

Oh Israel, return unto the Lord (Quality: Good, quiet)

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- [0 : 00] In 579, through St. Stephen's 229, salvation, O my soul rejoice.
How great in his old ground he speaks, and that all-mighty voice proclaims his grace of rule.
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- [7 : 34] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. and will Cam rashe to bless the Spirit with the word found in the 14th chapter of Hosea, reading the second verse.
Hosea chapter 14, verse 2. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord.
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[9 : 28] Hosea, Hosea, the true prophet of God, was raised up, was raised up, at a season, when Israel, for the most part, had departed, from her God.

the prophecy, the prophecy, contains, many, many, solemn things, as Israel's sin, is revealed, her provokings, of God, her wanderings, her lust.

The judgments, of God, are pronounced, upon her, because, of her sin. The burden, of her condition, laid, upon, the prophet, of God, and, he, was, anointed, of God, to pronounce, those, solemn things, concerning her, and, to, make, known, that, way, of, salvation, that, way, of, deliverance, O, Israel, we read, the very words, indicate, the deep, burden, laid, upon the soul, of this, dear man, of God,

O, Israel, return, unto the Lord, thy God, for thou, thou, hast, fallen, by, thine, iniquity, amidst, all, the distresses, amidst, these, judgments, of God, against, her, this, prophet, of God, was enabled, to set, before her, that, one, way, of, relief, so, it is, with, every, true, sent, servant, of God, they must, pronounce, sin, and salvation, they must, speak, as, help, is afforded, of that, path, of, gracious, repentance, godly, sorrow, over sin, that, turning, around, from, paths, of, unrighteousness, to, a, god, rich, in, mercy, we, have read, in the former chapter, those, words, which, revealed, so much,

O Israel, thou, hast, destroyed, thyself, but, in, me, is, thine, hell, and, surely, this is a place, to, which, in their measure, every, living, soul, is, brought, God, only, knoweth, the exercise, of, each, one, of, us, here, today, these, things, are, not, known, unto, us, and, for, that, we, are, truly, thankful, that, we, have, felt, persuaded, this, that, we, must, venture, with, such, a word, as, this, this, Sabbath, day, take, with, you, words, and, turn, to, the,

[14 : 43] Lord, say, unto, him, take, away, all, iniquity, and, receive, us, graciously, so, will, we, surrender, the, calves, of, our, lips, firstly, it was spoken, to, Israel, Israel, was at rest, here, such words, as this, are not, to be spoken, to those, that are not, in the covenant, of grace, there is to be, a pronouncing, of these words, in Zion, that the Lord, would address, such, command, as is contained, here, to the hearts, of his people, oh,

Israel, who can deny, that such a word, is needful, in the day, in which, in which, our life, is cast, needful, in the nation, what nation, above, God's, chosen people, have been, favored, more, than this land, of ours, and yet, how we have, fallen, by our, iniquity, fallen, into a sad, place, that now, though, nominally, a Christian land, there is, but, little, evidence, amongst us, of, such, being, our condition,

O Israel, Zion, realith, to and fro, because, of the desolations, within her midst, O Israel, only a word, nationally, but a word, that is so applicable, to the church, of God, O Israel, the guide, we must call, close, as the spirit, surges our hearts, we desire it, we trust, we can sign, and yet, we have to reel, to and fro, under this, searching, at seasons, as there is, that revealed, which we had, never seen, before,

O Israel, if such, then, is our condition, what way, what source, of relief, can there be, the Lord, the Lord, here, through his prophet, mercifully, sets forth, that way, return, unto the Lord, thy God, return, such, then, have known, have known, former blessing, such, have been, favored, of God, of old, Israel, truly, had been so, she'd been, brought forth, from Egyptian, bondage, she'd been, set free, from, the yoke, of oppression,

Moses, the servant, of God, was raised up, to lead her, forth, through the wilderness, in, unto, the promised land, O Israel, she'd fallen, by her sin, oft, oft, within that, journey, she murmured, and replied, the Lord, laid, his judgments, upon them, not only, during that, journey, about, having possessed, the land, how we find, again, and again, she provoked, God, her God, by her sins, O Israel, return, unto the Lord, thy God, take with you, word, people, then, addressed, is Israel, God,

