

Psalm 85 A Psalm of the sons of Korah

The LORD brought His people out of captivity

¹⁻² Precious LORD,

You have forgiven the sins of Your people Israel and have covered those sins with the blood that Christ shed on the cross centuries later. You have brought Your people Israel out of captivity, and blessed Your land with Your favor.

Folks, stop what you are doing, and ponder what I just said.
Do you understand the significance of the fact that the LORD
forgave their sin and brought them back to Himself?

The LORD withheld His anger over their sin

³ You withheld Your burning anger and decided not to pour out upon us the devastating wrath that our sin deserves. ⁴ Thank You, but although we are in the land, You are still not happy with us as a people. You are the God of our salvation. Please cause Your anger to cease, and restore us to a right relationship with You. ⁵ Will You be angry with us for generations to come, or forever for that matter? ⁶ We beg You to send a revival throughout the land of Israel so that Your people may once again rejoice in Your goodness. Please pour out Your tender love and kindness, and grant salvation through the shed blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ¹.

I want the LORD to speak peace to Israel

⁸ I want to hear what the LORD has to say because I believe that if the people of Israel will abandon their sin and live in a good and godly manner, God will speak peace to us. ⁹ Surely God is ready to save those who fear Him enough to do good and avoid or abandon every sinful practice. Then, and only then, will the glory of God dwell in our land. ¹⁰ God's truth and His tender love and kindness together will then be poured out upon His people. Righteousness and peace will hold each other in an intimate embrace. ¹¹ The people on the earth will be faithful to the LORD, and righteousness will descend from heaven upon them. ¹² Without doubt, the LORD will give Israel what is good, and He will cause our fields to produce bumper crops. ¹³ He will go forth in righteousness, and He will teach us to live in a Christ-like manner to His glory.

¹ In John 14:6, Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.