

Psalm 85

Remember, Revive, and
Restore

V1-3 Remember God's Past Faithfulness

V1- “the captivity of Jacob”

(Likely after the Babylonian captivity)

God forgave not because of “Jacob”
but because God gave Jacob a new
name, “Israel”.

Exodus 33:19 And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Romans 9:15 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

V2- God forgave their iniquity (deep-seated moral evil)

And God covered “ALL” their sin (missing God’s perfect standard)

6 things God has done for us:

showed favor, restored us, forgave iniquity, covered our sin, withdrew His fury, turned His anger away

V4-7 Pray for Spiritual Renewal in the Present

V4a- Restore us, O God of our
salvation

V4b-5 Turn your anger away from us

V6- Revive us Again!

That Your people may rejoice.

V7- A plea for God's lovingkindness

V8-9 Pray for God's Mercy and Forgiveness

V8a- I will hear/listen to what God says

V8b-He will speak peace to His people

V8c- but do not turn back to disobedience

V9- we need "His" salvation. Salvation is from the Lord

Grant us “Your” salvation

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From
where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth

10-13 Trusting in God's Future Faithfulness

V10 Lovingkindness & truth have met

Mercy says not guilty,

but truth says you are guilty.

(How can these be in agreement)

V10b- righteousness and peace have
kissed

V11- Truth is “all have sinned.”
Righteousness looks down on mankind
Psalm 85 teaches us to remember
God’s faithfulness, pray for renewal,
seek His mercy, and live out His peace
and righteousness in our lives.

Psalm 30:5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

V12- Our land will yield its produce
God has blessed America.

Trust God for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.