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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Psalm 80:12-13
 - i) God had put hedges of protection around the nation of Israel; and now, in this passage, God took down the hedge.
 - ii) Will God do the same with America? Will God impeach America?
 - (1) America is sick unto death.
 - (2) America is in a moral free-fall.
- b) Psalm 80 is a prayer for revival.
 - i) Psalm 80:1-3
 - ii) Psalm 80:7
 - (1) This was a prayer in desperate days.
- c) We will learn four things from this Psalm that are applicable to America today.

2) GREAT NATIONAL DESPAIR (Psalm 80:4-6)

- a) There was spiritual sterility.
 - i) The people were praying, but God was not answering.
 - ii) Not only was God not answering their prayer, but the prayer of the people was making God angry.
 - (1) The prayer of an unrepentant people is an insult to Almighty God.
 - (2) Religion without righteousness is repugnant to God.
 - iii) America is praying, but our nation is full of iniquity; and God is angry at the prayers of His people.
- b) There was personal sorrow.
 - i) Psalm 80:5
 - (1) The nation was baptized in tears.
 - ii) Sorrow follows sin.
 - (1) Proverbs 29:2
- c) There was national shame.
 - i) Psalm 80:6
 - ii) America is no longer respected for her ideals.

3) GLORIOUS NATIONAL DESIGN (Psalm 80:8-12)

- a) A nation divinely planted.
 - i) Psalm 80:8
 - (1) God planted the nation Israel.
 - ii) There is a striking parallel between ancient Israel and America today.
 - (1) America was a God-planted, God-blessed and God-ordained nation.
 - (a) No nation ever had such a Christian beginning as America.
 - (b) In 1620, the Pilgrims wrote in the Mayflower Compact that their voyage was for "the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."
 - (2) Israel was planted by God.
 - (a) Yet, Israel forgot God and judgment came.
 - iii) Our forefathers believed in separation of church and state rightly understood, but did not believe in the separation of God and government.

- b) A nation divinely prospered.
 - i) Psalm 80:10-11
 - (1) The prophets of ancient Israel taught property ownership, the dignity of work and honor; and Israel prospered.
 - (2) America has also prospered.
 - ii) Psalm 80:15
 - (1) The fruit of the prosperity that God gave Israel was for God's glory.
 - (2) Likewise, the fruit of America's prosperity is for God's glory.
 - (a) God did not bless America so that theology could be replaced with "me-ology."
 - c) A nation divinely protected.
 - i) Psalm 80:12
 - (1) In biblical times when a man planted a vineyard, he would place a thick, thorn hedge around the vineyard to protect it from thieves and predators.
 - (2) God planted America and placed a hedge of protection around America.
 - ii) Israel's first line of defense has not been alliances or weapons of war, but God Himself.
- 4) GRAVE NATIONAL DANGER (Psalm 80:12)
- a) God placed a hedge of protection around Israel, but then God broke down the hedge.
 - i) God also put a hedge around America, but the hedge now has been taken away.
 - ii) There is in the Bible a doctrine of hedges.
 - (1) Job 1:9-10
 - (a) The devil could not get to Job through the hedge God had placed around him.
 - (2) What God did for Job, He has also done for nations.
 - (a) Isaiah 5:1-5
 - (b) God founded Israel and protected Israel.
 - (c) God placed a hedge of protection around Israel and expected Israel to bring forth good fruit.
 - (d) But Israel did not bring forth good fruit, and God took down the hedge.
 - b) There is external danger from enemies.
 - i) Psalm 80:12
 - ii) The "vineyard" of America has been plucked.
 - (1) For instance, America's nuclear secrets have been taken, or plucked, by China.
 - c) There is internal danger from corruption.
 - i) Psalm 80:13
 - (1) America has become immoral and corrupt.
 - (2) The Bible and prayer have been removed from our public schools and have been replaced with crime, violence, disrespect and rebellion.
 - d) There is eternal danger from judgment.
 - i) Psalm 80:14-16
 - ii) God Himself will bring judgment.
 - (1) God's judgment is like a consuming fire.

- iii) Not only is God America's biggest hope, but He is also America's biggest threat.
 - iv) We have expelled God from our schools and our government, and God may impeach America.
 - e) Leviticus 18:25
 - i) When the hedge of protection is down, it allows the enemy to wreak the havoc he desires.
 - (1) Through strife, natural disasters, etc.
- 5) GRACIOUS NATIONAL DELIVERANCE (Psalm 80:14-15)
- a) We must look up.
 - i) Psalm 80:14
 - (1) God is the only one big enough, strong enough and wise enough to deliver us and save us; and we must seek His face rather than His hand.
 - ii) Psalm 80:19
 - (1) We need to return to God with fasting, prayer and weeping.
 - (2) It does not matter who occupies the White House or the State House: God does not route revival through Washington, D.C.
 - b) We must confess up.
 - i) Psalm 80:16
 - ii) Sin has caused God to remove the hedge; we must confess and turn from our wicked way.
 - c) We must speak up.
 - i) Psalm 80:17
 - (1) This prophetic Psalm is speaking about our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (2) We need to speak up in His name.
 - (a) The church is not the master of the state nor the servant of the state; the church is the conscience of the state.
 - ii) The enemy's strategy is to keep Christians silent in evil times.
 - iii) We need to speak up and declare the Word of God.
 - d) We must stand up.
 - i) Psalm 80:18-19
 - ii) We do not have to have great numbers in order to stand.
 - (1) Jesus started with twelve disciples.
 - (2) Joshua 23:10
 - iii) It is time we stand up.
- 6) CONCLUSION
- a) It is time for God's people to be filled with a strong resolve.
 - b) The Lord Jesus Christ is our commander, and the Holy Spirit is our ally.
 - c) The victory is ours through Jesus Christ.
 - d) The victory begins in each of us when we surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
 - e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.

- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31