

# Twelfth Day: 'He Restoreth My soul.'

by J. Wilbur Chapman

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*We must recognize the tests of drifting away from God and claim restoring grace to return to a life of spiritual fervor and obedience.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:29, Galatians 6:1, Hebrews 2:1, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 John 2:6

**Topics:** "Spiritual Restoration", "Christian Living"

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## Description

J. Wilbur Chapman preaches about the signs that indicate a need for restoring grace, such as restlessness, lack of interest in spiritual matters, and impatience with others. He emphasizes the importance of heeding God's word to prevent drifting away from Him. Chapman encourages seeking opposite virtues from Christ, living in a way that reflects Jesus in our interactions, and constantly asking ourselves 'What would Jesus do?' as a guide for our actions.

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## Transcript

THERE are certain tests by means of which we may know whether we are in need of restoring grace.

Sometimes, alas we so hurry along in the race of life that we do not realize how far we have drifted from God. The literal rendering of Heb. 2:1 may be, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should drift away from them." Heedlessness often causes drifting. These may be tests, according to Mr. Meyer:--

1. Restlessness, a general dissatisfaction with our selves and everything about us. Nothing seems right; everybody is wrong; we are content with no one thing beyond a passing moment. This is a sure indication of a drifting away from Him who said, "Take my yoke upon you . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

"I have his yoke upon me, And easy 't is to bear;

In the burden which he carries I gladly take a share

For then it is my happiness

To have him always nigh,--

To bear the yoke together,

My Lord and I."

2. A lack of interest in the things of the Kingdom. How can two walk together except they be agreed Since all the power of heaven contributes to the advancement of the kingdom of God, it is clear proof that your life is contrary to the plan of God if your interest is waning.

3. A spirit of impatience and intolerance with others is one of the surest indications that there is a letting down in spiritual force and fervor. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness." So, if it is your disposition to criticize and not to restore, you are in need of restoring grace yourself. We ought to have the forgiving spirit, the spirit of charity, the spirit of helpfulness toward the weaker member of the body of Christ. Any other disposition than this is not his mind; but, if we have failed, we need not be discouraged.

"Have you missed in your aim? Well, the mark is still shining;

Did you faint in the race? Well, take breath for the next;

Did the clouds drive you back? But see yonder their lining;

Were you tempted and fell? Let it serve for a text."

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR TODAY.

1. Claim the opposite grace from Christ; that is, if impatient, claim his patience; if weak, his strength; if restless, his peace; if defeated, take him as your victory over every enemy.

2. In your relations to the church and every interest flowing out from it live for one day as you think He would live whose name you bear.

3. In all your dealings with men until this day is passed govern your actions by the question,

"What would Jesus do?"

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