

NOTES: Blessings of Revival
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Charles Finney, the great evangelist of the 19th century, defines revival: “Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility,” *The Pour Over*, 6-15-2026.

I would add to this; God restores beauty to your life.

Today revival is happening on university/college campuses. Students are getting saved and baptized. Revival is also happening in Asia Pacific. Mega churches are growing and God is doing miracles. Psalm 85 describes two *blessings* God gives us in revival.

1. Revival enriches our worship of God – 85:6 – The sons of Korah prayed for revival so they could rejoice in the Lord.

¹ Lord, You showed favor to Your land;

You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the guilt of Your people;

You covered all their sin.

Selah

³ You withdrew all Your fury;

You turned away from Your burning anger.

⁴ Restore us, God of our salvation,

And cause Your indignation 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,

So that Your people may rejoice in You?

⁷ Show us Your mercy, Lord,

And grant us Your salvation.

Psalm 85:1-7 NASB 2020

As we experience the favor of God – 85:1 – Notice that “fortunes” is plural, not singular. In other words, it is not the singular fortune of good luck or a large amount of money. Rather it is plural fortunes—multiple good gifts from God.

As we experience the forgiveness of God – 85:2-3 – The word “all” occurs two times. All our sins are forgiven, and all God’s wrath is gone.

As we experience the mercy of God – 85:7 – God’s mercy at my dad’s death.

2. Revival enhances our commitment to God – 85:8-13 – Chapel at Asbury University has “Holiness unto the Lord” engraved on it wall.

⁸ I will hear what God the Lord will say;
For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones;
And may they not turn back to foolishness.

⁹ Certainly His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Graciousness and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth sprouts from the earth,
And righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² Indeed, the Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its produce.

¹³ Righteousness will go before Him
And will make His footsteps into a way.

Psalm 85:8-13 NASB 2020

God speaks peace to us – 85:8 – No more folly/foolishness.

Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
Hebrews 12:14 NASB 2020

God’s glory dwells among us – 85:9

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NASB 2020

God’s righteousness comes over us – 85:10-13 – Righteousness is personified three times.

Lonely People by Dan Peek:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h51dqZ8zVyA&list=RDh51dqZ8zVyA&start_radio=1

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