

### Psalms 85:8-13

*Show us Thy lovingkindness, O LORD,*

*And grant us Thy salvation.*

*I will hear what God the LORD will say;*

*For He will speak peace to His people,*

*to His godly ones;*

*But let them not turn back to folly.*

*Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,*

*That glory may dwell in our land.*

*Lovingkindness and truth have met together;*

*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*Truth springs from the earth;*

*And righteousness looks down from heaven.*

*Indeed, the LORD will give what is good;*

*And our land will yield its produce.*

*Righteousness will go before Him,*

*And will make His footsteps into a way.*

Sooner or later, God will speak peace to his people. If he do not command outward peace, yet he will suggest inward peace; speaking to their hearts by his Spirit. Peace is spoken only to those who turn from sin. All sin is folly, especially backsliding; it is the greatest folly to return to sin. Surely God's salvation is nigh, whatever our difficulties and distresses are. Also, his honour is secured, that glory may dwell in our land. And the truth of the promises is shown by the Divine mercy in sending the Redeemer. The Divine justice is now satisfied by the great atonement. Christ, the way, truth, and life, sprang out of the earth when he took our nature upon him, and Divine justice looked upon him well pleased and satisfied. For his sake all good things, especially his Holy Spirit, are given to those who ask him. Through Christ, the pardoned sinner becomes fruitful in good works, and by looking to and trusting in the Saviour's righteousness, finds his feet set in the way of his steps. Righteousness is a sure guide, both in meeting God, and in following him.

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