

DAY 30 – Righteousness and Peace

Psalm 85

85 Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

² Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

³ Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

⁴ Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us forever? Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

⁶ Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

⁷ Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

⁸ I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Focus: Restoration and Renewal

Psalm 85 reflects on past mercy while longing for renewed revival.

“Restore us again.” Lent carries that same cry. Renewal is not automatic; it is sought through repentance and prayer.

The psalm’s poetic line — “Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed” — reveals God’s balanced character. He is both just and gracious. True renewal brings harmony between what is right and what is compassionate.

As we seek revival, we must desire transformation, not merely emotion. Restoration begins in the heart and spreads outward into relationships and communities.

Prayer: Restoring God, renew our hearts and revive our land. Let righteousness and peace flourish among us. Amen.