

PRAYING PSALM 85

“Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You” (Psalm 85:6)?

The theme of this psalm is revival. 1. PREVIOUS REVIVAL REMEMBERED (1-3). The first three verses give the characteristics of revival: You brought us back from captivity. You forgave our iniquity. You covered all our sin. You have taken away your wrath. 2. PLEA FOR GOD TO DO IT AGAIN (4-7). Restore us. Cause Your anger to cease. Show us mercy. 3. PAUSE TO HEAR HOW THE LORD WILL ANSWER (8-9). I will hear what the Lord will speak. He will speak peace. 4. PROMISE OF FUTURE RESTORATION (10-13). Because mercy and truth have met together. Because righteousness and peace have kissed. Because the Lord will give what is good. Because righteousness will make His footsteps our pathway.

Do you pray for revival? Will you pray for revival? Revival is different than an awakening. An awakening is the overflow of revival blessings to a society. Revival brings saints out of captivity from sin. Revival brings spiritual vitality to believers. Revival restores God’s people to holy living. Revival brings salvation to the lost. If we want revival, we must pray for it. Revival usually begins with a few saints intentionally and passionately praying it. If you want revival, you call out to God, and keep calling until He answers. God brings revival, not man. Revival will not come until the people of God desire it enough to cry out for it. When revival comes His footsteps will be our pathway.