

A Song of Restoration

Psalm 85

TO
THE UNKNOWN
DEFENDERS
OF
OUR COUNTRY

Memorial Day...

- Many concerns on this Day of Memories...
 - Wars of bullets and bombs
 - Wars of Nature and Earth's "labor pains"
 - Wars of attacks on minds, hearts & souls, despair
- PROCLAIMING; to one & to Nations
- "the prayer of a patriot for his afflicted country"
 - Charles Spurgeon
- Can we have HOPE today for our Nation?
 - The GOOD NEWS IS YES!
 - Not in man, man's ways, but IN GOD'S PROMISE

The Key of Thanks (vs. 1-3)

- You have shown **FAVOR** to YOUR LAND
 - Restored from captivity – *ratsah*, acceptance, pleasure
 - Forgiven iniquity – *nasah* – carry, accept, bear away
 - Covered ALL sin – *kasah* – conceal, cover, hide -**SELAH!**
 - Withdrawn ALL fury – *asaph* – to gather, take away
 - Turn away burning anger – *shub* - to answer, bring back
- If we don't have this, we have **NOTHING!**
 - Favor of God is in and on our hearts in FORGIVENESS
 - The people were still poor, abused and hurting... BUT GOD!
 - Corporate thanksgiving is a MUST for National Change...

A Cry for God (vs. 4-7)

- **RESTORE US, O GOD!**
 - A cry from every heart and mind
 - There is still a recognition and acknowledgement
 - God is the ONE to cry to!
- His **ANGER**, our sin!
- **REVIVE US**
 - Not because we earned it, or deserve it!
 - **LOVINGKINDNESS** of GOD
 - **GRANT US** salvation, not ours by any method
 - And **WE WILL REJOICE!**

Works and Walks (vs. 8-13)

- I will hear, (*shamah*) He will speak! godly ones
 - Do NOT turn back to folly! Israel had theirs...
 - “a disdain for God’s truth and discipline...”
- Salvation for those who fear (conditional!)
 - Why would we do that? “for HIS GLORY” to be here
 - If we DON’T fear Him, it will NEVER COME!
- 4 Blessings for those who respond!
 - Lovingkindness & truth; righteousness & peace!
 - Met and kissed... united in HIM
- God will give the GOOD Land 1,9,12

HIS FOOTSTEPS...

- Righteousness goes before Him
 - Like a light in Darkness
 - Not just the result of His passing
- Becomes a way for us to FOLLOW
 - No good having A ROAD if no one is using it!
 - FAVOR for the LAND...
 - Do we understand what it means?
 - Will we seek it for our NATION?





THE SENTINEL'S CREED

MY DEDICATION TO THIS SACRED DUTY
IS TOTAL AND WHOLE-HEARTED.
IN THE RESPONSIBILITY BESTOWED ON ME
NEVER WILL I FALTER
AND WITH DIGNITY AND PERSEVERANCE
MY STANDARD WILL REMAIN PERFECTION
THROUGH THE YEARS OF DILIGENCE AND PRAISE
AND THE DISCOMFORT OF THE ELEMENTS.
I WILL WALK MY TOUR IN HUMBLE REVERENCE
TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.
IT IS HE WHO COMMANDS THE RESPECT I PROTECT
HIS BRAVERY THAT MADE US SO PROUD.
SURROUNDED BY WELL MEANING CROWDS BY DAY,
ALONE IN THE THOUGHTFUL PEACE OF NIGHT,
THIS SOLDIER WILL IN HONORED GLORY REST
UNDER MY ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

- SIMON 1975