

**“Turn Us Again, O God”**  
**Psalm 80:3, 7, 19**

Introduction: Asaph cries out to God because his people are scorned by their enemies. He recalls God’s past goodness to them and asks for favor once again. Asaph uses three images to describe God’s people and their relationship to him.

1. The Sheep and the Shepherd vs. 1-7 (Asaph calls God the Shepherd of Israel)
  - A. Listen to Us vs. 1-2
  - B. Do not be angry with us vs. 4-6
  - C. Redeem your people vs. 3, 7, 19
2. The Vine and the Vineyard Owner vs. 8-16
  - A. The Past Vine vs. 8-11
    1. It is brought out of Egypt as a tender vine v. 8
    2. It is brought into Canaan, where it flourishes vs. 8-11
  - B. The Present Vine vs. 12-13, 16 (It is punished for its fruitlessness.)
  - C. The Future Vine vs. 14-15
3. The Sinners and the Savior vs. 17-19
  - A. The Person v.17
  - B. The Plea vs. 18-19

“The Ravaged Vineyard” Psalm 80:15

- I. The Vengeance of God vs. 1-7
  - A. The Lord Does Not Assure Our Protection Anymore vs. 1-3
  - B. The Lord Does Not Answer Our Prayers Anymore vs. 4-7
- II. The Vineyard of God vs. 8-19
  - A. The Royal Vine vs. 8-11
  - B. The Ruined Vine vs. 12-13
  - C. The Restored Vine vs. 14-19

Body: Three times, we have this cry repeated in this psalm (“Turn us again”). The soul of Asaph is pleading with God for renewal of himself and the Israelites. We can be regenerated only once, but we can be converted many times. The new life is implanted once for all, and it is everlasting, inextinguishable, and permanent; but those who have been born from above, and are undoubtedly children of God, may, beneath the power of some strong fascination, turn aside, may wander in forbidden paths, may get into such a maze as to be walking in the contrary direction to that on which they started. There may even be times when our desire for God is slackened, our appetite for the Bible is lost, our soul is bound and tied with the cords of sin; at such times, let us bemoan ourselves, our folly and impotence, and cry, “Turn us again, O God!” (F.B. Meyer)

- I. The Repentance Needed “*Turn us*” Jeremiah 31:18
- II. The Restoration Needed “*again*”

- III. The Redeemer Needed "*O God*"
  - A. He who at first called us to Himself must call us back
  - B. He who regenerated, must renew
  - C. He who reconciled us to God by His death, must save us by his life
- IV. The Results Noticed "*and we shall be saved*"
  - A. Saved from Self
  - B. Saved from Sin
  - C. Saved fro Society

Conclusion: Luke 22:32

1. The Master said to Peter: When thou art converted (i.e., turned again) strengthen thy brethren.
2. But Peter did not realize that the Master Himself would need to turn him.
3. He turned his back on his Lord and denied Him; but Jesus turned him back, by that look, that message from his grave mouth, that interview in the garden and on the lake shore. He turned him facewards to Himself, and caused his face to shine, and Peter was saved. Luke 22:33-34 (Peter's Promise), Mark 14:37-38 (Peter Sleeping), John 18:10 (Peter Cutting), Luke 22:54-62 (Peter Denying), Luke 24:12, 34 (Peter Returning), John 21:15-19 (Peter being Charged; v. 19- "*follow me*"), Acts 2:14 (Peter Returned and Preaching)