

PSALM 80 Prayer for Israel's Restoration!

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Psa 80:3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART - Keith Green, Maranatha Singers (2:54)

Create in me a clean heart, oh God And renew a right spirit within me

Create in me a clean heart, oh God And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord And take not Thy holy spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And renew a right spirit within me (2X)

And renew a right spirit within me

Psalm 80 – Again after the destruction, the casting away. Notice verse thirteen of the previous psalm. Psalm 79 talks about “the people, the sheep of Your pasture.” Psalm 80 begins, “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,” a tie between the two.

PSALM 80 – *To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm.*

Psa 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

- *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock.* The sheep of your pasture.
- The cherubim are angelic beings of the highest order of God’s creation. Ezekiel, in chapters one and ten, describe the throne of God and the cherubim that are about the throne of God. John, in Revelation chapter four, also describes the throne of God and the cherubim that are about the throne of God “who cease not day or night saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty which is, which was, which is to come.” It would appear that Satan, at one time, ranked with the cherubim for he is called in Ezekiel “the anointed cherubim that governed.” It could be that in the ranking of the cherubim he was the chief among this high-ranking angelic being.
- *You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!* The tabernacle was a model, we are told, of heavenly things. In the most holy place inside the tabernacle, the holy of holies, that sort of inner sanctum, that little fifteen foot cubical of gold plated acacia wood. In there was the Ark of the Covenant that was covered by what is called the mercy seat and on the top of the mercy seat was carved these two cherubim. It filled this little fifteen foot cubical that represented the dwelling place of God, there wings touched the walls. It was where the high priest would go into meet with God. A model of heavenly things these golden cherubim on top of the mercy seat. So in the heavenly, God’s surrounded by these cherubim. The psalmist is declaring you that dwell between the cherubim shine forth.

Psa 80:2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us!

- It is interesting that these three tribes were grouped together. You have the whole camp of Israel kind of like a shape of the cross. In the center was the tabernacle and around on four sides were four tribes camped. When they would move this direction these three tribes (west) were behind so they followed after the tabernacle; Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. They are back here in this grouping of the camp of Israel and thus they are listed together.

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- The plea of this psalm is that God would turn to them again. It would seem that God had turned away from them. So in verses three, seven and nineteen you have this prayer that God would turn to us again. Notice though they seem the same there is a slight difference in all three. “*Turn us again, O God, and cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved*” (80:3). “*Turn us again, O God of hosts,*” (80:7) so there is added there the “of host” and the same “cause Your face to shine; and we shall be

saved” (80:7). Then in verse nineteen, “*Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause Your face to shine; and we shall be saved*” (80:19). You see, “*O God, O God of hosts, O LORD God of hosts.*”

- Now back in numbers God commanded the priest when they came forth from the tabernacle and doing their ministry before the Lord that they were to go out into the people to place God’s name upon the people. God said, “This is the way you are to place My name upon the people. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord cause His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.” So this God turning His face towards you, cause His face to shine upon you...so picking that up out of that blessing he says, “Lord turn again to Your people, cause Your face to shine upon Your people that we might be saved” (80:3).

Psa 80:4 O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?

Psa 80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure.

- How long are we going to endure this suffering? Now according to the prophet Jeremiah they were to endure it for seventy years. There was a reason for the seventy years. They had been dwelling in the land from the time of the establishment of the kingdom for four-hundred and ninety years during which time they had no kept the law of God in allowing the land to rest every seven years. So God said one year for every year the land was not rested, in four-hundred and ninety years, every seven years it would have been seventy years in which the land would have rested, would not have been planted, tilled, cultivated but just let go wild. This was so the land could replenish itself, so the soil would be replenished and so the food would be fully nutritious.
- But the people did not obey this command. They kept planting for year after year after year for four-hundred and ninety years. God said, “Hey the land has seventy years coming to it for rest. Therefore you’ll be captives for seventy years that I might give to the land its Sabbaths.” They were looking for God to bring immediate revenge upon their nation but they were going to be fed with tears for seventy years.

Psa 80:6 You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.

- That scoffing and ridicule is always hard to handle.

Psa 80:7 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

- Now he uses a parable of sorts and he likens the nation of Israel unto a vine, a grape vine. It’s interesting that the Nation of Israel is likened to a grapevine in both the prophecies of Isaiah and again in Jeremiah. Jesus used the figure that “I am the true vine and you are the branches, every branch in Me” so he uses this analogy.

Psa 80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

- You, the Nation of Israel, have brought a vine out of Egypt: You have cast out the nations, and planted it. God planted the Nation of Israel there in the land.

Psa 80:9 You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

- The Nation of Israel, having been rooted there, began to be established and began to spread out over the whole land.

Psa 80:10 The hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its boughs.

- They became strong, broad boughs.

Psa 80:11 She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River.

- They conquered all the way over to the Mediterranean, and her branches to the River Euphrates.

Psa 80:12 Why have You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

- Israel is no longer protected by God but has become prey to their enemies. When they would plant their vineyards they would build up rock walls around them to protect them from people just passing by and ripping off the fruit. So every vineyard had these rock walls. Even today you’ll today you’ll see these rock walls all over the area of the Valley of Eshcol where they still grow grapes, you’ll still see these walls. Some of them, no doubt, trace clear on back to this time, the walls that protect the vineyards.

Psa 80:13 The boar out of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.

Psa 80:14 Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine

- The Nation of Israel has been wasted and devoured but Lord, help us.

Psa 80:15 And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.

Psa 80:16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

Psa 80:17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man (Jesus' title) whom You made strong for Yourself.

- This verse seventeen is a very interesting verse. It's very interesting in light of the fact that it is really a prophecy; "Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand" (80:17). Who is it that is at the right hand of God? What is He called in the scripture? "The Son of Man" (80:17).

Psa 80:18 Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

Psa 80:19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

- So really it's the prayer for the Messiah! It is interesting that today in Israel there is again that prayer for the Messiah. They realize that they are having a difficult time surviving as a nation and many of them realize that their only hope is for the Messiah.

GREAT ARE YOU LORD (5:01) All Sons and Daughters -

(Psa 80:3,7,19) Restore us, O God;

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise

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

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore (You restore) Every heart that is broken Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only (2X)

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord And all the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing Great are You, Lord

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

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise

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

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

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