



Psalms for Life

Sermon: Righteousness & Peace Kiss (Psalm 85)

Summary: Many people experience seasons of spiritual dryness and drought. One step to take is praying Psalm 85. Dane Ortlund, author of *In the Lord I Take Refuge*, explains that Psalm 85 is written so we will have a prayer to offer to God during those times when we feel distant and empty. This is a Psalm to come back to again and again when we need reviving and renewal in our relationship with God. When we need God to intervene and when we need him to work! Jesus is our righteousness and our peace. He is the one to whom we turn when we lack anything. Jesus said that whatever we ask for in His name, He will do it!

Memory Verses:

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Psalm 85:10-12

Psalm 85

Revive Us Again

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. Selah
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

I. Call on the Lord for Forgiveness.

Favored - Restored - Forgave - Covered - Withdrew - Turned
Land - Fortunes - Iniquity - Sin - Wrath - Anger

- 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- 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?
- 7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

II. Call on the Lord to Revive Us Again.

With Salvation, Joy and Love.

- 8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, 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.

III. Do not turn back to folly.

What is folly? Foolishness and Stupidity. Folly is looking to something or someone other than God and His Son Jesus for anything. Folly is thinking that you control your life and that God does not.

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This is our mission field. This is the most important mission we have. To be witnesses in our Jerusalem. Our home towns!



- 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- 11 Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

IV. Love, Faithfulness, Righteousness and Peace are Kissing Cousins!

Life Application Questions

1. When was the last time you felt spiritually dry and empty? What was the experience like? How did it end? Are you in a season like that now? What are you doing as you pass through it?
2. Have you ever helped someone going through a dry spiritual season of life? It could be after a divorce or death of a loved one. It could be after the loss of a job or financial security. What could you do to help someone in a dark and dry place move toward the light of salvation?
3. Have you ever prayed using scripture as a basis for your prayer? What verses have you used or do you use? Would you consider using Psalm 85?
4. God wants to revive us again. God is waiting for us to ask Him to revive us and restore our relationship with Him. What keeps you from asking Him to do that? What keeps others from asking for reviving and restoration?
5. What can we do to help people know that salvation is available from the Lord?
6. Are you praying for the "land" where you live and the people who live there? Pray for your city to become a City of Light. Ask the Lord to revive your city citizen by citizen, school by school, neighborhood by neighborhood and church by church.