

***Sermon Title: "A Prayer for Revival, Part 1"***

**Date: August 6, 2023 - Psalm 85:1-7**

**Central Idea: When we turn back to God, He turns back to us and restores us. Is your life turned toward God?**

**Introduction:**

This psalm was probably written after the Jewish people returned to their land following their seventy years of captivity in Babylon. God had been merciful in the past; He is angry at present; but He will restore Israel in the future. The psalmist acknowledged the goodness of God in restoring His people and forgiving their sins. He then prayed that the Lord would remove His wrath from His people.

**I. Praise for God's Past Forgiveness Psalm 85:1-3**

**1. God had shown favor. v. 1**

**2. God had shown forgiveness. v. 2**

**"Iniquity" means "perverseness, bent, crooked."**

**3. God had shown anger. v. 3**

**II. Prayer for Renewed Life Psalm 85:4-7**

**1. Repentance is needed. vv. 4-5**

**"Turn (restore) us."**

**2. Revival is needed. vv. 6-7**

**"Revive" means "to live again, to be renewed in life."**

**Conclusion:**

New life is not something we manufacture ourselves; new life can come only from the Holy Spirit of God. Revival and salvation always go hand in hand. Reformation only changes the outward; revival changes the inward. New beginnings should lead to new experiences in life.