

A Song of Restoration

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 104.
- B. God accepts us as we are and then sets to work to make us as we are.
- C. The psalmist describes both the works of God and the ways of God.

II. There are four testimonies in which God delivers from trouble.

A. The restless ones.

- 1. People are designed for cities because its where there is excitement and security.
- 2. God delivers people by leading them on the straightway.
- 3. God satisfies the thirsty and leads men to contentment.

B. Those that are held as prisoners by thoughts, ideas and attitudes.

- 1. They rebelled against God.
- 2. They spurned the counsel of men.
- 3. As a result, they found themselves bound by hard labor.
- 4. When they cried to God, they found the power to act.

C. Those that were sick—the neurotics—either literally sick or emotionally sick.

- 1. This is often an issue of wickedness.
- 2. God sent His Word and healed them.
- 3. This means He identified with them. God became flesh and dwelled among them.
- 4. Sacrifice always speaks of joyful service and this is how we express gratitude for God setting us free.

D. Those engaged in the normal practices of life when an overwhelming crisis arises.

- 1. God deliberately sends disaster and trouble to us because it gets our attention.
- 2. God knows that the most important thing to you is to hear His Word.
- 3. He turns it into prosperity, and then He uses prosperity.

III. The reaction of men.

A. The upright see it and are glad.

B. Think about how this relates to you, and how God loves you.

Application questions:

1. How does God help the restless?

2. How does God use His Word to heal? Explain.

3. What would you do to bring comfort to someone in a crisis differently, if at all, in light of the message? Why?
