



## We Must Create An Atmosphere For Revival

Acts 2:1-4

The scripture I have chosen is a very famous scripture among the Apostolic movement. It's about the day of Pentecost. I'm not going to preach about speaking in tongues or where the others were that had seen Jesus after his resurrection. I want to take this scripture and focus on what we have to do to see the same results that these 120 saw. I want to speak on this thought

### Creating an atmosphere for Revival

Scripture: Acts: 2-1-4

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
  1. One Accord means they were in complete agreement
  2. They believed that they would receive the Power promised to them by the Lord
  3. And that He would pour out his Spirit upon them and they would receive power to become witnesses.

I believe the Holy Ghost is to bring us into perfect unison to let us see and focus on God's will and not our will.

- a. On the day that God poured out his spirit on the 120 there was a difference in them.
- b. They didn't go home complaining how long they had to stay there.

They weren't focused on how hot it was in there.

They left the upper room and they preached the gospel to different nationalities of people in their own language and they believed the gospel.

They left with an experience to change the hearts of others.

### **They took their experience and preached and healed and cast out devils!!**

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another.

We have to look at the results of this day of Pentecost and what happened as a result of their complete obedience to Christ.

Listen to what happened: Acts 2:41-44

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there **were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

**42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in**

**prayers.**

There is something about unity that brings revival!

43 {Listen to this} And fear came upon every soul and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

**44 And all that believed were together and had all things common;**

The upper room experience brought unity and unity brought about a move of God.

The reason churches today do not see this kind of results is--- we have failed to create an atmosphere for Revival.

Ps 22:3....But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

**In habit means** to occupy as a place of settled residence, it means to live in.

“God lives in us.”

We have failed to be in one mind and one accord we have to create an atmosphere for revival.

No one wants revival more than the Lord Himself-- no one wants to see miracles happen more than the Lord.

But we are not in one mind and one accord and it takes that to create an atmosphere for Revival.

**Anywhere there has ever been a great out pouring of God's spirit there has been many days of preparing for the visitation.**

Many days of fasting and complete surrender to God

Men and women forgetting about themselves and focusing on the souls of others.

Acts 2:45-47 And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they continuing daily **with one accord** in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with **gladness and singleness of heart.**

**They weren't complaining but giving thanks!!**

47 Praising God and having favor with all the people **and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

**We should have a daily addition to the church, not every six months and then lose them.**

The early church knew what it was like to have “singleness of heart”, thus the power came down and the Lord added daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:41-47).

The meaning for the word “singleness” is “simplicity”. Simplicity of heart. A simple heart. Not cluttered. Not all stuffed up.

One that is single hearted in devotion to the Lord. An emptying out of our heart needs to take place routinely. Why?

1. Because stuff creeps in. This could not only be sins but any useless clutter.
2. Thus, emptying the heart of any clutter so we can be free and single to our Lord.
3. Becoming simple and free to serve our Lord in single-hearted devotion.

## **So, we need to take inventory and clean the house where necessary, spiritually speaking.**

Get rid if any clutter and things that is of no use spiritually to us. This will free us up in our thought life too.

Our minds are cluttered, because our hearts are cluttered.

Slow down and do some house cleaning.

### **God bless and help us as we do some cleaning!**

Here are the signs of complete surrender to God; there were 4 things that took place

1. And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need. **[they were givers]**
2. And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need. **[not greedy or about self only]**
3. did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, **[ they were thankful]**
4. The continued in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship.

Singleness of heart produces singleness of mind (focus). The biggest spiritual battle we have is the battle of the mind.

Christ himself taught about the heart. He said that out of the heart proceeds, evil (or bad) thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness and blasphemies. (Matt.15:18-19)

We have to stop trying to serve God with our mind only; God wants our heart.

Christ taught, we can commit murder in our heart by hating our fellow man. We can commit adultery and fornication in our heart through lust. (Matt.5:21-22, 27-28)

We must learn to get our hearts and our minds right before God and that will create an atmosphere for Revival!

So it all comes down to the heart. We need to get alone with God and shut the door.

Come to God and take inventory of our heart. He already knows what's in there

But we need to ask Him to reveal to us our hearts. Because it is deceitful, if we don't take inventory we will be deceived by it plain and simple.

If we are not careful, we will be led down a road that might be long and winding.

God tries to lead us one way and the flesh tries to lead us in the opposite direction because the flesh wants to be pampered.

1 Peter 4:1-2 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

- Have you been persecuted for living for God differently than others?
- Have you given up things your flesh desired?
- Have you given up old friends and old lifestyles?

If you have you have ceased from sin.

Verse 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

No one that I know of likes to suffer or to see others suffer: but we have to lay aside the things of the flesh to fulfill the things of the spirit or we can't even worship God.

Matt 26:41; Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Rom 8:1-- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed and the number of the men was about five thousand.

The apostles paid the ultimate price for these souls, they were beaten and imprisoned and even killed, separated from Jobs, friends and family-- but they were sold out to God!

A. I'm not asking you to sell your houses and cars and empty your back accounts.

B. I am asking you to sell out to God--- **so that we can create an atmosphere for Revival!!**

I'm asking you for the to lay aside your wants so that we can fulfill the commission of Christ.

The last commission that Christ gave to the Apostles before he went away is this;

Mark 16:15-18 And he said unto them, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Verse 17 will give us the results of our obedience to the Lord command:

**There are five signs that shall follow them that believe—**

- 1. In my name shall they cast out devils {Are we ready for that?}**
- 2. They shall speak with new tongues;**
- 3. They shall take up serpents.**
- 4. And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;**
- 5. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

**“We are the ones he is talking about”**

We are not commissioned to be church goers but we are commanded to “Go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature” that means everyone we come into contact with.

We cannot just go out and select who we want to come into the church.

That has been the problem for years we have tried to select who we think will fit and not cause a disturbance and be different than us.

The only way to create an atmosphere for revival is to be willing to be in one mind and one accord.

But Are you willing to make the sacrifice?