

“COME AND SAVE US”

SERMON OUTLINE

Introduction

“What one thing you will typically do during the Advent and Christmas season?”

Psalm 80 is a cry of the people to God. The people prayed ...

“COME AND SAVE US” (v.2); “Restore us, O God, that we may be saved” (v.3); “Restore us, O God Almighty, that we may be saved” (v.7); “Return to us, O God Almighty!” (v.14); “Revive us” (v.18); “Restore us, O LORD God Almighty, that we may be saved” (v.19).

Why do we need to pray “COME AND SAVE US?”

1. Advent before the Advent

2. God asks us to pray

2 Chronicles 7:14 - “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”

Matthew 9:38 - “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

3. The nations of the world desperately need us to pray “Come and save us.”

Proverbs 14:34 - “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Psalm 33:12 - “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”

Jeremiah 2:11-13 - “Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones, even though they are not gods at all? Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols! ¹² The heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in horror and dismay,’ says the LORD. ¹³ ‘For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me – the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

4. Prayer works wonders

Prayer is a powerful weapon that changes and transforms persons, places, and things faster and deeper than human mind can comprehend.

John Piper, “Prayer gives us the significance of front-line forces, and gives God the glory of a limitless Provider.”

Reflection

- Think about how you typically celebrate Advent and Christmas. Are there needed changes to be made? Are there practices to intensify and take to the next level?
- Can you think of someone, a couple, a family, a church, or a nation for whom you could pray (weekly, biweekly, monthly)? When you see/hear God answer your prayer for them, would you be willing to let God receive all the thanks and praise and wait until the Advent of Christ to receive your reward? If yes, don’t wait – swing into action!
- I do not mean to make you doubt your salvation, but think about your own life. Are you saved? Or do you need to cry out to God “Come and save me”? Remember “It’s not what you do that saves you – it’s what Christ did for you on the cross.” – *Anonymous*
Romans 8:16 - “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”