[20 : 03] God's, chosen, people, the path, set before them, is one, of, returning, turning, around, again, as we have, already said, that is, repentance, that, is, repentance, was, at the very theme, of the ministry, of John the Baptist, was, that, which Christ, came, to preach, repent, repentance, he came, not, to save the righteous, but call sinners, unto repentance, return, thou, unto the Lord, thy God, where thou hast fallen, by thine iniquities, oh, how, soothing, it is, to the troubled, conscience, to realize, that the gospel, is proclaimed, unto the poor, and the needy, unto these, that are made, to feel, and realize, their sinnership, they've fallen, by their iniquity, but, oh,

Israel, return, unto the Lord, thy God, take, with you, words, see then, the, the path, that must be tried, take, with you, they indicate, do they not, a way, it is God's, appointed way, take, with you, words, words, and this, in no way, indicates, the creature, should be left, to walk, traverse this path, in its own strength, for the Lord, here speaks, speaks, unto Israel, oh, Israel, return, and how, does he speak, how, are these things, made, feel, to put it, somewhat, like this, it is, as the law, is applied, it is, as the law, is applied, conviction, of sin, is realized, as the spirit, reveals, unto that soul, their condition, in, in some measure, before, holy, heart, searching God, thus, the Lord, speaks, he lays, the burden, upon that soul, sung together, in the opening hymn, of that burden, of sin, that oppression, of guilt, the Lord, reveals, these things, by the teaching, of his Holy Spirit, he speaks, thus, to that soul, oh,

Israel, is he speaking, is he speaking, to us, even this Sabbath day, by these means, not only, doth he speak, with that still, small voice, through our seasons, yea, when his voice, is heard, my sheep, hear my voice, and they, follow me, take with you, words, there is a season, of that persuasion, it may be, where'er thou dost go, under the sound, of truth, where'er thou dost look, within the word of God, there is that, same persuasion, thou art, who are directed, by the Spirit, to those words, which, so lay, with weight, upon thy spirit, that, make thee, to realise, thy sinnership,

God speaks, speaks, thus, by his Spirit, as the soul, is convicted, of sin, and not only, in those first stages, of the work of grace, but again, and again, here David realised it, O did he not, walk in this path, take with you, words, and turn, to the Lord, say unto him, take away, all iniquity, and receive, us graciously, the very words, of the 51st Psalm, reveal this, the Spirit, constrained him, to walk, in that path, of confession, godly sorrow, over sin, heartfelt repentance, and turning again, unto his God, take with you, words, thou art the man, deep are the wounds, which sin has made, oh, where can, this sinner find, any cure, for those wounds, it is alone, as they are brought, by the eternal God, to turn again, unto him, godly sorrow, much, is spoken, in the name, of religion, but oh, it is this, weeping before God, this pouring out, of the soul, in the closet, in the secrecy, of the closet, before thy God, which is the very, kernel, if we might express it so, of true religion, oh,

Israel, take with you, words, he lays, this dear man, of God, thus, indicted, by the Spirit, sets, before Israel, that source, that course, which they must, take, turn again, and take, with you, words, oh, then how is it, with thee, as thou, even in the week, now past, in cause, to walk, in a little measure, win this path, brought down, under the conviction, of sin, made to see, thyself, a sinner, vile, in the sight, of an holy God, the corruptions, of thine heart, have risen up, and the Lord, hath made, these things, known unto thee,

[27 : 42] David, for a season, walked, in ignorance, of his condition, he saw not, that he was provoking, God, to anger, by his actions, until one was sent, oh, how oft this is, it may be, that one hath been sent, to thee, to make thee, realize, it may be, that the Lord, in his mercy, hath opened thine eyes, by his judgments, his hand, hath pressed, sore, upon thy spirit, hath pressed thee down, made thee, to realize, thy condition, made thee, to see, the source, of all this evil, thine own, corrupt, depraved, heart, deceitful, above all things, and desperately wicked,

