


# Note

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Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God created the world.	Genesis 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam & Eve	Gen 1~5
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10
Before 2100 BC	Job Elihu	Job
About 2000 BC <b>Era of Patriarchs</b>	Abraham Isaac & Ishmael Jacob & Esau Joseph	Gen 11~50
About 1500 BC~ 1000 BC <b>Era of prophets</b>	Moses Aaron Joshua	Exo Lev Num Deu
	Joshua	Joshua
	Judges(Othniel Ehud Shamgar Deborah Gideon Tola Jair Jephthah Ibzan Elon Abdon Samson) Abimelech	Judges
	Ruth Boaz Naomi	Ruth
	Eli Samuel Saul David	1 Samuel
About 1000 BC <b>Era of princes</b>	Saul Jonathan David Absalom Solomon	1 Samuel 2 Samuel
	Solomon Jeroboam Rehoboam Ahab Elijah Elisha Jehu	1 kings
	Ahab Hezekiah Manasseh Josiah Elisha Jehu Elijah	2 kings
	Saul David Solomon	1 Chronicles
	Solomon Rehoboam Asa Jehoshaphat Jehoram Joash Hezekiah Josiah	2 Chronicles
About 500 BC <b>Era of priests</b>	Zerubbabel Ezra Nehemiah Haggai Zechariah	Ezra Nehemiah
	Esther Mordecai Haman Ahasuerus	Esther
	Isaiah Ahaz Hezekiah	Isaiah
	Jeremiah Baruch Zedekiah	Jeremiah
	Jeremiah	Lamentation
	Ezekiel	Ezekiel
	Daniel Nebuchadnezzar Belshazzar	Daniel
	Hosea	Hosea
Joel	Joel 	

# Summary

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Joel's message transcends it's time, to expound on the very nature of God and the expectation upon His chosen people. In its three chapters, Joel laments the just **judgement** of God against His **rebellious** people but goes on to reveal the heart of the Father that desires genuine **repentance**, only to bestow **restoration** and great **blessings** on His people. He will **protect** His own forever, He will **avenge** them their enemies.

### Key points

- **Chapter 1: Devastation**
  - i) God's judgement inflicts devastation in the Promised Land through what is described as a locust invasion.
  - ii) Joel calls for national repentance but this call is ignored by the stiff-necked people
- **Chapter 2: Repeat Attack, Repentance and Restoration**
  - i) Israel succumbs to another devastating attack by the enemy
  - ii) Sin is an act of rebellion against God that begets judgment. The way back to God is through rending of the heart in genuine repentance.
  - iii) Joel reminds Israel to cry out to its God. He goes on to rebuke Israel for its "outward act" of repentance and explains that God desires the inward, genuine change of heart.
  - iv) God grants total restoration for true repentance – His steadfast love is demonstrated in His gracious and merciful desire to bless His people and remain in fellowship with them always.
  - v) Interestingly, Joel also prophesises two monumental events to come: (1) Manifestation and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, (2) Cosmic signs depicting the second coming of the Messiah.
  - vi) This chapter concludes with the reminder that anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- **Chapter 3: Blessing and Protection**
  - i) Beyond restoration, out of His steadfast love, He blesses His chosen abundantly.
  - ii) Joel issues a stern warning to the enemies of Israel that God will hold them accountable for the pain and suffering inflicted on His people.

# Transcript

## Joel – Part 1 of 1

Today we come to the book of Joel.

Tiny book, just three chapters, but a powerful book and really an important book for some very wonderful truths about God.

Now the prophet Joel, not much is known of him, in fact nothing is known of him except himself and his father, whose name is his father. Exactly which era he lived in is still debatable. And the actual event that he is talking about or the events that he's talking about in this book are still debatable. So it's not very clear where he lived and exactly what sin and what national problem he's addressing, we don't know. I think it is purposeful that we don't know because then it will not be seen to apply to a particular event, sort of locked into, they did that, therefore they got it, but rather this can apply to us.

In other words, when it's not specific for a particular group of people, then maybe God wants us to see as something as general principles. And actually, this book has lots of wonderful general principles in three chapters. Now, the book is largely, of course, like many prophetic books, many, it's almost 99% poetry. And again, in poetry, it's good to listen and get the feel of it.

So, since it's such a short book, we can actually go into almost like a bible, typical Bible study of a book where we go actually to the chapter and the verses. So far, we sort of run through except in Genesis, a little bit. The rest we tried to cover entire books because our goal is not to provide another Bible study. Our goal is to help you connect the books. So, since it's such a short book, let's just look at it like a more or less a typical Bible study. Look at your Bibles. If you have your Bibles, take them out.

