

Subject: Restoration

1. Calling upon God as the Shepherd of Israel Psalm 80:1
 - a) Remembering God as the One who led Psalm 80:1
 - b) Calling upon God who dwells in the Ark to shine forth Psalm 80:1
 - c) Pleading with God to stir up His strength Psalm 80:1
 - d) Pleading for salvation Psalm 80:1

2. Pleas for restoration
 - a) First plea Psalm 80:2
 - b) Second plea Psalm 80:7
 - c) Third plea Psalm 80:19

3. Words of the Plea
 - a) Cause Your face to shine upon us
 - b) We shall be saved

4. Grappling with an estranged relationship with God
 - a) How long would You be angry? Psalm 80:4
 - b) Against the prayer of Your people Psalm 80:4

5. Struggling with suffering
 - a) You have fed them with the bread of tears Psalm 80:5
 - b) Given them tears to drink in great measure Psalm 80:5
 - c) Made a strife to our neighbours Psalm 80:5
 - d) Our enemies laugh among themselves Psalm 80:5

6. Remembering God's original plan
 - a) Brought out like a vine out of Egypt Psalm 80:8
 - b) Cast out the nations Psalm 80:8
 - c) Planted it Psalm 80:8
 - d) You prepared room for it Psalm 80:9
 - e) And caused it to take deep root Psalm 80:9

- f) It filled the land Psalm 80:9
- g) The hills were covered with its shadow Psalm 80:10
- h) Boughs reached to the sea Psalm 80:11

7. The Present circumstances

- a) Hedges broken down Psalm 80:12
- b) Passers-by pluck the fruit Psalm 80:12
- c) Wild animals attack the vine Psalm 80:13

8. Plea for God to return

- a) Beseeching God Psalm 80:14
- b) Look down from heaven and see Psalm 80:14
- c) Visit the vine Psalm 80:14
- d) Visit the vineyard the Lord planted personally Psalm 80:15
- e) The vineyard was now perishing Psalm 80:16
- f) Plea to have someone tend to the vineyard Psalm 80:17

8. Appropriate response

- a) We will not turn back on You Psalm 80:18
- b) Plea for revival and we will call upon Your name Psalm 80:18

Subject: God's Response to His people

1. God's remembrance of Israel

- a) I removed his shoulder from the burden Psalm 81:6
- b) His hands were freed from the baskets Psalm 81:6

2. God's response

- a) You called in trouble Psalm 81:7
- b) I delivered you Psalm 81:7
- c) I answered you in the secret place of thunder Psalm 81:7
- d) I tested you in the waters of Meribah Psalm 81:7

3. God's word to His people

- a) Hear, O My people Psalm 81:8
- b) I will admonish you Psalm 81:8
- c) If you listen to Me Psalm 81:8

4. A clear word to be obeyed

- a) There shall be no foreign god among you Psalm 81:9
- b) No worship of idolatrous images Psalm 81:9

5. God's relationship with His people

- a) I am the LORD your God Psalm 81:10
- b) Who brought you out of Egypt Psalm 81:10
- c) Open your mouth wide and I will fill it Psalm 81:10

6. God's observation

- a) But My people would not heed Me Psalm 81:11
- b) Israel would have none of Me Psalm 81:11

7. God's action

- a) I gave them over to their stubborn heart Psalm 81:12
- b) To walk in their own counsels Psalm 81:12

8. God's desire for certain conditions to be fulfilled

- a) That His people would listen to Him Psalm 81:13
- b) That Israel would walk in His ways Psalm 81:13

9. God's promise to deal with enemies

- a) God would subdue enemies Psalm 81:14
- b) He would turn His hand against adversaries Psalm 81:14
- c) Their fate would endure forever Psalm 81:14

10. A precious promise

- a) He would have given them the finest of wheat Psalm 81:15
- b) He would have given them honey from the rock Psalm 81:15

