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Our Forgiving God

Psalm 85

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¹LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Psalm 85

⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 85

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and
our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make
his footsteps a way.

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Our God is a forgiving God

Psalm 85:2

² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

Forgiveness leads to rejoicing

Psalm 85:6

⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

If God's people don't adhere to the
Lord's peace, they will inevitably
turn to folly

Psalm 85:8

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for he will speak peace to his people, to his
saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

A godly life reflects steadfast love,
faithfulness, righteousness, and
peace

Psalm 85:10

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