

THE WHY OF REVIVAL

Psalm 85

**“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And
cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will
You be angry with us forever? Will You
prolong Your anger to all generations?
⁶ Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You? Show
us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your
salvation**

**⁸ I will hear what God the LORD will speak,
For He will speak peace To His people and to
His saints; But let them not turn back to
folly. ⁹ Surely His salvation *is* near to those
who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our
land**

**10 Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.**

**11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And
righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**12 Yes, the LORD will give *what is* good; And our
land will yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness will go before Him, And shall
make His footsteps *our* pathway.” Psalm 85:4-13**

I. REVIVAL WILL RESTRAIN THE RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF GOD

“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will You not revive us again, That Your people may” rejoice in You? Psalm 85:4-6

A. GOD'S ANGER IS AGAINST AN UNREVIVED PEOPLE

1. WICKEDNESS

“The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,
And desperately wicked; Who can know
it?” Jeremiah 17:9

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The
Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18

2. LAWLESSNESS

²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.” 1 Thessalonians 4:7

3. CARELESSNESS

¹⁷ For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17

Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever." Psalm 93:5

¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
1 Peter 1:16

B. GOD'S ANGER IS AGAINST A UNREPENTANT HEART

“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.” Psalm 85:4

**⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”
Revelation 2:5**

“Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.” Revelation 2:16

³ Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.” Revelation 3:3

**“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
Therefore be zealous and repent.”
Revelation 3:19**

II. REVIVAL WILL RESTORE THE CONSCIOUS AWARENESS OF GOD

“Will You not revive us again?” Vs. 6a

A. SPEAKS OF HIS SMILING FACE

“The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-25

2⁸ And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king's face.”

2 Samuel 14:28

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

B. SPEAKS OF THE SHOWING OF HIS GRACE

“Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.” Psalm 85:7

**¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”
Romans 6:14**

C. SPEAKS OF THE SOUNDING OF HIS VOICE

“I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly.”

Psalm 85:8

III. REVIVAL WILL RESTORE THE GRACIOUS ACTIVITIES OF GOD

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” John 5:17

A. HIS SAVING ACTIVITY

**Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.”
Psalm 85:10**

B. HIS SANCTIFYING ACTIVITY

1. DEMONSTRATED IN PERSONAL LIFE Vs. 10

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17

2. DEMONSTRATED IN SOCIAL LIFE

“Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.” Psalm 85:11

3. DEMONSTRATED IN MATERIAL LIFE

“Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.” Proverbs 14:34

“Where *there is* no revelation,^[a] the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law” Proverbs 29:18

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full..” John 16:24

WILT THOU REVIVE US AGAIN?"