

Psalm 85:1-13 **The land responds to the favor of Yahweh**

Prayer that the LORD Will Restore Favor to the Land

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 YAHWEH (LORD), You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.

Selah

3 You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

4 Restore us, O Elohey (God of) our salvation, And cause Your anger 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, That Your people may rejoice in You?

7 Show us Your mercy, Yahweh (LORD), And grant us Your salvation.

8 I will hear what 'El Yahweh (God the LORD) will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and 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.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yes, Yahweh (the LORD) will give *what is* good; And our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway.

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Facts Revealed:

The Psalmist is from among the sons of Korah

❖ · YAHWEH (LORD), You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.

You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. [Psalm 85:1-3]

❖ The psalmist remembers the time when Yahweh had been gracious toward the land of Israel and had brought back the captivity of Jacob.

❖ It was a time when Yahweh had forgiven their iniquity and covered all their sins.

❖ A time when Yahweh had turned from His wrath and the fierceness of His anger.

❖ Restore us, O Elohey (God of) our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? [Psalm 85:4-6]

❖ He prayed for national restoration, acknowledging that their salvation is from Elohey.

- ✧ He asked that the anger of Elohey may cease.
- ✧ He asked how long will the anger of Elohey continue.
- ✧ He prayed for revival that the people may again rejoice in Elohey.
- ✿ Show us Your mercy, Yahweh (LORD), And grant us Your salvation.
 I will hear what ‘El Yahweh (God the LORD) will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. [\[Psalm 85:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ Again he prayed for the mercy of Yahweh and His salvation.
- ✧ He declared that he will hear what ‘El Yahweh will say, fully confident that it will be peace to His Saints.
- ✧ He also acknowledged that for continuing peace the people must not turn back to their folly which was the problem from the first.
- ✿ Surely His salvation *is* near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yes, Yahweh (the LORD) will give *what is* good; And our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway. [\[Psalm 85:9-13\]](#)
- ✧ He is convinced that Yahweh’s salvation is near to those who fear Him so that glory may dwell in our land.
- ✧ He demonstrated the close relationship between mercy and truth, righteousness and peace.
- ✧ When Yahweh is pleased it seems that truth springs out of the earth and righteousness looks down from Heaven.
- ✧ Yahweh will give what is good and the land will yield its increase.
- ✧ Remember it was a land flowing with milk and honey with overwhelmingly rich abundance when Moses sent the spies to search out the land. [\[Numbers 13:17-25\]](#)
- ✧ Righteousness goes before Yahweh and makes His footsteps our pathway.
- ✧ We need to follow the example of our Lord and Savior.