

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 80
A Psalm When You Need To Be Restored

Carnal blindness and spiritual blindness

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS = John 14:17; 2 Cor 4:4

(John 14:17) "the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

(2 Corinthians 4:4) "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

CARNAL BLINDNESS = 1 Cor 15:34; Rom 13:11; Eph 5:14

(1 Corinthians 15:34) "Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame."

KJV= "*Awake to righteousness*"

(Romans 13:11) "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

(Ephesians 5:14) "for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.""

PSALM 80 - CARNAL BLINDNESS - God's children were blind to their condition.

Key phrase: 80:3, 7, 14, 19

80:3, 7, 19 are the *refrains* **CIRCLE IN YOUR BIBLES**

80:14 is similar

I. RESTORE= *SHOUB* (80:3, 7, 14, 19)

A. TWOT: "*It is the twelfth most frequently used verb in the OT, appearing just over 1050 times. . . Better than any other verb, it combines in itself the two requirements of repentance: to turn from evil and to turn to the good. . . it is used dealing with the covenant community's return to God (in the sense of repentance), or turning away from evil (in the sense of renouncing and disowning sin), or turning away from God (in the sense of becoming apostate)*"

B. Asaph writes "Restore us, O GOD" - *He knows that only God can bring conviction and restoration.*

II. **How did the Psalmist know they needed restoration? GOD'S FACE WAS TURNED AWAY.**

A. Why would God turn his face away?

B. (Deuteronomy 31:17-18) "*On that day I will become angry with them and forsake*

them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, 'Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?' And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods."

- C. (Ezekiel 7:22) *"I will turn my face away from them, and they will desecrate my treasured place; robbers will enter it and desecrate it."*
- D. (Ezekiel 39:23-24) *"And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their offenses, and I hid my face from them."*
- E. (Ezekiel 39:29) *"I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord."*
- F. (Isaiah 64:7) *"No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins."*

G. BUT WE are Different!!! We arrogantly turn away from GOD and pretend that everything is OK!!!!

H. (Jeremiah 2:27) *"They say to wood, 'You are my father,' and to stone, 'You gave me birth.' They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; yet when they are in trouble, they say, 'Come and save us!'"*

I. See also Malachi...

III. Back to Psalm 80

- A. 80:1-2.
 - 1. Emphasis on the Northern kingdom (Ephraim, Benjamin, Manassah)
 - 2. The situation is ISRAEL was bad
 - 3. 80:3 **REFRAIN**
- B. 80:4-6
 - 1. The MANNA has turned to TEARS
 - 2. Israel was receiving JUDGMENT
 - 3. It was THEIR SIN that caused this calamity!
 - 4. 80:7 **REFRAIN-13**
- C. 80:8-18
 - 1. Image turns to ISRAEL as a VINE
 - 2. This section comes to a HIGH POINT in v. 14. V. 13 is the LOW POINT of this Psalm. The image of the vine extends through verse 18, but here, at v. 14 the vine is destroyed. The ONLY HOPE is that Israel would RETURN! This is the same word as in v. 3, 7 and 19 - (*shub*). Israel's only hope was REPENTANCE!

3. The hope begins in v. 14b. "Watch over this vine. . ."

IV. APPLICATION?

- A. Revival must come from God
- B. Conditions for revival:
 1. Humility
 2. Honesty
- C. **ASAPH knows that their only hope was their covenant relationship with GOD**
- D. NAMES of GOD
 1. 80:3 "O God"
 2. 80:7 "O God Almighty (KJV = "O God of Hosts")
 - a. Elohim Tsa Ba Ah (Sabaoth)
 - b. The God of the armies of heaven.
 - c. A Picture of strength
 3. 80:14 "O God Almighty"
 4. 80:17 "O LORD God Almighty"
 - a. God's covenant name
 - b. This compound name used in only 6 places in the OT
 - (1) (Psalm 59:5) "**O Lord God Almighty, the God of Israel, rouse yourself to punish all the nations; show no mercy to wicked traitors. Selah**"
 - (2) (Psalm 69:6) "**May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.**"
 - (3) (Psalm 80:4, 19)
 - (4) (Psalm 84:3) "**Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.**"
 - (5) (Psalm 84:8) "**Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Selah**"
 - (6) (Psalm 89:8) "**O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**"
 - (7) (Jeremiah 15:16) "**When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.**"