

Psalms 80:1-18

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." Of Asaph. A psalm.

v1 Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth
v2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.
v3 Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
v4 O LORD God Almighty, how long will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?
v5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
v6 You have made us a source of contention to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.
v7 Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
v8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
v9 You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.
v10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
v11 It sent out its boughs to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.
v12 Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?
v13 Boars from the forest ravage it and the creatures of the field feed on it.
v14 Return to us, O God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,
v15 the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.
v16 Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.
v17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
v18 Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
v19 Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

DEAR GOD, WE ARE READY FOR RESTORATION

I The SYMPTOMS that DISPLAY OUR FAITH IS "MOEG!" (tired).

- 1. The FEELING THAT GOD IS NOT ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS. – v4**
v4 O LORD God Almighty, how long will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?
- 2. The ONGOING SENSE of JOY is NOT PRESENT. – v5**
v5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- 3. Our FAITH does not SEEM TO IMPACT OUR SOCIETY AS MUCH. – v6**
v6 You have made us a source of contention to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us. (Edom and Moab)
- 4. We have FORGOTTEN what GOD DID IN THE PAST. – v8-11**
v8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. v9 You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. v10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. v11 It sent out its boughs to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.
- 5. We FEEL DEFEATED. – v5**
v12 Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? v13 Boars from the forest ravage it and the creatures of the field feed on it.

II The SCREAM that SOULD SOUND OUT OF OUR LIPS

v3 Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

v7 Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

v14 Return to us, O God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,

v19 Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Heb = SHUB

To repent or restore

To return us to the "Pre-Fallen" state.

III The GOD that CAN LIFT OUR BURDENS.

1. He is the SHEPHERD that LEADS US TO GREEN PASTURE. – v1a

v1 Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel ...?

2. He is THE ONE WHO HAS NEVER STOPPED SHINING. – v1b

v1 you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.

3. He is "THE ROOT" of the HOUSE OF JESSE. – v15

v15 the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself. –

Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Jeremiah 23:5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

4. He is the "VINE CUT DOWN" in OUR PLACE. – v16

v16 Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

5. He is the ONE "RAISED TO VICTORY OVER DEATH". – v17b

v17 Let your hand rest on the the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

6. He is the ONE "AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER". – v17a

v17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

CONCLUSION

Exodus 33:12-14 Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' v13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." v14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. v29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. v30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."