

Communal Lament Turning

Sons of Korah · Book III

"For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah."

IN ONE SENTENCE

*God forgave his land before, so his people ask for revival, where love and truth meet and righteousness kisses peace.***Remember it:** Eighty-five: where God revives, righteousness and peace kiss each other.

MEMORY VERSE

Mercy and truth meet together.
 Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Psalm 85:10 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

נִשְׁקָו

"they kiss" · verse 10

In the Psalms: twice, in 2 psalms

נִשְׁקָו is the ordinary word for a kiss, the greeting of family and friends who meet. Here two of God's qualities greet each other: righteousness and peace. In God's salvation, doing right and being at peace are not rivals; they embrace like old friends reunited.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3 In the past the LORD forgave and turned from anger.
- 4-7 Revive us again and show us your loving kindness.
- 8-13 God speaks peace; love and truth meet, righteousness and peace kiss.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 85 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/85.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Forgiveness & Repentance

Israel's Story

Waiting on God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God _____ his land before, so his people ask for _____, where love and truth meet and righteousness kisses _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What had God done with all his people's sin?

☐ (A) Covered it

☐ (C) Ignored it

☐ (B) Written it down

☐ (D) Sent it to Egypt

2. Why do they ask God to revive them again?

☐ (A) So their enemies would fear

☐ (C) So they can rebuild the walls

☐ (B) So his people may rejoice in him

☐ (D) So the harvest grows

3. What will God speak to his people?

☐ (A) Judgment

☐ (C) Peace

☐ (B) A riddle

☐ (D) A new law

TALK IT OVER

1. How does remembering God's past forgiveness in verses 1-3 give the people courage to pray in verses 4-7?

2. What does it tell us about God that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, all meet in him?

3. Where do you or your church need revival, and what would it look like?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 85 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 10 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: forgive · revival · peace · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. B (v. 6) · 3. C (v. 8)