

RESTORATION

Psalm 85

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19-20*

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD’S PAST MERCIES

vs. 1-3

In the midst of current suffering, the psalmist wisely remembers God’s past kindness.

The psalmist recognizes God’s favor toward Israel and God’s restoration of Israel.

God’s forgiveness of Israel’s sins ended His wrath and initiated Israel’s restoration.

To be restored, we first reflect on our gracious _____ and _____ from God.

REQUESTING GOD’S CURRENT MERCIES

vs. 4-7

Israel understands that God alone can bring new revival into their fallen state.

When Israel’s soul is awakened by God, they will find their chief joy in God.

Israel wants the reality of God’s love to be as obvious as the reality of their pain.

To be restored, we leave our ruins behind and ask God to _____ our lives.

ENVISIONING GOD’S FUTURE MERCIES

vs. 8-13

Peace would be the result of Israel turning from their folly and turning to God.

As Israel fears God, His glory will return to their afflicted land bringing abundance.

To be restored, we _____ to God’s will in our life and reap the fruit of His indwelling.

Great blessings await Israel as the attributes of God envelop their hearts and land.

The righteousness of God will march before Israel making a path for them to follow.

To be restored, we leave our path and commit to walking on God’s _____ path.

YOU HAVE TURNED FOR ME MY MOURNING INTO DANCING

Psalm 30:11a

KEY: calling, cleansing, rebuild, bow, righteous

Speak to the LORD – Psalm 85

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EZRA 3:11-13a And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.” And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers’ houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping....

ISAIAH 41:8-9a But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners....

ISAIAH 41:10 ...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 61:10a I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness....

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

TITUS 2:13-14waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

PSALM 37:37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 ...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

PSALM 30:11-12 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!