In Joel chapter 1:1-12, we see here, an event that has taken place maybe not too long ago, a locust invasion. Now locust are things that happened commonly, I won't say commonly, often in Africa, generally and much more rare outside of Africa and pretty rare in the promised land. But this time, this event he is describing in Chapter One was a locust invasion in the promised land, because that's pretty rare. So, when something rare

happens to specifically just God's people, then Joel is telling them, just realize this could be God's judgment upon you, your nation for some national sin.

So when something happens in a unique way, we begin to ask ourselves, Oh, God, is that a judgment against God's people? You know, I've been asked right now, is the COVID-19 situation and people are saying, is this God's judgment against Christians who are not, you know, faithful to God? I said, it's hard to say that because if it's God's judgment against God's people, why is the whole world getting it? It's a pandemic that affect. So if it just affects Israel and not the surrounding countries, then you have say, Oh, okay, maybe it is God's judgment against God's people.

More important is, has this event been prophesied that it will come. So, if it is just for attacking God's people and as they prophesied to come, then we can more likely say, I think this is a judgment for us as God's people or for Israel as God's people.

Of course, number three is to be kind of like a unique thing, not very common and locusts invasion in Israel was definitely not common. It's interesting this morning before I prepared this, while I was preparing this Bible study, I saw a news item there in our local national newspaper that desert locusts are invading India. Not so common and it's quite far from Africa, the winds blow but it's affecting, and I just look at some of the data, is very scary. It's almost like I'm reading Joel.

It says one square kilometer of desert locusts can eat the food that 35,000 people eat per day. So the one square kilometer of locusts, which can contain one square kilometer, can contain about 50 million locusts. And that one square kilometer of locusts passing through the land in one day will eat what is the food of 35,000 people. Now, of course, one square kilometer of locusts is not much, they can come in hundreds of square kilometers. So can you imagine the devastation? They swarm in in one day, they just eat every green vegetation in the land, from weeds, to the bark of the tree, to grass to everything and literally leaves not one drop of green vegetation in the entire land.

So, this is actually described in Joel chapter 1:1-12, how is nothing left, not even grain for the temple worship. Not even a little grapes to make wine for the temple offerings. That's how horrendous when Israel had this invasion of locusts. Wiped out, whole land was wiped out, literally locusts eat

everything that is edible, any green, any vegetation so it literally leaves nothing behind, not even the little weed or a tiny piece of bark left behind, the trees just left raw stump. So, that's the scene number one.

Then in chapter 1, the second part, 13, verses 13 to 20, there's a call for national repentance, they realize. Joel calls the elders, come on repent, we need to repent. We have sinned against God. We don't know what the sin is, there are a lot of speculation, don't bother your mind with it. But as a people that have sinned against God, so all the people are supposed to gather and repent, but it appears they didn't really repent.

Now, that's quite, not unusual, that's not unusual. When something happens to us one time, you know what, typically most people would say, I think it's not God. I think it's just one of those things, you know, that can happen. Life is like that and they try to brush it aside. They try to ignore the fact that they have sinned. It's just like, what to do. So, it appears that the call that Joel made for repentance was not seriously taken by the people.

So, what happens in chapter 2 is, verse 1, chapter 2:1-11, a repeat attack. They didn't repent so God repeats it. Now this time when you read chapter 2:1-11, you'll begin to say, is this really a locust attack or is this a army attacking, but an army that attacks like locusts? What do I mean by that? You see, the Babylonian army of all armies in history. I can almost say that in history, the Babylonian army practiced for the first time what is called a scorched earth policy, scorched earth. When they attacked a land, the early Babylonians arrived; when they attacked the land, they wanted to terrify the people.

And often they would kill everything in the land, not just the soldiers, they kill the women, the children, they will kill the animals, they even kill the trees just to terrify the people. So that neighbouring nations when they hear Babylon was coming, they just say surrender, surrender, don't do this to us. We'll never recover from this if you do this to us. So it could be, instead a repeat here may not be locusts, but an army that behaves like locusts because it does sound like an army when you read it. The people, they walk in rank, it is marching in order, I don't know. Whatever it is, there was a repeat devastation of Israel. So, we didn't repent. God judge us again.

