



**STAYING READY**  
**A STUDY OF JOEL**  
**#3: THE REWARDS OF REPENTANCE**  
**JOEL 2 –3**  
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For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies,  
and he will give you victory!

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NLT)

## **I. QUICK REVIEW OF JOEL**

1. **Joel ministered between 840 and 756 BC in the southern kingdom of Judah. He wrote his prophecy to:**
  - Warn Judah that their sin and rebellion against God would result in judgment and destruction
  - Urge them to repent, return to God and be faithful to Him
  - Remind Judah that God is gracious and merciful
2. **Joel's emphasizes the "Day of the Lord". The "Day of the Lord" describes a period in which God intervenes in history to judge an evil nation—either His own people or their enemies.**

**The three "Days of the Lord" that Joel discusses according to Dr. Warren Wiersbe:**

- The Immediate Day of the Lord (Joel 1:1–20)
- The Imminent Day of the Lord (Joel 2:1-27)
- The Ultimate Day of the Lord (Joel 2:28—3:21)

## **II. WHAT REPENTANCE IS**

The biblical meaning of repentance goes beyond mere regret or remorse for sins. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is "shuv," which means to turn back or return. Similarly, in Greek, the term "metanoia" signifies a transformative change of heart and mind. This indicates that repentance involves a conscious decision to turn away from sin and turn towards God.

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### **III. THE REWARDS OF REPENTANCE— JOEL 2 AND 3**

- 1. Satisfaction of my needs (v.18-19)**
  
- 2. Restoration of what has been wasted (v.20-25)**
  
- 3. Removal of the shame of my past (v.26-27)**

**Give it to God,  
He transforms your test into a testimony,  
Your mess into a message  
And Your misery into a ministry.  
Rick Warren**

- 4. Empowerment by the Holy Spirit (v.18-31)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5. Eternal salvation (v.32)**

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

Acts 22:16 (NIV)

- 6. Judgment and defeat of my enemies (3:1-21)**