

PSALM 80

Hear Israel's Shepherd, leading Joseph as sheep; You sit 'twixt the cherubs, shine forth from Your seat.

- 2 With Ephraim and Benjamin, before Your face; and mighty Manasseh, come to us and save.
- 3 Return back unto us, O God show Your face; to shine forth before us, defend by Your grace.
- 4 How long great Lord God, will Your hot anger smoke; not heeding the prayer, that Your people invoke?
- 5 Instead of bread, we dine on our own weeping; drinking them too, beyond record or keeping.
- 6 We're made a discord, and a strife where we go; mocked and derided, by all of our foes.
- 7 Return back unto us, O God show Your face; to shine forth before us, defend by Your grace.
- 8 You rescued a vine, out of Egypt afore; drove out the nations, and planted it sure.
- 9 Facing Your face, You rooted a root; filling and teeming, the land with its shoots.
- 10 Mountains were covered, beneath its deep shade; branching as mighty, as great cedar glades.
- 11 Pushed out her limbs, to where the seas sound; sprouting its tendrils, where rivers abound.
- 12 Why have You broken, her hedges so dire; that those on her pathways, grab all they desire?
- 13 Out from the forest, a boar rips it up; and beasts of the field, upon it do sup.
- 14 Turn to us we pray You, O God great and kind; scan from the heavens, then care for Your vine.
- 15 A vineyard so precious, Your right hand has sown; where Your Son Messiah, in strength will be known.
- 16 Though aflame and cut down, in destruction and waste; chided and scorned, with rebuke in our face.
- 17 Your hand be upon, the man chosen by You; Adam's son to prevail, the Messiah so true.
- 18 We'll never flinch, or be driven in shame; cause us to live, for we call on Your name.
- 19 Return back unto us, O God show Your face; to shine forth before us, defend by Your grace.