God's Restored People Shall Prosper Bible Background: Isaiah 49:18-26 Printed Text: Isaiah 49:18-23 KJV/NLT Devotional Reading: Proverbs 25:21-26

Aim for Change (Page 484):

- 1. *IDENTIFY* relationships in which individuals or congregations have experienced God's restoration
- 2. **FIND** comfort in the plans God has for their lives
- 3. **PROCLAIM** God's justice and mercy for His people

In Focus (Page 484):

- 1. After experiencing difficult challenges, being restored back to God, are you a witness to God's incredible faithfulness? *Psalm 143:1-5*; *Isaiah 25:1-4*
- 2. Have you ever been mad at God or the people in His church? Isaiah 1:3-7; 12:1-6

The People, Places, and Times (Page 486-487):

- The Progeny Blessing
 - 1. How do you treat children regardless of age under the age of eighteen? *Isaiah 30:8-13*
 - 2. What type of example are you setting for them whether biologically or not? *Isaiah 54:13-17*; 63:7-13
 - a. Love for some people while disliking others
 - b. Truthful in most things but exaggerate in others to appear better than someone else
 - c. Hardworking for the job, but slothful when it comes to studying the word of God, praying, going to church, fellowshipping, etc.

Background (Pages 487):

- 1. How has God refined you? Isaiah 29:18-24
- 2. Do others see a difference in your character or just you attend a building on Sunday's? *Isaiah* 47:7-8; 2 *Timothy* 3:1-7

In Depth (Pages 487-488)

- 1. Promise of Restoration (*Isaiah 49:18-20*)
 - a. How do we see God fulfilling this kind of restoration throughout salvation history? 2

 Peter 1:1-4
 - b. How are you at keeping your promises? *Romans 15:7-13*
- 2. Questioning Restoration (Isaiah 49:21)
 - a. Why does God choose the image of children to illustrate the overflowing blessing of restoration He has in store? *Proverbs 8:30-36*; *Lamentations 1:1*
 - b. Do you behave like the child you want? *Proverbs 14:9-15*
- 3. Confirming Restoration and Prosperity (Isaiah 49:22-23)
 - a. How does God use non-Christians to aid His Church today? Ezra 6:3-5
 - b. Have you seen non-Christians do more for His Church than you? 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Application for Activation (Page 489):

- 1. Can you think of ways to restore a broken relationship whom you consider your enemy? *Ephesians 1:3-8*
- 2. Have you asked yourself, "Am I the enemy?" *Genesis 6:5-8*
- 3. What can I do to be a better Christian? *Matthew 22:36-40*

^{**}Note – **Bold/Italicized** scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**

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