

This morning our devotional continues in our series on the Psalms, the Songbook of the Church. In this Psalm we hear a song of confidence in the sovereignty of God to save/deliver from trouble. The people of God have faced many dangers throughout their history and still do today. What should be our response? Just as we see from Israel's example, in prayer we turn to the God of Hosts, our Good Shepherd to Him who as Paul says in Ephesians 3:20 is "able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power at work within us." God will not abandon His people but will continue to guide them through life's most difficult challenges. As you follow along this morning, we want to encourage you in a number of ways. First, make sure to read Psalm 80 before beginning. Second, we have included a number of song links below that particularly focus on themes we will see in the text. Third we have included a couple Scripture readings that reflect the theme of our confidence in Him to save/deliver us. Fourth we have included a number of application reflections to help you apply God's word to your life.

Devotional: Psalm 80 – A Song of Confidence in the Sovereignty of God to Save

Family Worship:

- Behold Our God
- A Christian's Daily Prayer
- Turn Your Eyes
- How Rich a Treasure We Possess

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-11 and Psalm 23

Application Questions:

- How is your prayer life these days? Do you treat prayer as if it were simply "positive thoughts" or do you acknowledge that your prayers in Christ actually do reach the God of hosts? Do you trust that He does hear and does care? LPeter 5:7
- What do you typically do when you are anxious? How can you combat anxiety? <u>Philippians 4:6-8</u>
- How do you respond to God when you have sinned? Psalm 51

- Do you pray only for your own personal needs or also for the needs of others? Philippians 2:1-4. Furthermore, do you pray that the purposes of God for HIs church would go forward? Colossians 1:9-12
- Finally, if you are struggling with how to pray, avail yourself of the pattern that we follow during service (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication). It is not an inspired model but is helpful to *think* through what to pray as you go.