

# THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

-JOEL 2:18-3:21

## THERE IS NONE ELSE (2:18-27)

- 18 Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.
- Implied repentance (2:12-14,17)
- The LORD responds with mercy and material blessings (18-19)
  - You will be satisfied
  - You will no longer be a reproach
  - The locust will be taken away (20)
  - Fear not (21-22)
  - Be glad and rejoice (23-24)
  - "I will restore..." (25-27)

"I am the LORD your God and there is none else."

## I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT (2:28-32)

- 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..."
- Greater spiritual blessings to follow (28-29)
- This future spiritual abundance will be for "all flesh"
  - Men and women
  - All races
  - All ages
  - All classes
- "the awesome day of the LORD..." (30-32)
  - Salvation amidst judgment

"everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved"

#### JUDGMENT ON NATIONS (3:1-17)

- 1 "For behold, in those days... 2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there..."
- In the era of the outpouring of the Spirit (1)
- Representative judgment on the enemies of spiritual Israel (2-3)
  - "on behalf of my people... because they have scattered them..."
- Who are the nations to God? (4)
  - "I will return your payment on your head..." (5-8)
  - The LORD roars from Zion (9-16)
  - The LORD is a refuge and a stronghold to His people (16)
    "Jerusalem shall be holy..."

### THE LORD DWELLS IN ZION (3:18-21)

- 18 "And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Shittim."
- The Day of the LORD is reward for the faithful (18)
- The Day of the LORD is wrath upon the unfaithful (19)
  - For persecution against God's people
  - Because they have shed innocent blood
- God's people will possess their heritage forever (20)
- God's judgment will be just (21)

"for the LORD dwells in Zion"

#### LESSONS FROM JOEL 2:18-3:21

- True repentance changes things
- God wants to bless us
- "Be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God"
- The gospel is for all
  - All who "call on the name of the LORD" (Acts 2:21,37-38;22:16]
- The enemies of God's people will be judged
- New "Jerusalem" shall be holy

"the LORD dwells in Zion."

Do you?