

**PSALMS**  
**BOOK THREE**

**Psalm 80**

*For the director of music. To [the tune of,] "The Lilies of the Covenant." Of Asaph. A Psalm.*

1. Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit enthroned ("abide, dwell") between the cherubim,
  - a. shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
  - b. Awaken ("stir up, arouse") Your might; come and save (or "deliver") us.
2. Restore (or "renew") us, O God; make Your face shine upon us ("show us favor"), that we may be saved. (e.g., Nu 6:25, Ps 4:6, 31:16)
  - a. O LORD God Almighty (Ps 46:7), how long will Your anger smolder against the prayers of Your people? (Prv 1:20-33, Is 1:13)
    - You have fed them with the bread of tears; You have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
    - You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors, (e.g., Ps 79:4)
    - and our enemies mock ("deride") us.
    - Restore us, O God Almighty ("of Hosts"), make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
  - b. You brought ("plucked out") a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. (For further vineyard metaphor, look to Is 5:1-7 and Mtt 21:33-45).
    - You cleared the ground for it, and it took root (*deeply*) and filled the land. (Is 5:2)
    - The mountains were covered with its dashed, the mighty cedars with its branches.
    - It sent out its boughs to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. (Dt 11:24)
  - c. Why have You broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? (Is 5:5-6)
    - Boars from the forest ravage ("tear off") it
    - and the creatures ("beasts") of the field feed on it.
3. Return to us ["please/we beseech"], O God Almighty!
  - a. Look [down] from heaven and see!
  - b. Watch over ("care for, visit") this vine, the root Your right hand has planted, the son ("root, shoot, branch") You have raised up ("made strong, established") for Yourself.
    - Your vine ("It") is cut down; it is burned in the fire; at Your rebuke Your people perish. (Is 2:12-22, Hos 10:5-8, Rev 6:15)
    - Let Your hand rest on the man at Your right hand, the son (or "branch") of man You have raised up ("made strong") for Yourself.
      - \* Then we will not turn away from You;
      - \* Revive us ("cause us to live"), and we will call on Your name.
      - \* Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved