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Sermon Title: "The Answer of Awakening"

Text: Joel 2:18-27 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord will be zealous for His land and will have pity on His people. <sup>19</sup> The Lord will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied *in full* with them; and I will never again make you a reproach among the nations. <sup>20</sup> "But I will remove the northern *army* far from you, and I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, and its vanguard into the eastern sea, and its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up, for it has done great things." <sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has done great things. <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has borne its fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full. <sup>23</sup> So rejoice, O sons of Zion, and be glad in the Lord your God; For He has given you the early rain for *your* vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, the early and latter rain as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> "Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, my great army which I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> "You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame. <sup>27</sup> "Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame.

**1. Remembrance of Covenant (vs.18)**

**2. Renewal of Resources (vs.19, 24)**

**3. Removal of Shame (vs.19b, 27b)**

**4. Routing of the Enemy (vs.20)**

**5. Reversal of Life Patterns (vs.21-23)**

1 Kings 8:35-36:

<sup>35</sup> "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name and turn from their sin when You afflict them, <sup>36</sup> then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and of Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land, which You have given Your people for an inheritance.

## **6. *Restoration of Time (vs.24-26)***