11. An Appropriate response

- a) Sing aloud to God our strength Psalm 81:1
- b) Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob Psalm 81:1
- c) Raise a song and strike the timbrel Psalm 81:2
- d) The pleasant harp with the lute Psalm 81:2
- e) Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon Psalm 81:3
- f) At the full moon Psalm 81:3
- g) On our solemn feast days Psalm 81:3

12. Making it a Law

- a) This is a statute Psalm 81:4
- b) A law of God for Israel Psalm 81:4
- c) Established in Jacob as a testimony Psalm 81:5
- d) When He went through the land Psalm 81:5

Subject: God's Word to those in Power

1. A special word from the Lord

- a) As One who judges Psalm 82:1
- b) To those who are judges Psalm 82:2
- c) They are called "gods" Psalm 82:1, 6

2. Admonition to the bad judges

- a) They judge unjustly Psalm 82:2
- b) They show partiality to the wicked Psalm 82:2

3. The work of the Judges

- a) To defend the poor Psalm 82:3
- b) The fatherless Psalm 82:3
- c) To do justice to the afflicted Psalm 82:3
- d) And needy Psalm 82:3
- e) To deliver the poor Psalm 82:4
- f) And needy Psalm 82:4
- g) From the hand of the wicked Psalm 82:4

4. Rebuke and warning to the bad judges

- a) They do not know Psalm 82:5
- b) They do not understand Psalm 82:5
- c) They walk in darkness Psalm 82:5
- d) Foundations are unstable Psalm 82:5

5. The so-called gods

- a) They wield power like gods Psalm 82:6
- b) But they are mortal children of the Most High Psalm 82:6
- c) They will die like men Psalm 82:7
- d) They will fall Psalm 82:7

6. Plea to God to arise and be the Supreme Judge Psalm 82:8

Subject: An Imprecatory Prayer

1. What is an Imprecatory Prayer?

- a) It is a call to God to punish the wicked
- b) It is a strongly emotional prayer for Divine judgment to be visited upon evil doers
- c) A call to God to respond quickly

2. An urgent Plea to God

- a) Do not keep silent, O God Psalm 83:1
- b) Do not hold Your peace Psalm 83:1
- c) And do not be still, O God Psalm 83:1

3. Causes for Imprecation

- a) Your enemies make a tumult Psalm 83:2
- b) Those who hate You have raised up their head Psalm 83:2
- c) They have taken crafty counsel against Your people Psalm 83:3
- d) Consulted together against Your sheltered ones Psalm 83:3
- e) "Let us cut them off from being a nation" Psalm 83:4
- f) "That the name of Israel may be no more" Psalm 83:4
- g) They have consulted together with one consent Psalm 83:5
- h) They have formed a confederacy against You Psalm 83:5
- i) List of confederated nations Psalm 83:6-8

4. Plea for Divine judgment (citing known examples)

- a) Deal with them as with Midian and Sisera Psalm 83:9
- b) As with Jabin at the brook of Kishon Psalm 83:9-10
- c) Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb Psalm 83:11
- d) All their princes like Zebah and Zalmuna Psalm 83:11-12

5. Imprecatory language

- a) Make them like the whirling dust Psalm 83:13
- b) Like the chaff before the wind Psalm 83:13

- c) As the fire burns the wood Psalm 83:14
- d) As the flame sets the mountains on fire Psalm 83:14
- e) So pursue them with Your tempest Psalm 83:15
- f) And frighten them with Your storms Psalm 83:15
- g) Fill their faces with shame Psalm 83:16
- h) Let them be confounded and dismayed forever Psalm 83:17
- i) Let them be put to shame and perish Psalm 83:17

6. The name of God

- a) That they may seek Your name, O LORD Psalm 83:16
- b) That they may know that Your name alone is the LORD Psalm 83:18
- c) That You are the Most High over all the earth Psalm 83:18

DEEP AND IMPACTFUL LESSONS LEARNED AT THE YAG-YC RETREAT

- 1. Worship
- 2. Prayer
- 3. Knowledge of God

REFLECTIONS AND RAMIFICATIONS

- 1. Personal
- 2. Congregational