

The Blessings of Wholehearted Repentance

Joel 2.1-32

1. Alarm bells are ringing, vs1-11

- *to warn of impending attack vs1-2*
by locusts 1.4,6-7
destructive vs 3-6
disciplined vs7-8
determined vs9-10
- *'natural disasters' foreshadow the*
end-time "Day of the Lord" vs1,11
Christ's legions of angels
Mat 13.41-42; 24.31

2. Repent while you can, vs13-17

- *what must we do? v12*
come back to God
more than calling for help 1.14
obedient fellowship

- **when must we do it? v12**
now! Acts 17.30
- **how must we do it? v12-13**
wholehearted, broken-hearted
more than gestures
1 Sam 16.7; Ps 51.10,17
- **why must we do it? v13-14**
God is merciful Ex 33.19-34.7
Ex 18,27-32; 2 Peter 3.9
- **who must do it? v15-17**
everyone! - young and old
God's reputation is at stake

3. God's abundant blessings, vs18-27

- ...are for those who repent v18**
a necessary condition 1 Pet 5.5
- **offerings for God v14; 1.13**
- **daily necessities v19 plenty!**
- **relief from enemies v20; 2 Thes 1.6f**

- **a renewed environment vs21-26**
Is 11.6-7; 2 Pet 3.13
glory greater than troubles
2 Cor 4.17-18

4. God's greatest gifts, vs28-32

- **His Holy Spirit vs28-29**
for seeing our spiritual riches
Eph 1.17-19
- **Eternal salvation vs30-32**
beyond cosmic upheavals
for those who accept Jesus
as their Saviour and Lord
Acts 2.37-39; Rom 10.12-13