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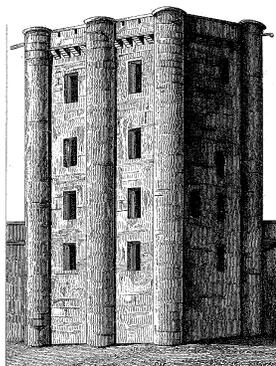
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*“Mark well her bulwarks,  
consider her palaces, that  
you may tell it to the  
generation following”*  
Psalms 48:13

## IN NEED OF RESTORATION

Quite honestly, I am not a “car guy”. Though I do enjoy a trip to the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar where exquisite automobiles are on display, but I go for that which is on the third floor. A pipe organ that when activated resonates with tonality that vibrates one’s being; the music is in you and you in it. A most amazing feeling. But I digress. Not being a “car guy” it is hard to get worked up over the one millionth car that rolled off the assembly line. But to “car guys”, that car was the one millionth Corvette and thereby had additional cache. It found its way to Kentucky and the Skydome National Corvette Museum. That took place in 1992. Fast forward to 2014, when a sinkhole opened up under the museum and swallowed up eight vintage Corvettes.



The vehicles were removed from the hole and much to the dismay of those tasked with restoring the severely damaged automobiles, some were beyond repair. But the prize of the collection, that one millionth Corvette was painstakingly restored to mint condition. It had gone through an amazing transformation, it had been in horrible shape, but then brought back to “newness”.

In much the same way mankind has been swallowed up by the world and is in dire need of restoration. *“For I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds,” declares the LORD...* (Jeremiah

30:17) While God does indeed promise restoration, it should be noted that it is a process and it begins with acknowledgment of being broken. Note what Paul wrote to the brethren in Rome. *“Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of death?”* (Romans 7:24) So, it is not just those in the world, but at times His children as well are in need of restoration. Take note of what Peter wrote, *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.”* (1Peter 5:6)

*“Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.”* (1Peter 5:7) In 1916 Charles Tindley wrote the hymn, “Leave It There” with the chorus echoing what is seen in the just noted verse, “Leave it there, leave it there, Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there; If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you...” Notice as well Psalms 55:22, *“Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you...”* Can you honestly say that you have full trust in God; enough so as to entrust Him with your life?

In the 51st Psalm, David recognized the need for restoration after he was confronted by Nathan, he wrote the following. *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”* (v. 10) Are you willing to undergo restoration?  
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