And then in the second part of chapter 2, chapter 2:12-17, there is another call to repentance. And this time they are told, please don't do repentance like the first time in chapter one where you pretended to do repentance,

you probably tore your shirts, you know Jews would rip their clothes when they are repenting. Show you how sad they are, they put dust on their head.

But God tells them in chapter 2, let me just read it to you, verses 12 -13, this is what true repentance should be. So, this is what Joel is teaching his people because the Jews up to this point, tended to do a lot of things, what I call ceremonially, ritually, just like Christians today. They will go to church ceremonially, they're actually not really worshiping but it's habitual. They just go, almost all religions are like that. People's hearts are actually in the golf course, or in the restaurant, but they go to church, you know, the heart is not there. So, Joel is telling their repentance is not what you do with your shirt or the dust you put on your head, ashes you put on your head, but repentance is a change of your heart. It is a heart crying out and said, "Oh no, why did I do this, I should never have done this."

So, let's look at chapter 2, verses 12 to 13. "Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, not return to Me in your body. Not come to church every Sunday on time. Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning and rend your heart, rend means tear your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Remember that word, steadfast love we learn in Hosea or loving kindness if you read another version of the Bible. It is that special love that God has for His people. It's a loyal love, love plus loyalty, not love for a moment. Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and He relents over disaster.

So, I hope you begin to see a lot of lessons here. What God wants to see is our heart. Repentance is not saying a sinner's prayer. There's a lot of people going around, there's a lot of professing Christians that have said, "I've repented, I said the sinner's prayer, I told you that how many times, why do you ask me that? I said the sinner's prayer, how many times already, five times I said the sinner's prayer." Their idea of repentance is when they are led to the Lord by some evangelist and said, you want to repent of your sins, just follow me in this prayer. Say it from your heart, I'm sorry, God, I'm a sinner, please forgive me and I trust Jesus as my Savior and Hallelujah, you are a believer.

That is just like your shirt being torn, it's just your mouth being moved because there's a counselor there. There's a guy who's kind of logical, persuasive. He's a nice guy, you don't want to offend him. He asked you to

say, you say. And then we say, whoa, he's a believer. He has repented and trusted Jesus as his Savior and then we bring him in as if he's a child of God. And then he sins and then we come up with new theology that you know, a Christian, actually there are two types of Christian, one very serious one and one not so serious who just goes on sinning and sinning. That's all total nonsense, total nonsense. So, Joel says rend your heart, you know what's repentance and the Jews say of course I know what's repentance. Go to the temple, rip your shirt off, throw dust and ashes on your head and howl and mourn for one whole day and that is called national repentance. And Joel said, nonsense.

So today, thousands of years after this, probably 3000 years already or 2500 years or whatever, it's still the same. We don't even understand the word repentance. Repentance is a change of heart. Oh my God, why am I like that? I really sin, I didn't realize all those things were sin. I didn't realize how many sins I have, I don't realize I sin every day. I don't realize I almost sin every hour. Not the "Oh ya, I sin, thank you God, forgive me my sins", no big deal.

So, this is a very important lesson. He says, if you just rend your heart, learn something, God is compassionate and another fact that He is slow to anger, I like that. You know, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger. You know, we see all these judgments who read judgment, judgment, judgment, judgment, and we say, Woah God judges like that. Ya, God judges hard but God takes a long time before His anger reaches that point. This is thousands over years of dealing with the children of Israel. Do you know how slow to anger God is? And people don't realize, they say, I've sinned but God hasn't done anything. So, Ok I'm alright, I'm alright, just like the foolish Israelites. We worship the golden calf, we are prosperous, God's not doing anything. It's okay. Really? Really? Do you know, God is not ok. God is just slow to anger but when He comes, it will be like the locusts, wipe you out, you can't stand up anymore.

So, important truth, rend your hearts, turn it 180 degrees, rest repentance, total turn of heart to see yourself as a rotten, stinking, hopeless sinner headed for hell. That's the picture you have to understand. Not "Oh ya, God I'm a sinner, I realized I'm a sinner, please forgive me. I trust Jesus as my Savior", and then you go out and have a cup of coffee after that. And so, we have all kinds of new kinds of Christians that have different layers, not even believers.

Then, in chapter 2 verse 18-27, we see the beautiful part after repentance, it is recovery. The door to God's blessing, back to God, the door back to God is repentance. True realization, what you did is not a small thing, it's not embarrassing, it's rebellion against God, it is staring God in the face and say, why can't I do it? It's like a little kid telling his parents, why can't I do it? It's nothing, everybody does it. Dad don't you understand that? You know when you see a kid doing that to his father or even if he does it in a subtle way, like, why, why can't I do it? Everybody does it, it's not a big deal, dad. You know, you get so angry when you see a kid behaving that way to his dad. And then we do that to God. But when there's true repentance, there is total recovery. And that's another beautiful lesson. How wonderful, how big and wide, how welcoming the door is after we repent.

