

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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Psalm 80: 17-19..... Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

The request that God restore them can be taken more than one way, but it seems to be more of a spiritual focus rather than a material one and it could also be understood as “turn us again”. In verse 18 they admit that they turned away from God, but now they say they will call on God’s name. What they need, according to the Psalmist, is for God to “make his face shine on them”. What the Psalmist asks for is God’s Light.

The Psalmist asks God to shine his face upon his people as the answer to his prayer that God’s people be saved. He believes it is God’s light that will save them. What is this shining face; this light from God? It is a realization, a dawning awareness, an epiphany. It is an understanding at the heart level that God is true and just and he is worthy of our obedience and our following. It is what we are talking about when we say or sing, “I saw the light” when we sing about Jesus.

We sense God’s light shining on us that we have hope for our life. God’s light gives people hope to rebuild and start fresh with Jesus Christ who said in John 8:12..... Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Even more important than the light we see with our eyes is the light that Christ brings to our hearts, giving our lives the understanding and meaning only he can give.

This time of Advent is the time of divine restoration (Psalm 80) for we have all sinned, and only Jesus Christ can restore us back into a right relationship with a Holy God. The Advent Season is a time of prayer and fasting for the purpose of renewing and rededicating ourselves to Jesus Christ. Could we put aside the World’s cluttered, commercial view of Christmas? ...and not miss the “real Christmas” – the reason for the Season—the birthday of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our God Incarnate!!!

Prayer: When we are lost, restore us. When disaster strikes, restore us. When sadness overwhelms, restore us. When we have wandered from you, restore us. Praise to the Lord, our light and our guide. Restore us, let your face shine, and let us walk with you that we may be saved. Amen

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