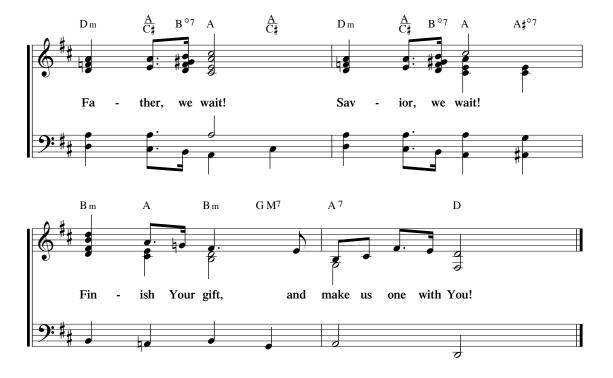
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Psalm 85



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MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) and Ken Bible



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LEAD-IN: Lord, You showed favor to Your land;

You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of Your people;

You covered all their sin. Selah You withdrew all Your fury;

You turned away from Your burning anger.

Restore us, God of our salvation...
I will hear what God the Lord will say;

For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones.

(Psalm 85:1-4a, 8, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 85

Father, You have *turned back our captivity* to sin (v.1).

You have turned away Your anger from us (v.3).

Your displeasure with our wrongness is past.

Praise to You!

But now, Lord,

having tasted the freedom of forgiveness,

having enjoyed the pleasure of a good relationship with You,

we pray for You to

finish what You have started.

Turn us fully to Yourself (v.4).

Turn us to

fullness of life and

fullness of joy in You (v.6).

As we remain turned toward You (v.8),

bless us with Your peace; bless us with the complete well-being

that flows from a right relationship with You.

Father, we long to live every moment with

Your loving, smiling face shining on us and

our face always

turned to You,

drinking in the joy of Your presence.
We long to breathe every breath

face-to-face with You

forever!

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