And let's see the result of repentance in chapter 2 verse 18 to 27. Let's just read verse 25. Chapter 2:25 when they had repentance. This is what God says, "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, My great army which I sent among you." What did God say? When you say sorry, I will restore. I will get back, give back to you all that was destroyed before. Total restoration.

You know there are many people whose lives have been very bad, very messed up, and they come to God today, truly repent. So sorry for it, but they can never believe that those wasted years which the locusts have eaten, that's a picture. You messed up, the locust ate up those years, will ever be restored. They see it, Oh no, my life has been so terrible, I've been so arrogant, I rebelled against God and I don't ever believe those years will ever be restored to me. I wasted those years totally.

I used to be like that, I became a believer at 33. I said, God, all those years I was arrogant, I was, I was rebellious against you. You know what? Now I realized God has more than restored those 33 years of wasted life. He turned all the mistakes I made into lessons that are useful for me in my ministry today. Mistakes become life lessons. Dumb things I did became experiences that I can use in my preaching, in my teaching, in my empathy and sympathy to others. He restored to me the wasted years. Wow, it was not wasted in repentance. He restores. I will restore to you all that locust ate in your folly and in your sin.

So, I hope today that if we have lives that were really terrible before, remember this, God not just forgives, forgets but restores. Turns the bad stuff in your true repentance to good stuff for your future. Hard to believe.



Usually when people forgive you, it's okay, okay, no big deal. But the old stuff is still a baggage on you because, you know, it's not taken away, it's still like wasted years. No, no it's not. So now let's go on and see this little book has so much truth, small and powerful book of Joel.

Then chapter 2, verse 28 and 29 comes up with some amazing blessings that totally boggle the Israelites who heard Joel's prophecy. I don't think they got it. They couldn't understand, it was very, very amazing. Chapter 2 verse 28 to 29, "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit." I don't think they understood it. They said, well, You just restored us, what the locust has eaten up. That's already enough, Lord. But He said no, no, I want to give you more. You truly repent, I want to give you more. Oh, what's that? I'll pour out my Spirit and they all look like, what's that?

You see, for the Israelites, the Holy Spirit was only temporarily given to a few selected people like David and he wrote the psalm, you know, like Solomon, and he was asked to rule in the spirit of wisdom, like Samson and the Spirit of power, but it could come, it could go. It came temporarily to certain people like drops of rain and just took on some people and then it dried up after that. But He says no, I will pour out my Spirit one day on all My people. On who? David, Solomon, Samson. No, no, no, on all people. All people you mean all the smart people? No, no, no. He goes on to say, even your male servants and your female servants, your little ones. In other words, one day, everyone who repents of his sin, who calls on the Lord will have the Holy Spirit in his heart. You mean the uneducated one too, yes, illiterate also, yes. You mean they will have God's Spirit living in them? Yes.

Today Christian, if you have truly trusted Jesus, you have the greatest gift that anyone on earth can have. There're a lot of people wish my father give me an inheritance. You know, I wish I was born in the right family, I have the right inheritance. You know it'll really make my life so different. Let me tell you, your Father, when you were born again into His kingdom, gave you the greatest inheritance. He poured out His Spirit on you, He lives in you now. If you're a believer, realize you have the greatest inheritance of all. Envy none. All the other stuff can fill your pocket, can, you know, make you look better, showy etc and never change your life, can be a

burden. But be filled with Your spirit, so I love that. You know Peter quoted this on the day of Pentecost, Acts chapter 2.

What I'm going to read now in Joel, I'm going to read now. Joel chapter 2 verse 28-32. Joel chapter 2 verse 28 to 32 is quoted almost word by word by Peter on the day of Pentecost, maybe 700 years later. In Acts chapter 2 verse 17- 21. Acts chapter 2 verse 17-21, Peter said, when Pentecost, people were speaking in tongues, tongues again, I repeat, is another language. Not brrrr brrrr brrrr, that's not tongues. It is a literal language, not babbling that drunkards babble or people who are drunk with ego babble. It is a literal language in Acts chapter 2.

