

**Read:** Joel 2:18-27

DAY 3

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

## Rebounding To Victory!

*“Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing ...  
Rejoice in the Lord your God! for He has given you the autumn  
rains because he is faithful.” Joel 2:14,23 (NIV)*

Did you know that an entire nation can be brought to its knees by forces beyond its control? Well, that’s what Bill Elliff reminds us in, *“How Should We Deal With Our National Tragedy.”* It’s an excellent article brought to us by Department of Religious Education.

In Joel 2:18-27, we are reminded that our national response to this season of disaster should be *“kneeling down”* in prayer -- and not just *“sheltering in.”* Joel proclaimed, as the author points out, that if we would turn to God in repentance and cry out to Him, God would not only stop the advancing herd of devastation, but also *“leave a blessing behind!”* We can rebound to victory!

What blessing are you needing God to “leave behind” in the midst of this pandemic and social unrest? Healing, power, rejoicing? Restored relationships, confidence in life, a sense of God’s will for your future? When we return to our compassionate Heavenly Father, He waits to give us the victory! -DLC

*“Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!”*

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Prayer: *“Father, thank for being the compassionate God you are. Thank for the joy we have by faith now. And the victory we will experience by sight in the future, as we return to you with all our heart! In Jesus’ Name We Prayer, Amen!”*

## Seeking the Hand of God

***Pray Today*** ... that the leadership of the Board of Pensions & Benefits, National Evangelism and Mission Board, National Publishing Board and World Mission Board would be open to a supernatural move of God in 2020-2021 – despite the social unrest and upheaval this year!