O Israel, take with you, words, is not this, as it were, the first glimmer of hope, unto this poor, needy sinner, under conviction of sin, reeling to and fro, like a drunken man, and at his wit's end, say, is not this, the first, ray of hope, in this, darksome place, take with you, it is a lowly path, it is a humble path, and I feel to say, that path leads, unto Gethsemane, and unto Calvary, take with you, words, so my question, as to what it is, that these poor, needy sinners, who feel so dumbfounded, at the judgments of God, feel they cannot open their mouths, under this oppression, such, such is the condition, that they feel, that where the very ground, is removed from beneath their feet, the word of the Lord, has severely tried them, they feel, feel, themselves lost, and ruined, but take with you, words, this, surely indicates, that that, which proceeded, from the heart, it is not, mere, words, of the lips, these, these, these are not acceptable, to God, it is, that, broken heart, that contrite spirit, and such, that proceeds, from such, a place, this God, will not, despise, he will not, oh hell, blessed are those words, he will not, despise, the prayer, or the destitute, take with you, words, again, we are, persuaded, that where God, is so teaching, and instructing, in his ways, as he gives, the command, to return, he will enable, the soul, to comply,

O Israel, take, with you, words, maybe, and often, is, to such, in these places, broken words, feeble desires, wishes, so weak, that Jesus inspires, and bids thee, still seek, take, with you, words, as the Lord, and presseth thee, sore, so know, what it is, to come, with the psalmist, all my desire, is before thee, and my groanings, are not hid, from thee, take, with you, in this path, the secret path, oh, it is that, which is hidden, from the professor, and the profane, oh, it is that, which the eagle's eye, hath not seen, it is a hidden path, it is that, which is transacted, to its heaven, and earth, take with you, there be that, constraint, upon thy spirit, to avenge you, unto thy God, is not one of the dear, disciples, say, to whom else, can we go, thou hast the words, of eternal life, take with you, take with you, words, and oh, what are these, what is that, which is acceptable, to God, what is that, which the spirit, will, indict within, is the prayers, of this, broken hearted, contrite sinner, as they seek, for mercy, before,

Jesus, say, they'll know, what it is, to come, in the very language, of, the public, and of old, though, know what it is, to cry for mercy, under this, teaching, of the spirit, of God, God, be merciful, to me, the sinner, take with you, words, the constraint, will be such, that this is the only way, whereby thou canst venture, before thy God, stripped, of all creature, righteousness, made to realize, these things are, filthy, they're obnoxious, in the sight of God, the language, of thy soul, will be, nothing, in my hand,

I bring, take with you, words, this is so, coming, this one, that shall come, unto the Lord, in his distress, nothing, in my hand, I bring, simply, to thy cross, I cling, naked, come to thee, for dress, helpless, come to thee, for grace, it's just a way, whereby, these souls, come, constrained, by the love, of God, which thou canst, not realize it, now, about, this, in reality, is, the effect, of that love, of God, toward thy soul, he's bringing thee, bringing thee, to his feet, the love, of God, constrained, with us, there's a constraint, here, which only, those, that are brought, under the conviction, of sin, these, that are made, to realize, their condition, know anything, of, they venture, as Esther, ventured, into the presence, of that earthly monarch, the sentence, of death, lay upon her, and her people, but go, she must, go, she must, who knoweth, will thou come, to the kingdom, for such, a time, as this, she must go, take with you, words, words, this reveals, confession, prayer, godly sorrow, over sin, these are the words, which these sinners, will have, proceeding, from their hearts, this is the path, that they shall come, trembling, fearfully, yea, oh, how oft it is, that such calm, under that, dread, as it were, of, the frown of God, because of their sins, you feel, we know a little, of the, reality, of those lines, as a hymn writer, spake of, without thy, peace and presence,

[37 : 26] Lord, that all the world, can help afford, oh, do not frown, my soul away, but smile, my darkness, into, die, smile, my darkness, into, die, this avenging sinner, there's one, that's coming, with confession, there's one, that seeth himself, nothing, but blackness, nothing, but vileness, within, there's one, that have been, shown, their iniquity, these things, have been, revealed unto them, by the spirit, of God, but further, than that, Israel, God's covenant people, are made to see, by living faith, one, one, name is Jesus, who came to seek, and to save that, which was lost, his name, should be called,

Jesus, for he shall, save his people, from their sins, take with you, oh, venture thus, this is the course, this is the way, whereby, these shall come, constrained, by that power divine, nothing, short, of this, can produce, godly sorrow, as we have to, live to prove, our heart is hard, except, it be, softened, and by, the God of all grace, we walk, indifferent, to his judgments, until, he is pleased, to open our eyes, to the folly, of our ways, take, with you, words, till we come, this Sabbath morn, under sun, in such a path, oh, is it the very, exercise of our soul, as we venture, before him, in the earthly sanctuary,

