



CHURCH@HOME APRIL 2017

GLORY (5)

Read: Joel 2:23-27 (AMP); Is. 54:2-4; I Ch 14:9-17; Ps. 34:1-5.

(Joe 2:25) And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

(Joe 2:26) And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

(Joe 2:27) And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

A. NO MORE SHAME.

- The locusts, cankerworms, caterpillars and palmerworms are devourers that come in our lives and they create shame.
What is shame?
- Shame is a condition of humiliation, disgrace or disrepute.
- It is a feeling of regret a over negative situation.
- It is to feel embarrassment or dishonor or to be a victim of mockery and reproach.

B. GOD WANTS TO ENLARGE YOU; THE ENEMY WANTS TO DIMINISH YOU. (Is. 54:2-4 AMP),

- God wants to make you a strong nation but the enemy wants to diminish you. *(Is. 60:22)*
- The enemy specializes in sowing seeds of division amongst God's people and stopping the blessings of heaven from flowing into their lives. It is important for believers to live in harmony with one another. *(Ps. 133, Rm. 12:18)*

C. GOD IS DETERMINED TO ERRADICATE SHAME IN THE LIFE OF HIS CHILDREN: (Is. 61:7)

- The enemy is extremely proficient in creating undue exposure, highlighting your weaknesses and deficiencies to create shame. His aim is to shut down your testimony and your praise. *(Ps. 34:1-5)*
- When there is shame; people tend to run into hiding places. No matter what you may be dealing with look up to God and be confident in Him.
- God created you to display His GLORY! He wants to make a public spectacle of you. *(Ps.8:5, I Pet. 2:9)*

Suggestions for Open Discussion

1. *What causes shame?*
2. *Who in the New Testament went through a season of shame before being brought him back into Glory?*
3. *In what way does the enemy sow seed of division amongst God's people? How can one stop the enemy from sowing such seeds?*