’s Reign & Our Responsibility

#### ✓ **God Pronounced It Would Happen This Way**

Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10; John 5:39

#### ✓ **Man’s Part in the Process** – They had no idea what they were doing – their sinful ways – God knew and took into account and was all part of God’s Plan *Acts 2:23; Genesis 50:20*

Peter doesn’t let them off the hook because remember back to what He had just said- this Jesus whom you crucified – you delivered Him up, you disowned Him and asked that the Prince of Life be put to death but he offers them great hope.

You acted in ignorance & the rulers - Responsibility

God had prophesied it would happen this way

#### **God’s Plan Will Always Prevail**

**ILLUS: Inspector Oso: Disney Channel – All part of the plan, well sort of** – not the way God’s plan unfolds.

This is great news! We can trust and rest in this truth today no matter what is happening in our lives, in our world, in our circumstances, God is Sovereign on His Throne and He’s got it under control!

### **Our Response to God – Repent & Return** - Rest & Relaxation

Not Regret or Remorse - False sorrow for sin could be mere regret ("I'm sorry I got caught!") or remorse ("I feel terrible!"); and such feelings have a tendency to Pass away.

✓ **Repentance: a Change of Our Thinking That Changes the Core of Our Living.**

“Therefore repent at once, instantly changing your attitude, and perform a right-about-face in order that your sins may be obliterated, in order that there may come epoch-making periods of spiritual revival and refreshment from the presence of the Lord,” (Wuest)

“Now change your mind and attitude to God and turn to him” (TLB)

“So change the way you think and act, and turn to God to have your sins removed.” ( GOD'S WORD)

“So you must change your hearts and lives! Come back to God” NCV

"Now it's time to change your ways!" (THE MESSAGE)

*2 Kings 17:13; Jeremiah 8:4-5; Ezekiel 14:6; Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17*

*Luke 3:8; Acts 26:19-20 / Matthew 11:21-24; Luke 16:30-31; 2*

*Corinthians 7:9-10; Romans 2:4; Acts 17:30-31*

Not Condemnation but Conviction

✓ **Return: Going Back to What You Know is Right** *Luke 15:11-32*

Flee back to the Lord – run back to Him – His arms are wide open waiting for you. Whether as a lost person or as a Christ a Follower who has wandered off the path.

✓ **Repentance Results in Refreshment & Restoration** *Acts 2:38*

Feeling of a cool breeze – when’s summer’s fading into Fall - we just experienced some of that this past week – Adam and Eve walked in the cool of the morning with the Lord.

True refreshment is a cool breeze without frogs. – Exodus 8:15

“Presence of Jehovah” Song

**God’s Response To Us**

✓ **He Brings Times of Refreshment to Our Lives**

Notice it is the Lord who brings the refreshment – we can’t bring it but we do put ourselves in a place where it can come. Some of us in this room today, right now desperately need that refreshment from the Lord!

✓ **He Will Forgive Our Sin** – Sins blotted out, wiped away

*Colossians 2:14; Psalm 51:9; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22 Acts 5:31; 10:43;*

*Ephesians 1:7*

God will literally wipe away our sins, a picture in baptism, God didn't just put white out on it, he erased it, our sins are deleted! gone!

**ILLUS: Cell phone and SIM card**

Folks this is great news, it is why we must understand that bad news, that makes this such good news. You don't have to carry around that sin and guilt, God is ready and able to forgive your sins and clean you from all unrighteousness!

**ILLUS: It Is Well** – “My sin, o the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!”

✓ **The Kingdom Will Come**

*Isaiah 11:6-10; 35:1-10; Matthew 24:14*

God has already set into motion his kingdom, and that kingdom begin with the death and resurrection of the Messiah and now looking forward to that time of incredible refreshing, where we will be in the presence of the Lord, truly, face to face. The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ and the setting up of His kingdom on this earth

✓ **The Messiah Will Return**

And this will come with Christ's return, not as a Servant this time, but as Scripture tells us as a triumphant and conquering King!

He will return and set up this kingdom

And a reminder to them, the prophets had been telling of this for hundreds of years!

✓ **Judgement Can Be Avoided**

*Deuteronomy 18:15,19; 1 Samuel 3:20*

Judgment can be avoided, if you will not do like your forefathers did and reject the message of the prophets, but you have more than that, you have heard about the Messiah and many of you have seen him and heard him.

It has been announced all the way back to Samuel of the Messiah, and that you must receive and for those who do reject him, will be utterly destroyed.

Jesus fulfilled all these prophecies right down to the last one

✓ **Blessings Will Be Realized**

*Romans 9:3-5; 1:16; Luke 24:47*

Here speaking to the Jewish people, you are heirs to this covenant blessing, more so than any other generation because the Messiah had come in their lifetime.

Here Peter was preaching in Jerusalem to the Jews first, just as Jesus had told them to do, and the question is what would they do with what they were hearing, would they respond.

## **How Can Times of Refreshment Come Into My Life?**

### **1 Spiritual: Seek His face**

Daily connection. Face to face.

*Exodus 33:11; Psalm 27:8; Matthew 17:1-2*

Too often we are just seeking His hands and not His face – I just want the stuff – do what I need or what I want – seek His face over His hands!

**ILLUS: Who Can Touch Your Face – shake a lot of people’s hands – intimacy comes when we touch someone’s face – nobody does mine except my bride - Use Matthew Hopkins as an illustration**

A Holy God says seek my face – touch my face – see it

### **2. Strategic solitude; alone with a goal**

*Matthew 14:23; Mark 6:31*

### **3. Physical: Diet, Exercise and Laughter**

### **4. Mental: No Screen Zone & Enjoyable Diversion**

**To go someplace you’ve never been, you will have to do something you’ve never done.**

**This week I will refresh:**

Spiritually by

Physically by

Mentally by