

Miracles Then & Now | Restoration
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Restoration

The biblical meaning of the word “**restoration**” is to receive back more than has been lost to the point where the final state is greater than the original condition. The main point is that someone or something is improved beyond measure.

2 Kings 5:1-14 The Healing of Naaman

1 The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the Lord had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

*9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: “Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. **Then your skin will be restored**, and you will be healed of your leprosy.”*

11 But Naaman became angry and stalked away. “I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me!

14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!

Joel 2:25

*25 And I will **restore or replace** for you the years that the locust has eaten—the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you.*

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

sōzō

1. to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
 - a. one (from injury or peril)
 - b. to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, **restore to health**
 - c. to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue

2. to save in the technical biblical sense
 - a. negatively, a) to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment; to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24

22 and stay away from everything that is evil.

23 We pray that God himself, the God of peace, will make you pure—belonging only to him.

*We pray that your **whole self—spirit, soul, and body**—will be kept safe and be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes. 24 The one who chose you will do that for you. You can trust him.*

Luke 17:19

And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

Challenge

1. What is your “leprosy”?
2. Where are you being tested to see if you will remain dependent on Him alone to bring restoration into your life?
3. What has the Lord been instructing you to do that you might be resisting Him?
4. Your faith will make you whole!