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TEXT: Ps 80:1-19

TITLE: Intercessory Prayer

Ps 80:1 **Give ear**, O Shepherd of Israel,

We need revival and it is going to come by intercessory prayer.

1. Question: 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be **angry** against **the prayer of thy people? V.4,v.19**
2. Question: 12 Why hast thou then **broken down her hedges**, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

Ps 80:3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

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This lamenting cannot be just a National lamenting during a National distress. It must be that every individual understands their responsibility to cry out to God.

Things that come to a National level have been happening on the home front for a long time.

A Nation in Distress? or A Nation on its knees seeking God?

* God must help us or there is no help
* God must make us strong for His Glory or there is no strength and there is no Glory. 15,17 “madest strong for thyself”
* God must quicken us or there is no life
* God must turn us or there is no turning
* God must shine upon us or there is no shining.
  1. Enlightened
  2. Made to shine as lights Eph. 3:9

Restore true worship; and give us such evidences of thy presence now(shine forth), As our fathers had under the first tabernacle and in Solomon’s temple.

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, … and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

* God must save us or there is no salvation.
* The Holy Ghost must dwell in us and walk in us or there is no way to perfection.

Ps 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; **thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.**

Ps 80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh **stir up thy strength, and come and save us.**

What will it take to bring us together? It is wise to mention the names of the Lord's people in prayer,

Numbers 10:35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

Psalm 68:1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. 70:4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Job 15:33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

Psalm 128:3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Haggai 2:19 **Is the seed yet in the barn**? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

James 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

**Ps 80:12** Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

The hedge is broken down by ignoring the guard that God has given.

There still is a faithful guard. The angels; the prophets, the apostles, the teachers, the pastors surrounding the vine. Casting out devils, excommunicating heretics, arresting perverse men, and guarding the imperfect.

What is the hedge?

The guard of angels, the defense of pastors, the sacred doctrine of preachers.

God’s Protection and Provisions.

Personal convictions

Job 1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Where are the hedges? Why hast thou cast down her hedges?

That she might fill up her iniquities, complete the measure of her wickedness, that at length she might be punished and renovated? But what was wanting to her? What sin was not found in her? Behold, Lord, for her wickedness is full.

Mt 23:32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

And now they gather her grapes, even all who go out of the way. Not the true vine dressers, not the true husbandmen, gather her grapes, not at all good, not a few good, not partly good and partly bad, not even one good, but all who pass beyond the way, pluck her. All who keep not thy precepts, who know not the way of God, open sinners,

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They gather her grapes for themselves, not for the Lord. They regard not the poor; they feed not the hungry; they clothe not the naked; they help not the stranger; they defend not the widow and orphan; They sing to the sound of piano and organ, like David; they think they have the instruments of song, arranged in choirs, praising God with the lips, but in heart they are far from God. They suffer nothing for the grief of Joseph; with no pity are they moved for the needy and poor. These, then even all who transgress thy way, gather thy vintage?

Those Walking in thy way and seeing the hedge of thy vine broken down, they have gone out of the way. They have not walked a straight course, but leaving the way, turning their feet to thy vine, to pluck her, to gather her fruit, not the spiritual fruit, but the temporal. The rich men of this world walking in the way of their sins, seeking by thy will and against thy will the riches, honours, dignities, and pleasures of this world, have turned aside from thy ways. The hedge is broken down which repelled the unworthy, and now even they who go out of thy way have entered, and gather her grapes. They have transgressed thy way, and turned to thy vine: not, indeed, that they might cultivate her for thee, but that they might gather her grapes for themselves. Ge 15:11 “the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away” Jg 3:31 Shamgar slew six hundred men with an ox goad II Sam. 23:11-12Shammah

Ps 80:8 ¶ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

Isa 5:1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? 5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

John 15:1 ¶ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

* God brought Israel out of Egypt. Out of bondage, sin, deception,

1. This vine was brought out of Egypt that it might be planted in a better and more favourable soil. The Israelites were brought out of their Egyptian bondage that they might be established in the land of Canaan, where they might grow and flourish, and worship the true God.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

2.When the husbandman marks out a proper place for his vineyard, he hews down and roots up all other trees; gathers out the stones, brambles, thickets that might choke the young vines, and prevent them from being fruitful. So God cast out the heathen nations from the land of Canaan, that his pure worship might be established, and that there would be **no idolatry**, no bondage in our worship, no unbelief, no doubt, no discouragement, no wavering in our decision to do the revealed Will of God.

Ge 26:2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Eze 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.

Hosea 2:6 ¶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. Pr 15:19 ¶ The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain. Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Ho 11:1 ¶ When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

Ge 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. Ro 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

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* 1. Seven expressions of His Position
     1. Ps.80:1 O Shepherd of Israel, Tenderness
     2. Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Gentleness
     3. Thou that dwellest between the cherubims Omnipotence
     4. Ps 80:8 ¶ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt:
     5. Ps. 80:17 “The man of thy right hand,
     6. 17—upon the son of man”
     7. O Lord God of Host
        1. The Covenant Keeping God
           1. Revealed by The Covenant Keeping Name
  2. Seven expressions of His Person.
     1. His EAR—Give ear

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* + 1. His Word and His Wrath—Stir up thy strength

Ps 80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

* + 1. His Face, His Presence, His Glory, His countenance, Shine forth

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16—It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of **thy countenance**.

* + 1. His eyes

Ps 80:14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

* + 1. His Power to give life—Quicken us

Ps 80:18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

* + 1. His Judgment to Save us

Ps 80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us. 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

God forgotten did not mean God distanced God was there looking Mr 11:11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

God disobeyed did not mean God destroyed

Ps 80:16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Slow burners are to bring you to repentance

Mr 11:13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. 14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. 15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

* + 1. His Right Hand

Ps 80:15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

The Covenant keeping God

**The man of thy right hand**

The vineyard which thy right hand hath planted

One day the vine and the Olive tree shall be restored together.

Bring us back to where we worship God as He Rises up

Pray together

Ge 49:24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

God is Light His light is to be revealed in us and through us, like the bright burst of the burning shining sun from behind a cloud.

Nu 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

I don’t care how dark your heart has been you can have light

Mt 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Mic 7:8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me. Lu 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: Ge 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: {branches: Heb. daughters} Faith that grasps all in His Word Name nature