

Psalm Chapter 85 MEV.

Psalm 85 can be divided into three parts: (1) God shows Favor to His Land verses 1-3, (2) Restore Us verses 4-7 and (3) Blessing for the Land verses 8-13.

Psalm 85 is the second Prayer Psalm—To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. **It is a Pray for in Time of Trouble.** The general opinion of this Psalm is that it was penned after the return of the Jews out of their captivity in Babylon, when they remained under some tokens of God's displeasure, which they now here pray for the removal of. It is the interest of the nation that lies near to the Psalmist heart here that caused him to pen this Psalm for the great congregation. In singing this Psalm the Church can be assisted in its prayers to God both for His Church in general and for its country.

God shows Favor to His Land Vss.1-3

- 1) LORD, you have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**
- 2) You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah**
- 3) You have withdrawn all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of your anger.**

“LORD, you have been favorable to your land, that is, unto thy people, in removing the sad effects of His displeasure against them.

The self-existent, all sufficient Jehovah is addressed by the psalmist who is thanking Him on behalf of the Nation of Israel.

He thanked Him for two things especially. (1) For granted His people forgiveness of their sins. Vss.2-3 and (2) for having, partially removed His chastening hand from them and giving them a return of prosperity Vs.1.

You have brought back the captivity of Jacob, the captives as the word are used in Ps.14:7 and Ps.68:18.

You have covered all their sin, so as not to impute it to them, or to continue the punishment which you did inflict upon them for it.

You have withdrawn all Your wrath, those calamities which were the effects of thy just wrath taken against them.

Job 42:10) And the LORD restored the fortunes of job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD gave job twice as much as he had before.

Ps.34:19) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Restore us Verses 4-7

- 4) Restore us, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us.**

The prayer here is to, “Restore us” or “Turn us” from our sins and bring us to repentance; help us to be willing to turn from our wicked ways and enable us to do so by your saving grace.

We have no authority for asking God to turn away His judgements unless we are willing to forsake our wicked ways; and in all cases we can expect His divine mercy.

Ps.145:18-19) The LORD is near to all those who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. (Vs.19) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and save them.

- 5) Will You be angry with us forever? Will You draw out Your anger to all generations?**

The psalmist makes a bold plea to Father God here, “but **the answer is no**”. God is angry with the wicked every day if they continue in sin without repenting.

Father God does not retain His anger forever with His own people when and if we repent and turn from our wicked ways and turn to Him.

Rom. 8:1) Therefor there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 1st.Cor. 8:11) But if we judge ourselves rightly, we will not be judged.

The psalmist ask God will you draw out your anger to all generations? Shall sons suffer for their fathers’ sins and punishment becomes an inheritance to them? **“The answer is no.” Ps. 112: 1-2) Praise the LORD! How blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments (2) His descendants will be mighty on the earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.**

- 6) Will You not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You?**

The psalmist here is asking God to revive them again. They are having doubts about their relationship with God which means that they feel dead in spirit. "To revive means to live" and to live means to have a relationship with God. They realize that only God can revive them and cause them to rejoice again. **Eph.2:4-5) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, (by grace you have been saved.**

7) Show us Your mercy, O LORD, and grant us Your deliverance.

Jesus Christ came to deliver mankind from the bondage of sin and into eternal life. Salvation comes only from God's mercy. He who has the Son has life. **1st. Jn. 5:11-12) And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.**

Blessing For The Land Vss. 8-13

8) I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints but let them not turn again to folly.

I will hear what God will speak; After any supplication the righteous people "God's people" makes unto Him, we should wait with an expectant attitude to hear from Him. We must believe that He hears and that He will answer us. **Ps. 118:21) I shall give thanks to you, for You have answered me. And You have become my salvation. Jere. 33:3) Call to me and I will answer you and show you great things which you do not know.**

He will speak peace; Father God will always speak peace to His people. He said In **Isaiah 54: 10) ..." His lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken.**

"But" let them not turn again to folly; We don't turn again to folly by asking Him to help us not to do so. We can only live this righteous life in the strength of Jesus Christ. **Ps. 25:4-5) Make me to know Your ways, O**

LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me for You are the God of my salvation.

9) Surly His salvation is near to them who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Jesus Christ is our “God’s people” salvation, and He is not only near us, but He lives in us. Because Christ lives in us His glory is manifested through us upon the earth. **1st. Cor. 3:16) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in us.**

Glory may “will” dwell in our land; This is what the righteous ones must believe because we are Gods glory on the earth and we are salt and light to the world. Our prayer must be **Luke 11:2) Our Farther, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come; Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

10) Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.

The fact in this verse is the direct results of Christ’s finish work on the cross. There “lovingkindness, mercy and truth” met and “righteousness and peace kissed” each other. These four features are now wrapped up in a person and His name is Jesus Christ.

What by sin have become irreconcilable opposites, God reconciled in Christ on the cross. Lovingkindness always precedes faithfulness and truth. **Pro. 16:6) By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil. Ps. 89:14) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.**

11) Truth springs from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

As a result of Christ’s work of reconciliation, “Truth springs from the earth. Truth in the realm of peace does not spring from the earth because of man’s righteousness. Righteousness is not of man, but it is from God; this means that righteousness is a gift given to man from God. **Rom.3:22-24) ...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short for the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.**

The truth that springs from the earth is the truth and faithfulness of God to manifest and keep all His promises. All of God's promises are yes and amen, and they are available to all those who trust and believe in Him.

12) Yes, the LORD gives that which is good, and our land shall yield its increase.

For His sake, **JEHOVAH JIREH (The LORD Will Provide)** all good things especially His Holy Spirit, are given to all those who ask of Him. Through Christ, the pardoned sinner becomes fruitful in good works "that is beneficial" to His kingdom. **Ps.68:19) Blessed be the LORD, who daily loaded us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. Ps.5:12) For You, LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as a shield.**

13) Righteousness shall go before Him and prepare a way for His footsteps.

By looking to and trusting in our Savior's righteousness, the redeemed person finds his feet set in the way of **His** steps. Father God directs His steps through us "the righteous ones" to accomplish His will on the earth. **Ps.37:23) The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and He delights in his ways. Pro.16:9) The mind of a man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps. Pro.14:34) Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.**

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