

REVIVE US AGAIN

PSALM 85

Introduction:

The prayer for revival came during a time of great stress and disappointment in the life of Israel. It probably came from the post-exilic period reported by Zechariah in his prophecy. The people who had returned from the Exile had lost their fervor for the Lord and consequently had lost the favor of the Lord upon their lives and their work.

The history of the church is a history of resurrections, according to the reformer John Calvin. The church slips into the disfavor of the Lord only to be renewed by a season of revival. Most of us will acknowledge that we are in need of such a season of revival again.

- I. THE MEMORY OF PAST MERCIES FROM GOD
ENCOURAGES PRAYER FOR REVIVAL. (V. 1-3)
- II. OUR AWARENESS OF PRESENT NEED ENERGIZES
PRAYER FOR REVIVAL. (V. 4-7)
 1. Joy is missing.
 2. The anger of the Lord is obvious.
- III. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF THE GOD
ENCOURAGES PRAYER FOR REVIVAL. (V. 8-13)