

Solution to Study 0001

Scripture Text: Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.” (New King James Version)

“The people say, "Let's return to the LORD! He has hurt us, but he will be sure to heal us; he has wounded us, but he will bandage our wounds, won't he? In two or three days he will revive us, and we will live in his presence. Let us try to know the LORD. He will come to us as surely as the day dawns, as surely as the spring rains fall upon the earth.”

(Good News Bible)

After prayerfully reading and meditating on the scripture text, please supply answers to the following:

A. What is being said in these verses?

This is a call to a people who have departed from the Lord, and who are now going through unnecessary pain and sorrow, to return to God.

B. What key word(s)/phrase(s) can you identify?

- *Come;*
- *Let us return to the Lord;*
- *He has, ... but He will;*
- *He will revive;*
- *He will raise us up;*
- *Let us pursue the knowledge of God.*

C. Why do you consider these as key words/key phrases?

- *Come: This is the starting point. We have to leave what we are doing that is not right in the sight of God.*
- *Let us return to the Lord: There must be a return from where we have strayed, back to God (not to a church; or a creed; or a pastor; but to God!)*
- *He has, ... but He will: Whatever pain and suffering we are going through as a result of our straying away from God, is from God; and was meant to bring us to our senses. But as we return to Him, God will do us good and heal us.*
- *He will revive: Revival is God's doing. When we depart from God, we die; but when we return to Him, He quickens us.*
- *He will raise us up: God will resurrect us unto a new life.*
- *Let us pursue the knowledge of God: The knowledge of God is so significant that we just don't seek it casually, but we pursue it with vigour.*

D. What theme(s) can you identify in these verses?

- *Invitation*
- *Repentance*
- *Revival*
- *Restoration*
- *Resurrection*
- *Relationship*
- *Blessings*

E. Is there a process in these verses? If “Yes”, outline it.

YES!

Invitation > Repentance > Revival/Restoration/Resurrection > Relationship > Blessings

F. How can you apply these verses to your life?

- *Many things that I seek for from God, i.e., revival, restoration, relationship, etc., must be preceded by repentance (returning to God).*
- *The real blessings that we seek from God can only be released after an ongoing relationship is established and pursued with God, and not just by repentance alone.*

G. Are there things that you must begin to do, arising from these verses? If so, begin to apply them in your life. (*This is where you get to do a soul-search and take necessary action*)