

Deep Root

Psalms 80:8-19 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river. 12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? 13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. 14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself. 16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself. 18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. 19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

1. The Cry (1-3)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth. 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us. 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Here we have a wayward people crying for God to save them.

Anytime you stray from God, you will suffer loss.

John 21:3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and

entered into a ship immediately; and **that night they caught nothing.**

Here is a cry for what was lost to be restored!

The problem today is that we have become quite comfortable in our shallow carnal place in this wayward world and no one is crying RESTORE:

Isaiah 42:22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Psalms 34:17 *The righteous* (1) cry, and the LORD heareth, and (2) delivereth them out of all their troubles. (in that order!)

2. The Change (7-11)

Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

God had set this people apart and given them a beautiful place to grow! Once in slavery now in freedom!

Psalms 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also

out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. **3** And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

3. The Condition (12-13,16)

Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? **13** The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it....**16** *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Notice the condition of God's people: broken down hedges, waste, devoured...

How is it that a people set free by God Himself are now back to where they seemingly started from and yea even worse?

4. The Cause (16)

No root = No growth = No Fruit = No blessings

Psalms 80:9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. – God had places them in a place where they could grow and take deep root, but they didn't.

NT illustration of this:

Luke 6:47-49 *Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:*

48 *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Matthew 13:3-6 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, *Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness* of earth: **6** *And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.*

Isaiah 31:6 Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

Hosea 9:9-10 They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. **10** I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: *but* they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto *that* shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved. ...**16-17** Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb. **17** My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

5. The Cure (19,3,7)

Jeremiah 49:7-8 Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? 8 Flee ye, **turn back, dwell deep**, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him. ...30 Flee, get you far off, **dwell deep**, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

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CONCLUSION

(14) Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and **visit this vine**

Psalms 139:23-24 *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*