



MAJOR LIFE LESSONS

FROM MINOR PROPHETS

RETURN TO ME
WITH
ALL YOUR HEART.



REND YOUR
HEART
AND NOT YOUR
GARMENTS.

JOEL 2:12-13

Background

- Joel was the son of Pethuel.
- The name Joel means “Jehovah is God.”
- Best date—830 B.C.
- Second in list of the writing prophets.
- Key phrase—“day of the Lord” occurs five times.
- The book begins in gloom; ends in brightness.



The Occasion

- Great swarms of locusts invaded the land, bringing destruction with them.
- The locust invasion followed by a drought, then fires.
- God used these difficulties to call His people to repentance!
- Refusal to obey Him would lead to worse judgment—armies of other nations against them!
- The people repented; God removed the locusts and sent great blessings upon them.

The Value of Natural Disasters

- They can turn people back to God.
- They can always be times of reflection.

Job 1:20-22

The Nature of True Repentance

2:12-13

- It must be with all my heart.
- It must be inward, not just outward.

The Nature of God

- He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Ps. 103:8-14

- He relents from doing harm when we repent **Jer. 18:7-8**

Day of the Lord

- Can be averted...
- They can always be times of reflection.

Isaiah 13:1-13

Joel 2:1-11

Jeremiah 18:7-8

John 3:1-10

Lessons for Us Today

- When God's people sin—He will first send warning.

“For we must all appear before ...(2 Corinthians 5:10)

- If they repent, He will again bless them.
- Failure to repent will bring greater, more severe judgment.

Lessons for Us Today

- There's great power in prayer and repentance.
- God's wrath can be turned aside by willing and contrite hearts!

“Then Simon answered and said, Pray to the Lord for me...(Acts 8:24)

Lessons for Us Today

- In the book of Joel, we see God using creatures and natural forces to accomplish His purposes.

- His will directs it all!

“Then he was driven from the sons of men, ...till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.”
(Daniel 5:21)