

Joel 2:12–17 (ESV)

My Heart

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart, with
fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning;

¹³and rend your hearts and not your
garments...”

...Return to the LORD your God, for he
is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love; and
he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn
and relent, and leave a blessing behind
him, a grain offering and a drink
offering for the LORD your God?

God’s Grace

Our Worship

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate
a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the
congregation; assemble the elders;
gather the children, even nursing
infants. Let the bridegroom leave his
room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let
the priests, the ministers of the LORD,
weep and say, “Spare your people, O
LORD, and make not your heritage a
reproach, a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the
peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

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