

O LORD, REVIVE US AGAIN !



A message of Psalm 85

PSALM 85 (NIV 1984)

¹ You showed favour to your land, O LORD;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins. *Selah*

³ You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.

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⁴ Restore us again, O God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

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⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints—
but let them not return to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

PSALM 85

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the 3 truths in biblical revival?
2. Why remember God's past works?
3. How does repentance deepen intimacy?
4. How have you seen personal revival?
5. (Revival is the work of God) How can you foster revival at home/church?



Revival

SUMMARY OF PSALM 85

- The LORD of the past is also the LORD of the present
- He is able to revive and restore His people, then and now
- But His people must want revival
- And the LORD will pour out His grace on them, every step of the way

BIBLICAL REVIVAL: 3 TRUTHS

- I. Remember God's Past Faithfulness (85:1-3)
- II. Repent of Present Failures (85:4-7)
- III. Receive God's Promised Future (85:8-13)

I. REMEMBER GOD'S PAST FAITHFULNESS

a. Past Mercies Recognized – Psalm 85:2

b. Past Movements Revered – Psalm 85:3

- Hebrew: '*nāśā*' – forgave- to lift or carry away

- Application:

- i. Journal God's faithfulness (steadfast love)

- ii. Recall God's faithfulness

- iii. Sing of God's faithfulness

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never have come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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II. REPENT OF PRESENT FAILURES

a. Confession is Crucial – Psalm 85:5

b. Contrition is Commanded – Psalm 85:7

- Hebrew: '*šûb*' – 'repent' – to return

- Application:

- i. Engage in daily confession.

- (Use Psalm 139:3-4 as guide).

- ii. Exercise the 6 R's of biblical repentance.

THE 6 R'S OF BIBLICAL REPENTANCE

1. Recognize – *See the Sin Clearly (Psalm 51:3)*

- Acknowledge the *specific* sin without excuse or blame-shifting.
- Application: Ask God to reveal any area of disobedience through prayer and His Word.

2. Regret – *Feel Godly Sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10)*

- Experience genuine sorrow, not just guilt or fear of consequences.
- Application: Let your heart break over what breaks God's heart.

THE 6 R'S OF BIBLICAL REPENTANCE

3. Repent – *Turn Away from Sin (Acts 3:19)*

- Make a decisive change in direction—turn from sin and turn toward God.
- Application: Confess your sin to God and choose to forsake it.

4. Receive – *Accept God's Forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9)*

- Believe in God's promise to forgive when we truly repent.
- Application: Don't live in shame—receive His grace with gratitude.

THE 6 R'S OF BIBLICAL REPENTANCE

5. Renew – *Walk in Obedience (Romans 12:2)*

- Replace sinful patterns with godly habits; pursue holiness.
- Application: Cultivate a renewed lifestyle through prayer, Scripture, and community.

6. Reconcile- *Restore Relationships* (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

- Take responsibility for your wrong.
- Application: Say “Sorry”. Forgive one another (Col. 3:13).

III. RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISED FUTURE

a. Peace Promised – Psalm 85:8

b. Presence Provided – Psalm 85:9

c. Prosperity Proclaimed – Psalm 85:13

- Hebrew: '*šālóm*' – 'peace' - wholeness, wellbeing, harmony (see Romans 3:25-26)

- Application:

- i. Listen daily for God's voice, through His Word, prayer and silence

- ii. Claim God's promises; walk in hopeful anticipation

ROMANS 3:25-26

“God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

SUMMARY

I. Remember God's past faithfulness

II. Repent of present failures

III. Receive God's promised future

James 4:8 – *'Come near to God and he will come near to you.'*

THE WELSH REVIVAL



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- Confess all known sin, receiving forgiveness through Jesus Christ
- Complete consecration to His service
- Receive the Holy Spirit
- Be ruled by Jesus

RESPONSE

What is God saying to you this morning?