

“Restore Us!”

The Setting

Northern Kingdom Refugees of the Assyrian conquest come to the Jerusalem Temple to pray

The Psalm

Verse 1 - “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel”

Verse 1 - “You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth”

Verse 2 - “Stir up your might and come save us”

Verse 3 - Refrain: “Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!”

Verse 4-6 – A Lament

Verse 7 – Refrain repeated

Verses 8-16 – A Second Lament

Verse 17-18 – “The son of man whom you have made strong for yourself – give us life”

Verse 19 – A Final Refrain

The Message – the Savior is here!

- The God of Angel Armies has regard for his people. He has mercy on us.
- He sends the One on whom His hand of blessing rests – His own Son.
- To shepherd His people He will lay down His life for His sheep. (John 10:11)
- Instead of judging us, He judges His Son.
- Sin, the “boar from the forest,” ravages the Son of Man.
- He Saves Us – He Gives Us Life

The Application

- We come as _____ longing for God’s solution
- Celebrate God’s gift of _____ – His answer to our need for salvation
- When you feel “God is missing in action” . . .
- His _____ and _____ is for you

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