



“RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD!”

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Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers through the prophets . . . HEBREWS 1:1 ESV

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6 ESV

“And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.” HOSEA 11:7 KJV; 14:4; 2 KINGS 17:13-14

WHAT?

1. _____ to the Lord your God!

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart.” JOEL 2:12 ESV

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. MALACHI 3:7 ESV; ZECHARIAH 1:3 ESV

True repentance starts with an _____ of the mind and heart.

Repentance is a _____ for the believer in Jesus.

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” MATTHEW 4:17 ESV; 12:41; LUKE 5:32, 13:3

HOW?

1. With _____ not _____ sorrow.

. . . with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts not your garments.” JOEL 2:12-13 ESV; 2:15-17

Godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10 ESV

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. PSALM 51:17 ESV

WHY?

1. Because _____ has consequences.

2. Because the Lord wants to _____.

“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?” JOEL 2:13-14 ESV

God always remains true to His _____.

WHEN?

1. Return to the Lord your God _____! LUKE 15:11-32