God be merciful, to me, a sinner, take with you, these broken words, this weeping, before God, this was sowing, in tears, the true sorrow, heart, because, of thine iniquity, is the burn of sin, such, upon thy spirit, that, thou, must venture, before thy, Redeemer, take, with you, words, you, you, you, you, said, your daily guy, in this manner, he knew what it was, to pour out, his soul, before God, to literally, unburden, his bosom, in the ears, of the Lord God, of Zephiah, to tell him, all, this is the source, of relief, is venturing, to the throne, of grace, and pouring out, of thy soul, before thy God, the further, is that pleading, for Jesus' sake, take with you, words, there is that, by faith, a beholding, that blessed, atonement, for sin, take with you, words, oh, this is the approach, of this humble, contrite sinner, they will not, rush, headlong, as it were, into the more, immediate presence, of God, they will call, treading, softly, treading, softly, we read, concerning, dear Ruth, she came, softly, we read, of a woman, in the gospel, who came up, behind Christ, weeping, weeping, one said, concerning her, she was a sinner, a truth, indeed, though he, spake it, in scorn, she felt it, and thus, it was, she came, oh, nothing could, hinder her, nothing, could prevent her, such, was her need, she felt, the need, of Christ, he was made, precious, unto her, in the very, want, of him, oh, is it so, is it so, with thee, none, but Jesus, can do, helpless, sinners, could, take with you, words, is it not a pleading, of the merits, of Christ, or is it not that, looking by faith, unto that, atonement, for sin, we read, of the,

Aaron, as he stood, between, the living, and the dead, and the plague, was stayed, the wrath, of God, was to be poured out, upon Israel, because of their, iniquity, because of their, murmurings, because of their, sins, the burden, of this, lie upon, that priest, that he, stood between, is not this, a blessed, time, of the Lord, Jesus Christ, he, who stands, between, an offended, God, and a sinner, in his sin, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, who hath, suffered, bled, and died, that atonement, might be made, for the sins, of his people, take with you, words, the sinner, the sinner, the sinner, the sinner, is enabled, humbly, enabled, to lift the eye of faith, unto Gethsemane, and Calvary, and there, did he behold one, one, who hath wrought salvation, for sinners, and their hope, is sent to them, my hope, is built, on nothing, less, than Jesus, blood, and righteousness, and there, they are enabled, to plead, this path, it is to the foot, of the cross, it is, to Calvary, it is, that, which, the soul, traverses, stooping, humbles, beneath the mighty, hand of God, no path, there, for the erect,

Pharisees, about, this sinner, bowed down, under grief, prostrate, oft, upon the ground, like it's a worm, before their guard, a guilty, weak, and helpless worm, of thy kind arms, I fall, be thou, my strength, and righteousness, my Jesus, and, my all, the path, leads, to Calvary, take with you, words, there, there, the soul, is encouraged, the spirit, revived, that drooping spirit, and, that one, is enabled, by faith, to plead, that which, Christ has brought, there, there, they see, and behold, their acceptance, the finished work, of the Lamb of God, take with you, words, oh, what encouragement, there is here, to this poor, and needy sinner, this one, stricken, stricken, my sin, this one, that is reeling, to and fro, and is indeed, at their wits end, knoweth not, oft, what to do, feeling, oh, we've come, as we are, to that place, feeling, to be finished, utterly crushed, beneath, the hand of God, feeling, that the very things, we'd hoped for, had been brought, to naught, the Lord, oh, was this, as if, the only word, that's brought, any comfort, to one's own soul, was this,

[47 : 05] God is his own, interpreter, and he, will make it plain, take with you, words, this then, set before the eye of faith, this course, of action, if we might, so reverently, speak of it, this only way, of relief, to this soul, that has destroyed, itself, by its own sin, to look to Jesus, kind, and strong, mercy, joined, with power, take with you, take with you, words, there is then, a pleading, there is power, in that name, of Christ, the precious name, of Christ, says, this, this is the name, the Father, loves to hear, his children, plead, loves to hear, his children, and all such, pleading, he approves, and blesses them, indeed, take with you, words, again,

I emphasize, the spirit, leads the soul, he'll enable them, to take these words, the creature, cannot, produce them, well, we know, we cannot, produce one, good desire, from such a heart, as ours, but when the spirit, indites, oh, what relief, there is, in that, spirit, indicted prayer, when the soul, is enabled, to venture, before the Almighty, with their burden, with their grief, and plead, that precious name, of Christ, take with you, words, to plead, that which Christ, has wrought, oh, to see by faith, the blessed, atonement, for sin, Jesus, in the sinner's place, the wrath, of God, poured out, upon, the dear,

