

Psalm 80, Bible Study Outline

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1. Title, for congregational worship, "The Lilies" is the tune to which it would be played and sung, "A Testimony" is the genre of the Psalm, "Asaph" is its human author
2. 80:1
 - a. The Good Shepherd (Ezekiel 34:11-16; John 10)
 - b. The Divine Leader (Psalm 77:20, ever since, and forevermore)
 - c. The Holy God (Exodus 25:10-22; Isaiah 6)
3. 80:2
 - a. Three tribes following the ark (Numbers 2:18-24)
 - b. Naming names in prayer
 - c. Names on the High Priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:21 applied with Hebrews 5:5)
4. 80:3
 - a. Work of God in us
 - b. Work of God for us
 - c. "And we shall be saved", Grace! (Ephesians 2:8-10)
5. 80:4-6
 - a. Why God might be against our prayers: James 4:3, selfish, prideful, covetous, presumptuous, against the spirit of His revealed will, etc...
 - b. Patience through tribulation enjoined
6. 80:7
 - a. from salvation in verse 3 to revival in verse 7
 - b. "God of hosts" is the victor over spiritual foes
7. 80:8-11, Israel a vine
 - a. Cf. Joshua 24:11-13 regarding inheritance cleared before Israel
 - b. "Sea" is the Great (Mediterranean Sea), "River" is the Euphrates
8. 80:12-16
 - a. Desolation of Israel the unprotected vine
 - b. God's protection withheld due to sin, apply personally re: sin in our own lives
9. 80:17
 - a. "son of the right hand", doctrine of analogy with Benjamin, so his name means
 - b. Benjamin, the man specially loved (Genesis 35:18, 45:14)
 - c. God's extension of His love to a peculiar people (Deuteronomy 14:2)
10. 80:18-19
 - a. Divine Name invoked
 - b. Culmination of prayer is the most personal encounter with God