



REVIVE US AGAIN

Psalm 85

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Good morning Church! Today, we are finishing up our Psalm study. We have been faithful in looking directly at the text as we walk through all eight genres of these Praise Hymns given by at least 8 recorded & more unnamed. These Psalms are divided into types of units based on the poets intent in writing:

- **Hymns of Praise** - gives praise/adoration to God
- **Zion Psalm** - Zion, the Dwelling Place of God
- **Praise Psalm** - give praise/adoration to God
- **Wisdom Psalm** - for wise & responsible living
- **Royal Psalm** - focus on the King
- **Imprecatory Psalm** - call for justice from enemies
- **Thanksgiving Psalm** - past distress/faithfulness
- **Lamenting Psalm** - distress by crisis situations

Book 3 of Psalm 85 is our study about Lamenting in a time for the nation of Israel. These 11 Psalms spread throughout the completed book were written during national times of lament; the most common distress for this Psalm was Judah's return from Babylonian captivity in the 6th century BC.

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

*"Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. **2** You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah **3** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **4** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! **5** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? **6** Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? **7** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **8** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. **9** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. **10** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. **11** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. **12** Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. **13** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way."*

1. We Need to **REMEMBER** God's Past **MERCIES**. (v 1-3)

- FORGIVENESS of sins means that God's wrath will be STILLED.
- The necessary REPENTANCE is also the GIFT of God's grace.

2. We Need to **RECOGNIZE** God's Present **ANGER**. (v 4-7)

- Are we in REBELLION against God?
- Are we needing to learn from IRRESPONSIBILITY?

3. God **REVEALS** His Future **SALVATION**. (v 8-13)

- God promises the RESTORATION of intimate RELATIONSHIP with His people.
- JUSTICE and MERCY came together in the CROSS of Christ.
- God is fulfilling His covenant COMMITMENT by acting in JUSTICE through saving His people.

"Surely goodness and mercy[b] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*