



Fire, A Revival Necessity

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INTRODUCTION:

This evening I am going to focus on having revival and I am going to preach about what it is going to take for this church to have revival

By this time, you have probably realized that there is a central theme which runs through each of the text which we read this evening

Each of these text mentions **'fire'**

This Evening I Want To Entitle This Message **"Fire – A Revival NECESSITY"**

I. THE BEGINNING

A. AS I BEGIN THIS EVENING ALLOW ME TO STATE THAT OF LATE IT
SEEMS OUR SERVICES HAVE INVOLVED A GREAT DEAL MORE WORSHIP

B. THE WORSHIP THAT HAS BEEN EXEMPLIFIED HERE IN RECENT WEEKS
IS PLEASING TO GOD, IT IS GREAT, AND WONDERFUL BUT IT IS ONLY A
PREQUEL TO WHAT GOD REALLY DESIRES

C. IN ANY FIRE THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPONENTS OF THAT FIRE
1. THERE ARE THE ASHES – THE RESIDUE OF THAT WHICH HAS
ALREADY BURNED UP

2. THERE IS THE FUEL – THAT WHICH IS BURNING

3. THERE ARE THE FLAMES – THE MOST VISIBLE AND
PORTION OF THE FIRE

HOTTEST

D. YOU CAN HAVE THE HOLY GHOST AND NOT HAVE THE FIRE OF GOD BURNING DEEP
WITHIN!

E. THIS CHURCH NEEDS A BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST FIRE OF GOD!

F. THIS CHURCH NEEDS TO GET ON FIRE FOR GOD AND UNTIL IT REALLY GETS ON FIRE
FOR GOD, THERE WILL BE NO REVIVAL!

II. FIRE

A. LET'S TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO OBSERVE A FEW FACTS ABOUT FIRE

1. FIRE IS HOT!

a. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COLD FIRE!

b. THE CLOSER YOU GET TO SOMETHING THAT IS ON FIRE, THE HOTTER YOU WILL GET

2. FIRE NECESSITIES

a. IT TAKES THREE THINGS TO MAKE 'FIRE'

1) FUEL -- YOU

2) OXYGEN – THE HOLY SPIRIT

3) IGNITION – GETTING CLOSE TO THE HEAT SOURCE -- GOD

b. A FIRE ATTRACTS THINGS TO IT

1) SIMPLE BURNING EMBERS ATTRACT NOTHING

2) A RELATIVELY SMALL FIRE WILL ATTRACT INSECTS

3) **A LARGE FIRE ATTRACTS PEOPLE**

c. AS A FIRE BURNS IT CONSUMES:

1) FUEL

2) OXYGEN

3) **A FIRE CANNOT BURN UNLESS IT IS CONSUMING SOMETHING!**

4) THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE LITERALLY AFRAID TO GET ON FIRE FOR
GOD BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID THAT GOD WILL 'CONSUME' THEM!

d. THE 'DEAD-ER' SOMETHING IS, THE BETTER IT BURNS

1) GREEN WOOD WITH A LOT OF SAP IN IT DOES NOT BURN VERY WELL

2) BUT A TREE THAT HAS BEEN DEAD FOR SOME TIME WILL BURN READILY

3) SOME MIGHT FEEL THAT THEY ARE TOO OLD TO GET ON FIRE FOR GOD – REALITY
IS THAT THEY ARE NOT TOO OLD BUT HAVE TOO MUCH SAP (Simply Arrogant Person)

a) **THE LONGER SOMETHING HAS BEEN LYING AROUND THE BETTER IT WILL
BURN!**

**[1] THE LONGER SOMEONE HAS BEEN IN CHURCH THE LESS S.A.P. THEY
SHOULD HAVE!**

b) FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE BEST FUEL THAT WE HAVE HAD IS --- **'FOSSIL FUEL'**

c) WHERE DOES **'FOSSIL FUEL'** COME FROM?

d) SCIENCE TELLS US THAT IT IS THE REMAINS OF ANCIENT DINOSAURS AND VEGETATION – THINGS THAT DIED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO – AND IT BURNS REALLY WELL

III. THE SCRIPTURE

A. BUT WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?

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B. **CHURCH, IF YOU WANT TO HAVE REVIVAL, IT IS GOING TO TAKE GETTING ON FIRE FOR GOD!**

C. **IT IS GOING TO TAKE GETTING ON FIRE ENOUGH THAT IT ATTRACTS PEOPLE!**