

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 80:7

"Restore us, O God of Hosts, and cause Your face to shine *on us*, and we shall be saved." Psalm 80:7

Restoration presumes a condition of previous blessing and favour that for some reason has been lost. Israel's historical biography is replete with this reoccurring theme of Yahweh's search, finding and blessing of His people and their subsequent turning from Him only to fall once again into a lost and broken condition.

Is it any different with the saints of the New Testament era? Living in the Ending Days and surely approaching the final moments of those Days brings us face to face with this inevitability – all things will be restored. For without this "restoration of all things" the Heavens will hold Jesus back. "Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins. Then wonderful times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will send Jesus your Messiah to you again. For He must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through His prophets." (Acts 3:19-21)

This prayer to "restore us O God of Hosts" is pivotal then for our preparation and anticipation of the "glorious appearing of our Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13).

In this hour we have become witnesses to this most awesome restoration of the Church by the Holy Spirit. Three of the most obvious indicators of this restoration include a massive and powerful release of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidences of speaking in tongues and the subsequent manifestation of signs and wonders! It is an unprecedented move of God! Nations are being turned upside down in a matter of days! Entire people groups who were once untouched and unreached are now being impacted with the Gospel. Finally, the Church is once again beginning to live holy and passionately for Jesus! Such indication of a Living God being with and among His people is also precipitating unprecedented persecution, even in the "civilized" world.

"Restore me, O Lord! Cause Your glory to rest upon my life, to the end that others may see You in me!"

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