



Restore Us Again

Psalm 85

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Overview: The Psalmist recognizes how good the Lord has been to His people despite their previous failure to follow Him faithfully. Without giving the full background, he recalls a time in Israel's past when the Lord withdrew His wrath, forgave His people and restored their fortunes. It is clear from the text, however, that the Psalmist is living during a time when those fortunes have been reversed, God's anger has been rekindled, and God's people need to be forgiven. His plea for restoration and revival is based on God's grace but also includes a definite response from God's people to find satisfaction in the Lord rather than returning to their foolish ways. His desire for life to return to normal is thus mitigated by the fact that God's people must reorient themselves to reflect God's character before they can truly experience God's blessing.

01. Our current reversal of fortune is not the first time in history where God suddenly captures our attention by removing our comforts and exposing our frailties.

02. Our future prospect of recovery is not guaranteed by history as if God is obligated to make our lives normal and return us to our privileges.

03. Our ongoing prayer for restoration is in keeping with history because God has revived His people before and promises to do so again.

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1. Consider the numerous times in the Old Testament when God's people choose their own way instead of following Him, starting with the Garden of Eden. What does the multitude of such examples suggest about human nature? What do we learn about the character of God through such examples?
2. How would you answer the question in verse 5: "Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?" What biblical citations do you have to support your response?
3. How would you define revival based on verses 6-8? Is it a temporary commitment to the Lord, or is it an ongoing commitment to know the Lord better than before? How can we ensure that, having experienced the goodness of God, we do not return to our foolish ways?
4. Which attributes of God are listed in verses 10-13? What scriptures or songs come to mind as you think about these attributes? Do these attributes conflict in any way with God's justice or wrath?
5. Note the importance of the land in this Psalm (verses 1, 9, 12) as abundant harvests and national security were signs of God's pleasure with Israel. What indicators might we find that suggest God is pleased with His people today? How do these indicators differ from what the world might define as being blessed?

For Further Reading: D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Revival* (Crossway, 1987)

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Revive Us Again

Chorus

Hallelujah! Thine the glory!
Hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory!
Revive us again

Verse 1

We praise Thee, O God
for the Son of Thy love
For Jesus who died and is now gone above

Verse 2

We praise Thee, O God
For Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night

Verse 3

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain

Verse 4

Revive us again
Fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

Great Are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
Pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Verse

You give life, You are love
You bright light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You Lord (chorus)

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
Pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Turn Your Eyes

Verse 1

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Verse 2

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
and our measureless debt was erased

Chorus

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You
Our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Verse 3

Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Verse 4

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow
Every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Chorus

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You
Our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You (2x)

Tag

Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You
Oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
is where You are

And where You are
Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are
Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord I need You
Oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You (2x)

Tag

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Good, Good Father

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word (chorus)

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

Chorus

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am
It's who I am

Praise Before My Breakthrough**Verse 1**

*I know the tension of the now
i don't always understand
I don't always get to see everything
When I'm holding up my hands
When I'm counting every breath
Lord all I need to know is You choose me
You choose me*

Chorus

*I'll praise before my breakthrough
'Til my song becomes my triumph
I will sing because I trust You
I will bring my heart
I will lift my song*

Verse 2

*When I'm listening for Your voice
and I'm shutting out the noise
I know that You will speak clearly
When I'm living out my faith
When I'm stepping on the sea
I know You take my hand and walk with me*

Chorus

*I'll praise before my breakthrough
'Til my song becomes my triumph
I will sing because I trust You
I will bring my heart
I will lift my song*

Bridge

*He who came in power
He will come again
He who heals the sick
Won't He move again?
He who raised the dead
Won't He raise again?
I will sing*

Bridge

*He who came in power
He will come again
He who heals the sick
Won't He move again?
He who raised the dead
Won't He raise again?
I will sing, I will sing
Oh I will sing, I will sing*

Chorus

*I'll praise before my breakthrough
'Til my song becomes my triumph
I will sing because I trust You
I will bring my heart
I will lift my song*

Chorus

*I'll praise before my breakthrough
'Til my song becomes my triumph
I will sing because I trust You
I will bring my heart
I will lift my song*

Tag

*And I sing because I trust You
And I'll worship because I trust You
I sing because I love You
I will bring my heart
I will lift my song*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**Verse 1**

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it
Seal it for the courts above