



SERMON NOTES

January 3, 2016

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-19 (NAS)

Topic: "Prayer for Revival"

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- 1 Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth!
- 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power And come to save us!
- 3 O God, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, And You have made them to drink tears in large measure.
- 6 You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 O God of hosts, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.
- 8 You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with its shadow, And the cedars of God with its boughs.
- 11 It was sending out its branches to the sea And its shoots to the River.
- 12 Why have You broken down its hedges, So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?
- 13 A boar from the forest eats it away And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.
- 14 O God of hosts, turn again now, we beseech You; Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,
- 15 Even the shoot which Your right hand has planted, And on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.
- 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.
- 17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.
- 18 Then we shall not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.
- 19 O LORD God of hosts, restore us; Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.

I. HISTORY OF THE PSALM

- A. Probably Written About 722 B.C.
- B. Northern Kingdom Had Fallen To Assyria
- C. Asaph, The Writer, Was Probably A Descendent Of The Asaph Of David's Time
- D. Southern Kingdom Fearing Attack

II. THE FOUR PARTS OF THE PSALM

- A. Prayer For God To Save His Flock vs. 1-3
- B. How Long Will God Be Angry With Israel? vs. 4-7

C. Parable Of Israel As A Vine Brought Up From Egypt vs. 8-13

D. Final Prayer For God To Restore His People vs. 14-19

III. GENUINE REVIVAL

- A. It Involves The Preaching And Hearing Of God's Word And The Moving Of God's Spirit
- B. People Become Aware Of God's Holiness And In Turn Become Starkly Aware Of Their Sin
- C. People Realize They Are Helpless, Powerless To Resolve Their Problems
- D. People Previously Only Church Attenders Come To Know Christ And Trust Him

IV. GOD MAKES HIS PEOPLE AWARE OF THE SENSE OF URGENCY

- A. "Eat The Bread Of Tears"
- B. Physical Enemy As The Door Step
 1. Outside the church
 2. Apathy within the church *1 Peter 5:8*

V. REVIVAL IMPEDED II Chronicles 7:14

- A. Sin Impedes Our Prayer
- B. Failure To Realize It Must Come From God vs. 17, 18
- C. Failure Of Heart-Felt Plea From God's People