

## Reflection on Psalm 79

Like ancient Israel,  
sometimes we realize that the  
    devastation in our lives  
is the result of our own sin.  
The sorrow,  
the suffering,  
the broken relationships  
    are the result of our own  
        bad decisions and  
        destructive actions.

What do we do then?  
Where can we turn when  
    what we have done  
    can't be undone?

In that dreadful place,  
    at the very bottom of ourselves,  
we can discover –  
    or rediscover –  
the marvelous, boundless love of  
    our Creator and  
    our Father.

Our failures  
    never exhaust,  
    never wear down,  
    never overwhelm  
the bottomless well,  
    the vast ocean of  
His love.

*His compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning* (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV).

*Where sin increased, grace increased all the more* (Romans 5:20, NIV).

Our Father freely forgives us –  
    eagerly,  
    completely,  
    forever.  
He cleanses us.

Then as we trust Him,  
day by day, He  
    renews and  
    restores us,  
not only taking away the  
    guilt and  
    power of sin,  
but reshaping us into  
    more than we ever thought we could be.

As He does, He calls us to be  
generous distributors of  
    the same lavish love  
    that transformed us.

Now that is  
    *amazing grace!*

**Hymn: Psalm 79**

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