Lamb of God, his only, begotten son, poured out, upon him, that sinners, might be set, free, from their desert, take with you, oh, plead that, which Christ, hath wrought, plead that, precious sacrifice, for sin, take with you, words, and turn, to the Lord, turn, to the Lord, away, from all, creature, help, O sea, a further bids, to this people, Israel, Asher shall not save us, we will not ride upon horses, neither will we say any more, to the work of our hands, ye are our gods, for in thee, the fatherless, findeth us, war, we strive, against sin's power, we sin, a stumble, but the more, till late, till late,

I heard, my saviour, say, come hither, soul, I am, the way, take, with you, words, pleading, for mercy, pleading, for acceptance, in and through, the precious, blood, of the Lord, Jesus Christ, O, it is that blood, thou desire it, O, canst thou see in that, thine only hope, of salvation, when I see the blood, I will pass over, thus, Israel, was preserved, in that day, of God's visitation, he saw the blood, sprinkled, upon the doorpost, he passed on, the inhabitants, of those places, much, much, much, is spoken of, it is alone, this, it is, true religion, to the blood, of Christ, sprinkled, upon our conscience, we feel, more, and more, must be, to know, these, realities, this alone, can effect, the entrance, into glory, washed, cleansed, in the blood, of the Lamb, sinners, can say, and only they, how precious, is the, that saved, sinners, such, that have been, put, warped, in some measure, in these paths, these deep paths, reeling, to and fro, because of the oppression, of the enemy, the adversary, rising up against,

I flee, unto thee, to hide me, saith the psalmist, his name, is a strong tower, the righteous, runneth unto it, and his, saint, take with you, words, oh, consider that one, fleeing, to that city, of refuge, pursued, by the adversary, that Satan, pursued thee, that guilt, lay upon thy spirit, but oh, see thy, safety in Christ, look to Jesus, take with you, words, not, mere, words, that come, from the lips, but that which proceeds, from the heart, indicted, by the spirit of God, pouring out, thy soul, in confession, bowing down, before thy God, confessing, thy guilt, bestowed, by God, graciously, bestowed, with that spirit, of godly sorrow, that true repentance, oh, it is a gift of God, a gift of God, it cometh down, from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, it is repentance, repentance, and oh, this is that which is so needful, needful in our land, needful in our churches, needful within our own souls, as they'll crave it, a broken, contrite heart, as they'll crave it, to this man will I look, to this one, man, woman, or child, it is favoured, with us, with that broken, contrite heart, even one that trembles, at thy word, oh, how pleasing it is, how it does rejoice, the soul, to hear of those, who have been brought, under this conviction, of sin, who have heard, the word of the gospel, who have had to venture, venture to Christ, and he, that cometh thus, he will in no wise, turn away, all the father, hath given me, shall come to me, and they shall come, in this way, with weeping, and with supplication, pleading, pleading that, which Christ hath wrought, for them, and in them too, that is their home, oh,

[55 : 38] I say how pleasing it is, to hear the language, even those, bleatings of the lambs, bleatings of the lambs, as such, seek to speak, as they feel, so unfeebly, of Christ, we remember a season, when a dear servant, of God, said from the pulpit, that he heard, the bleatings of the lambs, that time, he raised a little hope, within one's own spirit, that those things, which have been spoken, were indeed, of God, little, we thought, they evidence, any sign of love, but oh, how he raised a little hope, we ne'er forget it, the bleatings of the lambs, they come with words, yea, these broken, broken words, these sighs, these cries, these groans, they're noted in heaven, poor and the needy, these poor and needy souls, venturing to the Lord, take with you words, and turn to the Lord, and say unto him, say unto him, oh, this is not presumption, take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, how can any poor sinner, thus speak as it were, unto the Lord, his own, is they few by faith, that provision, of that one sacrifice, for sin, take away, all iniquity, and receive us, graciously, amen.

We'll conclude by saying in verse 1060, turn in chapter 791.

We are made of wandering from the Lord, and are made willing to return. I hear, and bear me to the Lord, for now, not with us, but by the Lord, there is an angel page above, a friend before the throne of God, in 1060 to 791.

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