In Acts chapter 2, when people were doing amazing things, how can you speak in a foreign language? It takes years to learn a foreign language, I struggle as a missions guy, I struggle to learn a foreign language and after years I can't even speak it properly. But in moments, these people spoke like 14 languages. The people in Jerusalem in Pentecost were saying, at Pentecost were saying, what's happening? And Peter said, that's what Joel prophesied, the Spirit is come upon them. They can do amazing things, they can speak foreign languages which they never learned before.

So that's the tongue, that's really the gift, I believe in the gift of tongues. I wish I had the gift of tongues but not the gift of babbling. Now as a missions guy, what better, I don't need a translator every time I stand in a foreign country and teach, you can preach heart to heart in the language but I can't. I don't have that gift of tongues, I wish I had it. So, people said, do you believe in the gift of tongues? Of course, it's in the book of Acts. But I don't have it and I can't fake it, I don't want to fake it. I can babble, I mean, I babbled when I was a baby. And if I was a drunkard, I could babble but I don't want to fake it.

Now, then he goes on to say, there will be in Joel chapter 2 verse 30 - 31, there will be signs and I will show wonders. Joel chapter 2 verse 30, "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes." I don't think this event has yet come. There are foreshadowings of this event and when Jesus was on the cross, there was darkness for hours but it's not exactly what's described here. I believe when the Lord comes again we will see this.

You see, prophecy is sometimes you know, I told you, we call it prophetic telescoping. When he saw one mountain, there was another mountain, they actually see two events. But if you stand before two mountains, one shorter than the other, one before the other, in a telescope, they almost look like one mountain. You can't see the valley between the two mountains, it's blocked by the first mountain.

So, Joel saw actually, another event. Pentecost was the first one, people spoke in tongues, wondrous things were done by the people who have the Holy Spirit, healings everywhere. Not in stadiums, everywhere. Then, but Joel also saw another event. This event when the sun, the moon, would be greatly affected, that's probably the next coming of Christ. But the Jews didn't know there were two comings. They know the King is coming, they know He's coming in two stages.

And then chapter 2 verse 32, beautiful doctrine from my good friend, Joel. He's really a gospel preacher. Chapter 2 verse 32 Joel, "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." I like that. That's the gospel, man. That's the gospel in a nutshell. What's the gospel? You stop smoking, you stop drinking, you're good guy. That's how we preach the gospel. You must stop sinning and then believe in Jesus, absolute nonsense. You believe in Jesus, you will stop sinning, you will want to turn from your sins. When you see yourself as a sinner and you see your only hope is the Savior, I'm a sinner, I'm going to hell. What do you do when you're drowning? What do you do? You call for help, that's all it is.

So, salvation is nothing more than God opening your eyes and seeing how rotten you are, how hopeless you are, how condemned you are. Your heart used to think, I'm a good guy, I'm not that bad lah, Pastor, I'm not that bad. I'm okay. I'm not like others. But one day, there's a change of mind. Repentance is a change of your mind. You suddenly realize I'm evil, I'm condemned, I'm a sinner, I'm a rebel against God. And then you know what? I'm going to hell and what do you do when you're going to hell? You call on the name of the Lord, that's salvation. Not like, Oh, you come to church, you read the Bible and then after that, you say the sinner's prayer, you will be a believer.

That's how we groom professing Christians, who fail our churches and we are baffled. Why Christianity is so rotten. Why our churches are full of gossip and ego, even so-called leaders, small things, they leave church

because they were slighted. You know, they can't forgive one another, they say, they're shallow Christians. Really? I don't know. Are they even believers with this kind of behavior? You see, because when we don't understand Joel. Joel is saying, you know how you get saved? When you call on the name of your Lord. It's not you're told to say something. You know, what's the call on the name of someone? If you are helpless, you're being robbed, you call on the police, police. Police, help. That's what you call. You're not saying ah you know; this is what you must do, right? You say police police right? No.

So, in these few verses are the doctrines in Joel actually this little book, you will learn some important things. Now all of that Peter, what I just read to you in Joel. Peter has said in Acts chapter 2 verse 17 - 21, just read it. Peter just repeats what Joel says.

Then we come to Joel chapter 3, which is the valley of decision. Now there is actually a valley in Jerusalem just on the east side of Jerusalem, there's a valley. Jerusalem is on a mountain, valley after that is the Kidron Valley. And actually, it's full of Jewish graves. The Jews like to bury the people there because they believe that on the Day of Resurrection, that's where this God will make His decision. That's why it's called a valley of decision in this chapter. In the present Valley in Israel is called the valley of judgment, we call it the valley of judgment. And when the day of resurrection, God makes His decision there about these people buried there, where they will go in eternity and scattered like their belief. So, it's full of graves, where people are like a choice spot, you know, you get the first deal on the Day of Resurrection.

