

## A Heart Cry for Revival

### Psalm 80:7-19

Intro: Baby in swimming pool with daddy close!

Text: What would happen if God should leave us alone?

Israel abandoned God. He abandoned Israel. Many were being carried into Assyrian captivity!

It wouldn't. God couldn't. IT DID AND HE DID!

\*\*Once we realize our total dependence on God there will come from us a Heart Cry for Revival!

God does not need us! We need Him.

Ezek 22:30 I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

Three words show our need for revival: Hedges, Hope, Heartcry

#### I. Hedges

V.12 *"Why have you then broken down Her hedges?"*

##### 1. The Powerful places of Hedges:

(For protection on vineyards and property)

"Over the Hedges"

The Bible speaks of hedges around 3 things:

A Nation      A family (Job) a person (Hosea)

NT: Jesus prayer for PETER (Luke 22)

Disciples (Jn 17)

##### 2. The perturbing problem about hedges.

V.12 – BROKEN HEDGES Israel's hedge WAS GONE!

They were confronted with enemies WILD BOAR

America's enemies – "George Gallup – US is suffering a moral crisis. Street crime. Alcohol and drug abuse. Spiritual illiteracy. Irreverent spirit. Sexual immorality. Destruction of marriage and family. Teenage pregnancies. Violence and murder.... All threaten America

Something has happened in America. The hedges are down.

## WHO BROKE DOWN THE HEDGES?

Joshua 6:13 "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened?"

Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them over

v.26 Because of this, God gave them over

v28. "God gave them over to a depraved mind."

V12 says it is God who broke them down. Why does He do this?

To bring judgement to this His people (Isa 5:5) "Now I tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed."

To arouse us into spiritual alertness

To call us to confess and forsake our sins

A HOLY GOD DEMANDS A HOLY LIFE.

## II. Hope

Is there any hope? How does God build a hedge?

He builds a "HEDGE" through godly people.

Ezek. 22:30 I looked for man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

Job: A godly man – "Perfect" but not without sin. Pleased God upright His outward walk as like his inward relationship.

He builds a "Hedge" through His Word.

Ezek 13 – Word of God not taught – Word builds hedges. V.2 "Say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: HEAR THE WORD OF THE Lord!"

He builds "Hedges" through Prayer.

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Intercessory prayer

III. American Colonists turned to God. Moral slump. Greed. Churches poorly attended. European atheism.

New England – prayer for revival 1734 Jonathan Edwards "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

Hundreds repented in one service

Short time – ¼ won to Christ Churches filled

PRAYER!

### III. Heart Cry

V.14 - Heart Cry for REVIVAL

Lord, visit this nation

This Church

Your purpose – blessing

You gave it birth

You are building it

It belongs to you – it exists for your purpose!

Lord visit our families: suffering. Need help.

Lord Visit our lives!

Get our attention.

We are being overcome with evil!

We have sinned

Our protection is gone.

LORD, VISIT OUR LIVES.