

Restore Us, O God!  
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February 14, 2016

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■ Hebrew parallelism. (Psalm 103, 51)

Psalm 103:1, ***Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.***

Psalm 51:1, 3 ***Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.***

***(3) For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.***

■ “Revive” means to make alive again.

■ I’ve been talking about revival for about 20 years.

■ John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard Movement, prophesied or predicted a revival that would come from the Presbyterians!

■ Restore means to make new again, like we restore a ’57 Chevy.

(Or “This Old House” or an antique table.)

■ Restore means to bring back, cause to return, like the exiles, or someone who was fired getting their job back. (Pharaoh’s cup bearer in the Joseph story.)

- Restore means to cause to repent. הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ

2. Restoration brings intimacy with God.

Psalm 80:7 ***Restore us, God Almighty; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved.***

3. Restoration brings salvation.

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- Deliverance from time of trouble.
- Restoration comes after recession.
- No one thinks of restoring a 2016 Lexus, unless it's been in an accident.

Psalm 80:4(-6) ***How long, Lord God Almighty, will Your anger smolder against the prayers of Your people?***

***<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; You have made them drink tears by the bowlful.<sup>6</sup> You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.***

4. Our nation needs restoration.

See Psalm 80:8-16

***(A parable for Israel)***

***You transplanted a vine from Egypt;***

***You drove out the nations and planted it.***

***<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it,***

***and it took root and filled the land.***

***<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade,***

***the mighty cedars with its branches.***

***11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.***  
***12 Why have You broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?***  
***13 Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed on it.***  
***14 Return to us, God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and see!  
Watch over this vine,***  
***15 the root Your right hand has planted,  
the son You have raised up for Yourself.***  
***16 Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
at Your rebuke Your people perish.***

■ The “Great Awakening” was a national restoration of Great Brittan and the Colonies.

■ The “Welch Revival” was a national awakening. → great social change!

■ The United States needs Restoration.

■ Political division, racial division

■ Sexual laxness

■ Economic disparity.

■ Religious anarchy.

***II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***

5. The Church needs restoration.

Revelation 2:4-5 (to Ephesus) *Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.*

Revelation 3:16-18 (to Laodicea) *So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.*

- **The Reformation was a Revival of the Church.**
- **The Azusa Street Revival and the Charismatic Movements were revivals of the church. (William Seymour, inter-racial.)**
- **The Jesus Movement was a revival among young people. With dramatic life change.**
- **(Alvin Reid, Malcom McDow *Firefall 2.0: How God Has Shaped History through Revivals* )“In conclusion, ... without awakening, God’s people are surrounded by hostile forces; in awakening they are delivered. Without awakening, they live in spiritual inertia; in awakening they live in spiritual power. Without awakening they are spiritually sick; in awakening they are spiritually cured. Without awakening they live in disobedience to God; in awakening they live in obedience to Him. Without awakening their worship is impotent; in**

awakening their worship is a new song, a symphony of praise to God. Indeed, awakening is a spiritual change that alters Christian living” –. location 382 of 9291

- **Hunger for God.**
- **Little League (or band) on Sundays**
- **Ash Wednesday**
- **Ministry/Service.**
- **Bible reading, prayer, Bible studies.**

6. Your Name needs restoration.

I Peter 5:10 ***And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.***

Luke 22:31-32 ***“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”*** (Cf. John 21:15-24)

- **Individual revival → revival of the Church.**
- **Revival of the church → revival of the nation.**
- **God always starts with a few individuals. Is it you?**
- **I hope you’re fired up! “Here I Am, Lord!” But you can’t do it by yourself.**

7. Restoration is an act of God.

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- **Remember II Chronicles 7:14, “**then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**”**

- “God Almighty” appears 4 times in this psalm.
- We can’t restore ourselves anymore than a ’57 Chevy, or “This Old House” or an antique table.
- But we can is pray!

8. Restoration comes through Jesus Christ.

***Psalm 80:17 Let your hand rest on the man at Your right hand, the son of man You have raised up for Yourself.***

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