But in this chapter 3, it's not about that. This chapter 3 is saying to the nations that attacked Israel, when Israel was weak, took advantage of God's people when they were weak. And chapter 3 deals with those nations that took advantage of His people.

So, chapter 3 verse 1 - 16 is part about the valley of decision. And so, remember any nation that attacks Israel, in its moment of weakness and many countries doing it now. They will really, really pay for it. Be careful. Never touch the child of a powerful Father. I'm not talking about theology. I'm talking about common sense.

If you believe there's a God, don't touch His children. If you believe that there's a king, don't go poke the eye of the prince. Unless you would like to

be slaughtered. Now the last part of chapter 3 verse 16 - 21 is the restoration of Israel. Description, beautiful, that garden of Eden, these few verses. Israel one day will be restored right back.

I believe that God never divorces Israel. Israel has turned from God. But God's loyal love, the word is steadfast love. I like that. Love that daddy till eternity to us part never, never. That's what I like about my salvation. It's eternal, any Christianity that says you can be saved, a child of God and cease to be a child of God when you sin, that's not Christianity. That's not the God I know. When I'm born into His family, I can lose fellowship with God. But, I cannot lose my eternal relationship with God, just like me and my father. As a child of my dad, whatever I do, I am always his child. But if I'm naughty, he ignores me. Dad, can I have \$1, Dad, can I go out? He just won't look at me. I didn't lose my relationship to my dad, for goodness sake, that cannot happen. Biologically, you understand medicine, the DNA I got from my dad is forever. I can change my blood at the blood bank every day. You know what happens? He's still my dad at the end of it all, it's still what dad gave to me. Every cell of mine cannot be changed, there's a stamp, belongs to papa, the DNA from my daddy.

Being born again, we have a DNA from God. It's forever, can't change, spiritual DNA. But fellowship can be broken. Many times, as a naughty kid, my dad ignored me. He didn't disown me, he couldn't, I'm his son. He can, I can change name, I can do everything but you know what, anybody who do a DNA test knows he's my dad.

Now, I hope that you see this book here and learn some useful lessons that are very powerful about God primarily. Number one, God works perfectly, when He judges it's like locusts. Be careful. When He whacks you, He can whack you hard. Be careful. He can whack His children hard. He won't disown but if you deserve that punishment, believe me. He will give it to you.

Number two, when you repent, He will restore you right back. The door back to God is called, there's the name on that door, it's called repentance. And as you open the door, you see a big welcome net, says welcome back son. And repentance is not a word. It's a change of mind, believing that what you thought was nothing, no big deal, use your mindset and you realize, you know why is the big deal? It's rebellion against God. It's not that you didn't hurt a lot of people, embarrass me, it's nothing to do with you. It's that, sin is rebellion against God. God said, don't, you did? He said

don't, you did. That's rebellion, it's when parents say, don't do that. Why can't I do it? Smack.

So, I hope you understand repentance leads to restoration plus benefits. You know, it's not how smart we are. It's how we learn to humble ourselves quickly and realize we rebel against God and say sorry quickly, not with your mouth but with your heart. Do it wholeheartedly and every sin is rebellion. It's not me, I didn't hurt anybody, just a white lie. Nobody even knows. It's a rebellion, that's what it is. You begin to see sin as rebellion against God. Then there's a change of mind because the whole world see sin as something that affects other people. Repentance is a change of mind, change of mind, Get it?

That sin is rebellion against God, not hurting others. Why should I go to hell? I never hurt anybody. You hurt God, that's number one. You know, it's like a kid says, I don't hurt anyone, but everyday irritate your father, everyday you rebel against him. I'm not a sinner. I just rebelled against my father. I never hurt anybody and my neighbour, I never threw stones, I never stole from him. You like a son like that.

So, I hope you learned this truth and also another important truth. God protects His kids. Don't fool around. Hope you learn these things about God in this little book. Slow to anger, compassionate, loves to see His children just come back humbly and say sorry, and I'm so sorry, and He restores. But if you don't, the locusts would eat you up. You child of God, you live this life, right, being punished, wondering why as a Christian, I have all these agonies in my life. I'm not saying every agony is because of sin but check your heart and see your life in the truth of this book. May you know God to this little book, know Him a little better. And may you be blessed.