

Treasures from our Heritage: God Restores Brokenness

How God Puts Us Back Together

Text: Isaiah 65:17-25

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Introduction

Reconstruction, is reflected in story of Humpty Dumpty

God restores, big question is how?

God wants to restore your life.

The Old Testament reveals a God who is eager to restore his broken people.

Big Idea: God wants to bring restoration to your life.

God wants to restore your broken past.

- Millions of people live miserable lives because they are haunted by something that happened years ago.
- *Illustration:* Story of a woman who confessed at the altar how her promiscuous past kept her from talking with her teenage daughter.
- Isaiah 65:16-17
- The Bible (and history) is full of stories of those whose broken past has been restored by the power of God.
- Isaiah 65:19

God will restore your broken dreams.

- *Illustration:* Story of a young man with tremendous potential as a minister—but who died young—to illustrate how easily dreams can be broken.
- Isaiah 65:20
- Death is not the end; it is the beginning.
- Broken dreams are also cause by an unfulfilled life.
- Isaiah 65:22

God wants to restore your broken relationships.

- God wants to restore family harmony.
- *Illustration:* Census data illustrate the brokenness of the traditional family.
- *Illustration:* News story of a man who suffered abuse at the hands of a murderous mother, but who broke the pattern of abuse after coming to Christ.
- Isaiah 65:23
- God wants to restore racial harmony.
- Isaiah 65:25
- God wants to restore spiritual harmony.
- Isaiah 65:24
- Ephesians 2:12-13
- Romans 5:1

Conclusion

- This is a fallen world and we are victims of the fall.
- God offers restoration.