

Return to Me

Over and over in the bible God tells us to return to Him but we are the ones to blame for we feel hesitant that He will receive again. But God reveals to us in these passages below that He is willing and more than willing to receive us again if we but return to Him with a sincere heart.

*“Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities. And lack of bread in all your places; Yet you have not **RETURNED** to Me,” Says the Lord. (Amos 4:6)*

*So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, But they were not satisfied; Yet you have not **RETURNED** to Me,” Says the Lord. (Amos 4:8)*

*“I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, Your vineyards, Your fig trees, And your olive trees, The locust devoured them; Yet you have not **RETURNED** to Me,” Says the Lord. (Amos 4:9)*

*“I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt; Your young men I killed with a sword, Along with your captive horses; I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils; Yet you have not **RETURNED** to Me,” Says the Lord. (Amos 4:10)*

*“I overthrew some of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning; Yet you have not **RETURNED** to Me,” Says the Lord. (Amos 4:11)*

*I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. **RETURN** to Me, for I have redeemed you.” (Isaiah 44:22)*

*Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him **RETURN** to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)*

*“They say, ‘If a man divorces his wife, And she goes from him And becomes another man’s, May he return to her again?’ Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet **RETURN** to Me,” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 3:1)*

*And I said, after she had done all these things, ‘**RETURN** to Me.’ But she did not **RETURN**. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. (Jeremiah 3:7)*

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'RETURN, backsliding Israel,' says the Lord; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the Lord; 'I will not remain angry forever. (Jeremiah 3:12)

"If you will RETURN, O Israel," says the Lord, "RETURN to Me; And if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, Then you shall not be moved. (Jeremiah 4:1)

O Lord, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, But they have not grieved; You have consumed them, But they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; They have refused to RETURN. (Jeremiah 5:3)

Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to RETURN. (Jeremiah 8:5)

Come, and let us RETURN to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. (Hosea 6:1)

O Israel, RETURN to the Lord your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; Take words with you, And RETURN to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. (Hosea 14:1-2)

So rend your heart, and not your garments; RETURN to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. (Joel 2:13)

Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "RETURN to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will RETURN to you," says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 1:3)