

Study 0002

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)

One of the key words/phrases of our scripture text is **heeding the call/invitation to return to God**. In life, we are bombarded with invitations or calls to one thing or another. Our response to those invitations usually is indicative of what will ultimately become of us.

In this study, we will look at numerous scriptures which you will have to study to determine the kinds of invitations that we usually receive, and which ones we really do heed.

Genesis 3:1-9; 11:1-9; 37:18-20; 39:7-10; Exodus 3:10; 24:12; 32:26; Numbers 22:6-7; Nehemiah 6:2-19; Proverbs 1:10-19; 7:6-27; 9:1-6, 13-18; Isaiah 1:18-20; 55:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30; 19:21; 22:1-14; Luke 19:1-6; John 1:45-46; 4:28-30; 7:37-39; Revelation 4:1; 22:17.

Assignment

Read through the scriptures above, and answer the following questions; and then arrive at the conclusion, all below.

- 1) From the above scriptures, please identify the following in each case:
 - a. What kind of invitation is being extended?
 - b. Who is doing the inviting?
 - c. To what is a person being invited?
 - d. Which invitations should we honour?
- 2) Categorize the invitations based on:
 - a. Who is doing the inviting?
 - b. What the invitations lead to?
- 3) Is any invitation being extended to you? Which one(s)? What is your response?

Conclusion *(Please fill in the blanks to arrive at the conclusion of this week's study)*

An invitation by _____ always leads to _____. Every invitation by _____ never leads to _____. An invitation by _____ may however, lead to _____ or _____; so be careful which invitation by _____ you honour.