



Taking Revival Away From God's Omnipotency

We all want revival (but do we want it bad enough?)

- The saints want it.
- The Sunday School teachers want it.
- Our pastor's want it!
- Jesus wants it!

Is God Omnipotent?

- Can God do anything? He can!
- Can God choose to have revival when He wants it? He can!
- Can the Church be patient and wait for it? No way!

1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Matthew 22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

What does “The Sovereignty of God” include?

- God is sovereign because He has the power to control.
- God is sovereign because He will have the final word.
- God is not sovereign because everything goes the way He wants.
- God is not sovereign because He gets what He wants.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Promises: The Big 3 of the UPC:

- The Promise of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38-39)

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

- The Promise of Divine Healing (James 5:14-15)

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

- The Promise of the Second Coming (2 Peter 3:3-4)

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

A New Promise: Isaiah 55:10-11

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

- Shall not return void

The Word of God spoken coherently unto the soul of a sensible human will not return to God with a message, “*There was nothing we could do!*”

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- Shall accomplish God’s Will

The Word of God is Transforming - those who accept it grow in faith, and those who reject it are hardened to the truth (even nationally effective).

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- Shall Prosper

There is nothing that shall stop the Word of God from having its life-changing effects. The Word of God bears the power and authority of God Himself.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Matthew 13:19-23

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Sometimes we preach and teach in Christianese

Sometimes we witness, but don’t struggle to make things clear

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

People are glad to worship Jesus until it invades their private lives.

People secretly worship “gods” that refuse to surrender lordship.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

People shall be destroyed by being “too busy for Jesus.”

People can be ensnared by assets entrusted into their care.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. *This word “but” keeps preachers from having nervous breakdowns!*

The hardest thing in the world to do: discover good ground!

Psalm 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

We need to get the seed out: No Sowing - No Reaping!

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

- Do you have faith in the seed? Sow it!
- Do you want to help reap a harvest? Sow it!
- Do you want to please God? Sow it!
- Do you want to prosper? Sow it!
- Do you want your family to get saved? Sow it!