

I. The Call to Return

- A. What must the people return from? (Colossians 3:5)
- B. What does returning look like? (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
- C. Why should we repent? (Proverbs 8:1, 4, 5; Psalm 107:43; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)

II. The Flourishing People

- A. Those who return become strong. (Mark 4:3-20; Isaiah 61:3)
- B. Those who return become beautiful.
 - 1. beautiful to look at (Song 2:1-2, 16; 4:5; 5:13; 6:2-3; 7:2)
 - 2. beautiful to smell (Song 1:12; 2:13; 4:10-11; 7:13; John 12:3; 2 Corinthians 2:14, 16)
 - 3. beauty that promises good fruit (Psalm 104:15; 128:3)
 - 4. beauty that attracts others to God (1 Peter 2:12)
- C. Those who return become abundant. (Psalm 72:16)

III. The Evergreen Tree

- A. How? (Isaiah 41:10, 13; Genesis 48:17; Exodus 17:12)
- B. God is protection. (Psalm 91:4-6; John 6:37)
- C. God is life. (Revelation 22:1-2)