

PSALM 80

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth,
A Psalm of Asaph.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep

root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.

16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from

thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
A Psalm of Asaph.

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8. Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou

wilt hearken unto me;

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjust-

ly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6. I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted

together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9. Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 *Which* perished at Endor: they became *as* dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and

troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

PSALMS 84

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

HOW amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.

6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

To the chief Musician,
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

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 for ever? 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.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In Psalm 80 Asaph is crying for the restoration of the nation of Israel. In verses 1 and 2 the Lord is called the Shepherd of Israel. He is invoked to restore the chastened and scattered nation. This Psalm is a rehearsal of what will happen in the future when God gathers His children from all the nations and brings them home to Himself. "A nation shall be saved in a day." The regathering of the nation of Israel is as sure as the rapture of the church.

The blowing of trumpets in Psalm 81 foreshadows the regathering of Israel and the answer to the prayer of Psalm 80. Notice in verse 11 why God was not hearing His people. They would not hearken to His voice; thus God "gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels."

Psalm 82 gives us the pre-Kingdom judgment. In this Psalm God takes His place as the supreme and righteous Judge, to judge the nations and to administer justice in contrast to the unjust judges. His right to judge is in the fact that all the nations belong to Him, as He takes possession of the Kingdom.

In Psalm 83 Asaph is praying for God's judgment upon the enemies of Israel. In a time of trouble and stress, he is calling on God to deliver His people. Thanks to God, He is faithful in delivering those who call on His name.

In Psalm 84 the Psalmist is rejoicing as he expresses his love for God and his desire for fellowship with the Lord. For years I have been personally blessed by verse 11 of this Psalm. "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and

glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." What a gracious and glorious promise we have in this verse. As we abide in Him daily, He is our light and protection. He gives grace and glory, and every good thing we have comes from Him. His only prerequisite for giving good things is that we walk uprightly.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered" (Proverbs 28:26).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 22: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

CLAUDETTE POWERS

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1873

MOODY LANDED IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

He said he came "to win 10,000 souls to Christ." It was his third trip. Eight attended his first meeting; later over 10,000 people attended at one time. Thank God for evangelists today. Pray for those whom you know; pray that God will raise up another Moody.

1880

THE BIRTHDAY OF HELEN KELLER.

Today is the birthday of Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf. This should turn our attention to thanking God for vision and hearing. Thank God today for your hearing and your vision, and pray for those not so privileged.

1950
THE UNITED STATES TOOK ITS FIRST MILITARY ACTION AGAINST KOREA.

Again pray for the servicemen and pray for the friends in Korea. I have been a minister to Korean people for more than four years now. What a joy they have been to my own heart and to the hearts of many others as well.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1833
PRUDENCE CRANDALL, A LIBERAL WHITE WOMAN, ARRESTED for conducting an academy

for black females at Canterbury, Connecticut. Academy was later closed.

1914
U.S. SIGNED TREATY OF COMMERCE WITH ETHIOPIA.

1967
RACE RIOT, BUFFALO, NEW YORK. Two hundred arrested.

1872
POET PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR BORN in Dayton, Ohio.

1979
U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED in Weber v. Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation that employers and unions can establish voluntary programs, including the use of quotas, to aid minorities in employment.

A Christian Life . . .

JERRY McAULEY **1839-1884**

Jerry McAuley was born in 1839 in County Kerry, Ireland. His father was a counterfeiter who fled home to escape the law. At the age of 13, Jerry was sent to America to live with a married sister in New York City. Soon he was running with a gang on Water Street and was supporting himself by stealing. Later he was arrested and sentenced to 15 years in Sing Sing Prison.

While in prison, McAuley began to read the Bible in search of forgiveness for his sins. After reading it through twice, he was converted to Christ through the efforts of a lady missionary who visited the prison. His attitude and conduct changed to the effect that he was let out of prison in 1864, after serving seven years and two months.

In October, 1872, McAuley, his wife, and a few helpers opened the Water Street Mission in the heart of the slum section of New York City. Night after night, many of the seats were filled with drunks and tramps, looking for a place to rest and relief from the cold. McAuley's mission accepted anyone, regardless of how dirty he looked, how foul he smelled, or how uncertainly he stood to his feet.

The services of the mission were not limited to the physical needs of the men, as Gospel meetings were conducted nightly. Singing, testimonies, and preaching competed with the shouts and noises of the Water Street slums. The Water Street Mission, under McAuley's direction, became an example of Christian compassion for the down



and out. Tens of thousands of bums, transients, drunks, and harlots heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, many of them responding to the invitation.

Although McAuley died in 1884, his influence lives on today through the work of the mission.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE ARE TOO MANY HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH"

(Assignment 22)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

You are not to judge.

() Matthew 7:1

Judge not, that ye be not judged..

Those that try to judge are inexcusable.

() Romans 2:1

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Judgment of God according to truth.

() Romans 2:2

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Those that judge do the same thing.

() Romans 2:3

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Only accountable for yourself.

() Romans 14:12

So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.