

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 85*  
*A Psalm When Your Heart Needs Revival*

***We're the People of God***

Setting - Prayer for Revival and renewal following a great catastrophe - **RETURN from BAB CAPTIVITY**

READ Psalm 85

- I. Praise for God's Discipline. 85:1-3
  - A. GOD DID THIS.
  - B. Six things
    1. Showed favor
    2. Restored the fortunes of Jacob
    3. Forgave the iniquity of your people. Heb *anown*.
    4. Covered their sins. *Covered as with a garment*.
    5. Set aside your wrath
    6. Turned from your fierce anger
  - C. As they returned from captivity they thanked God for what He had done.
  
- II. Prayer for Renewed Devotion. 85:4-7
  - A. They returned with EXCITEMENT, then DISAPPOINTMENT, then the REALITY of what was ahead. **HAGG. 1:9-15.**
  - B. God sent them a prophet.
  
  - C. Where do we need revival?
    1. Personal
    2. Family
    3. Church
    4. National
  
  - D. FOUR SPHERES of GOVERNMENT
  
  - E. *"Revival is a new beginning of obedience to God. . .Just as in the case of a converted sinner, the first step is a deep repentance, a breaking down of heart, a getting down in the dust before God, with deep humility and a forsaking of sin."*  
*Charles Finney in "Who Said That?" 381.*
  - F. EMBARRASSMENT - PRIDE keep us from confession. Failure to confess keeps us from revival
  
- III. A Promise for God's Deliverance.
  - A. The promise for revival is conditional
    1. V. 8 "Let us not return to folly"
    2. V. 9 "Those who fear Him."

3. **2 Chron 7:14**

B. The ultimate revival is in the future. V. 10-13

C. QUOTE RA TORREY - 383 "Who Said That?"