

7 – SEEKING GOD: PRAYER (PSALM 80)

I. The Next Step

- We have to move beyond confessing our sin and begin to seek the Lord's presence in our lives.
- The problem is that we struggle with knowing exactly how to pray for renewal in our lives.
- We must recognize that we are asking God to do a heart work that only he can do.

II. A Prayer For Renewal (Psalm 80)

A. The Plea for Restoration (Psalm 80:1-3)

- The psalmist calls to God to listen to his plea for help.
- He reminds the Lord that he is the one to leads the children of God.
- The psalmist calls for God to restore them and show favor to them so that they will be saved.

B. God's Heavy Hand (Psalm 80:4-13)

- The psalmist asks how long the Lord will not listen to he prayers of his people.
- He acknowledges that the Lord has used a heavy hand to deal with them.
- The psalmist repeats the call to restore them and show favor to them so that they will be saved.
- The psalmist reminds the Lord that he is the one who established Israel in the land as a vine.
- Yet the Lord has allowed difficulties to destroy them.
- The palmist is recognizing that God is the one who is allowing them to suffer.

C. The Prayer For Revival (Psalm 80:14-19)

- The psalmist calls the Lord to remember them and turn his eyes on them again.
- The psalmist asks the Lord to revive them so that they will call upon him again.
- The psalmist repeats the call to restore them and show favor to them so that they will be saved.

III. The Key to Waiting (Hebrews 11:6)

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Rekindling Your Desire For The Lord: A Study In Spiritual Renewal

A. The Key

- The key to everything in our spiritual lives is faith.
- This implies that faith is more than just simple belief.
- Our faith pleases the Lord.
- Faith comes to the Lord believe that he exists and that he will take care of you.

B. The Nature of God

- The Lord rewards those who diligently seek him.

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:13

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

- The Lord will fill you with his spirit if you diligently seek him.

Personal Question

Consider if God is calling you to seek him. Are you willing to take the time to seek the blessing of renewal in your life?