

Return to Me
God's Gracious Response
Joel 2:18-27

Question: Why should we return to the LORD?

I. The LORD's Response Announced (vs. 18-19a)

II. The LORD's Response Described (vs. 19b-24)

- A. Refreshment (19b)
- B. Protection (20)
- C. Call to Rejoice (21-24)
 - 1. The Land and the Animals to Rejoice (21-22)
 - 2. The People to Be Glad and Rejoice (23-24)

III. The LORD's Restoration Promised (vs. 25-26)

IV. The LORD's Reason Given (vs. 27)

Answer: For He alone will satisfy our deepest longings; He alone can restore the lost years; and He alone is God!

Point to Ponder: Have you wandered from the Lord? What is stopping you from returning to Him? Our God loves you more than you love yourself; He knows you better than you know yourself; and His plan for you is better than your wildest dreams. He alone can satisfy our deepest longings, restore the lost years, and provide us with a reason to be glad and rejoice!

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Return to Me* by considering **Joel 2:28-32** 'God's Spirit Poured Out.'

