

## BRING US BACK TO LOVING YOU

TEXT: (Psalm 85:4, TPT)

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## I. YOUR APPROACH TO GOD

## A. Acknowledge God's Blessings

1. "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6:9, KJV).
2. "Lord, your love has poured out so many amazing blessings on our land! (Psalm 85:1, TPT).
3. "When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:1-3, NIV).
4. "You've forgiven our many sins and covered every one of them in your love" (Psalm 85:2, TPT).
5. "So now it's obvious that your blazing anger has ended and the furious fire of wrath has been extinguished *by your mercy*" (Psalm 85:3, TPT).

## B. The LORD Hears Your Prayers

1. "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy" (Psalm 116:1, NIV).
2. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3, NIV).
3. "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NIV).

## C. The LORD Is Gracious and Compassionate

1. "The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion" (Psalm 116:5, NIV).
2. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:2-5, NIV).
3. "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8, NIV).
4. "Lord, you're so kind and tenderhearted and so patient with people who fail you! Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness" (Psalm 103:8, TPT).
5. "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-7, NIV).

## II. PRAY FOR REVIVAL AND RESTORATION

1. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11, NIV).
2. "Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:23, NIV).

## A. Bring Us Back

1. "So bring us back to loving you, God our Savior" (Psalm 85:4, TPT).
2. "Restore our hearts so that we'll never again feel your anger rise against us" (Psalm 85:4, TPT).
3. "Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease" (Psalm 85:4, NIV).
4. "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Luke 3:8, NIV).
5. "Amend your lives, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17, GNV).
6. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44, NIV).

## B. Restore Us

1. "Restore our hearts so that we'll never again feel your anger rise against us" (Psalm 85:4, TPT).
2. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12, KJV).
3. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16, NIV).
4. "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25, NIV).
5. "My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world" (I John 2:1-2, NIV).

## C. Pour Out More of Your Love

1. "Pour out even more of your love on us!" (Psalm 85:7, TPT).
2. "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (Acts 3:19, NIV).
3. "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself" (I Corinthians 14:4, NIV).

## D. Save Us

1. "Restore us back to you!" (Psalm 85:7, TPT).

## III. LISTENING FOR THE ANSWER

1. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5-6, NIV).
2. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him" (I John 5:14-15, NIV).
3. "Now I'll listen carefully for your voice and wait to hear whatever you say" (Psalm 85:8, TPT).

## A. God Will Speak Peace

1. "Let me hear your promise of peace" (Psalm 85:8, TPT).
2. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1, NIV).
3. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27, NIV).
4. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV).

## B. Salvation Is at Hand

1. "Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven" (Psalm 85:9-11, NIV).
2. "Your mercy and your truth have married each other. Your righteousness and peace have kissed" (Psalm 85:10, TPT).
3. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16-17, NIV).
4. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38, NIV).

## CONCLUSION:

1. "Yes, the Lord keeps raining down blessing after blessing, and prosperity will drench the land with a bountiful harvest. For deliverance goes before him, preparing a path for his steps" (Psalm 85:12-13, TPT).