

All Life Is Sacred Series
Why The Incarnation Matters: Restoration
Lamentations 5:19-22

- I. Repairing The Broken
 - A. When humanity, by God’s grace, has recognized its fallen condition, the cry of the heart has always been “Can things be made right again?”
 - B. Consider all of the times of fall and restoration in the history of Israel
 - 1. “How long O Lord?”
 - 2. “Will you forgive?”
 - 3. “I have heard the cry of My people...”
 - C. Even in an unredeemed state, most humans have a desire toward reconciliation and peace. The image of God is such that whole societies are formed around the notions of justice, mercy, and peace.
- II. Replacing The Two Headed Dragon
 - A. Humility (repentance)
 - 1. In English, this comes from the same root for the word “humiliation”
 - 2. It is to make oneself or to be made low; to be the least; having a spirit of submission
 - B. Faith
 - 1. Is threefold – it is a set of doctrinal beliefs
 - 2. It is the acceptance of things as true that can neither be seen nor proven (supernatural realm)
 - 3. It is the outworking of the first two definitions in the living of life

- C. The birth of a new cycle:
 - 1. Humility and faith produce contentment, transformation, and a proper reflection of the glory of God
 - 2. Micah 6:6-8 is key
- III. Jesus Christ Makes All Things New: Lessons Learned about Life and the Sacred from the Restoration of the Cross
 - A. God’s justice stands against the proud. Jesus came in humility in the Incarnation (God become man). He gives to us who repent and believe His humble condition in exchange for our proud hearts
 - B. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Jesus Christ came and trusted the will and work of the Father completely. As a gift of love in salvation, He provides for us true and proper faith in place of unbelief.
 - C. God made the world with life as the end goal – and is re-making the world with that same goal. Jesus Christ conquered death to provide for us a “transforming” life: one that progresses away from the effects of the Fall and moves toward a restored vision of the image of God.