



Revival

Revival doesn't come because we have awesome preaching it comes because we have awesome convictions.

Scripture makes it plain that blessings follow when certain conditions are fulfilled in the hearts and lives of me.

Revival is renewed convictions of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God, in deep humility.

Scripture:

Ps 85:6; Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

It is time for Revival when there is a worldly spirit in the church.

The church has sunk down into a backslidden state when you see Christians conform to the world in dress, parties, seeking worldly amusements and reading filthy novels or watching filthy movies!

To serve a Holy God you have to be a Holy People!

When you see the church falling into gross sin then it is time to wake up and cry out to God for revival.

I believe it is the Christian duty to put out the fire of hell that is consuming the wicked.

1. If Christians will get Revived, Sinners will get converted.
2. When I see this church declining in any way I know that we cannot continue to exist without a revival.
3. If this church is not revived there will be more people die and go to hell this year than there will be people going to heaven.
4. And some of them will be your family.

Without revival sinners will grow harder and harder despite the preaching.

Your friends and family will remain unsaved unless the church has a revival with Holy convictions and a heart that is set to please God.

A revival can be expected when Christians have the Spirit of prayer for revival.

That is when we pray as if our hearts were set on it.

If we do not conquer the mind and get hearts set to revival than we will only go through the motions to please the flesh and God will not be in it.

What constitutes the spirit of prayer?-- Is it many prayers and warm words? No.

Prayer is the state of the heart if the heart isn't in it then it is just words.

If you are a complainer about prayer meetings your heart isn't in it any more than the person who doesn't think it necessary to attend the meeting to begin with.

When you have a spirit of prayer you're anxious to see souls come to God.

Hab 3:2

O LORD, I have heard thy speech and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

The Apostle Paul talks in Galatians 4: 19 My little children of whom I travail in birth.

We must reach deep, into our hearts and get a spirit of prayer that we might touch God for this lost and dying world.

There are people going to hell every day because the church is not agonizing in prayer.

We take prayer to lightly, we come spend or 20 or 30 minutes unmoved, unchallenged to fall into deep effectual prayer that we may avail much.

We are too worried about satisfying our flesh to satisfy the Spirit of God.

Daniel 7:25 Tells us that Satan will attempt to wear out the saints of the most high and change times and laws and they shall be given into his hand until a time and dividing of times.

We are worn out with wars and famines and earthquakes and every disease that is known unto man.

We are devastated with so many taxes it is getting impossible for mankind to survive even if he has two jobs.

A. We are too tired for church,

B. To preoccupied with our own lives,

C. And so busy that we cannot pray in the way that will bring a Divine move of God among us.

We are living in the last days and we are living like there is not going to be a coming of the Lord.

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

Jesus was in the garden just before his crucifixion and he was praying so hard his sweat became as great drops of blood. He was praying for all the souls that he would have to die for.

And the disciples were just like us, they were worn out so they slept while he was praying.

I believe that while God himself is looking for us to awake and pray, we are sleeping, because we are more concerned about our bodies than we are our souls.

All it will take is one person to get a hunger for restoration, for a move of God that will bring deliverance to a lost world.

One person in the early 19 hundreds started a prayer meeting at 12 noon and before long the whole city would shut down and meet for prayer.

Nothing else was important but seeking God. Charles Finney a revivalist once had entered a factory where people were working and the spirit of God was in him a worker there saw him and made a rude comment to another worker and laughed he looked at her with sorrow in his eyes, she stopped working and broke her thread and was so upset she couldn't rethread and start again. She tried to calm herself by looking out the window, finally her emotions got the best of her and she broke down and started to cry,

Bro Finney began to speak to her and she had a great guilt for her sin, the feeling swept through the whole factory like a fire in a few hours every person employed there was under convictions and the owner though he was a sinner man stopped all work and called a prayer meeting. In his own opinion it was more important to have the people converted than to continue production.

There were about 3,000 souls that were fully converted there. Remember Peter preaching in Acts 2 that 3,000 souls were added to the church.

Holy Convictions will bring a Holy Revival

All it takes is one hungry person to get a spirit of prayer not just pray but get a spirit of prayer and the whole community can be converted.

A revival is near when Christians begin to confess their sins. When we are convicted of our own sins there will be a breaking of our spirit.

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

When we repent according to Psalms 51-13 sinners shall be converted unto God.

Heb 12:1-3

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

This is what the church will have to do to see a move of God. But are we willing to forsake all and follow him?

A revival can be expected when Christians are willing to make the sacrifice necessary to carry it on.

We must be willing to sacrifice our feelings, our own business and our time to the work of God.

I can't stop preaching against sin because people get offended--- it is the preaching of truth that flushes out the spirit of sin.

The religious people of Jesus days hated him because he exposed their sin and their hypocrisy.

I refuse to satisfy the devil and offend God!

Hos 10:13 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Fallowed ground is ground that was once tilled but now lay waste.

We may have to be re-broken before God can re-sow into our lives

If you want to break up the fallow ground of your hearts you will have to begin by looking at yourself.

We sometime get so busy trying to break up someone else's fallowed ground we neglect getting our own selves right with God.

One of the worst sins in the church today is a lack of love and respect and thanksgiving unto God.

One thing that breaks up relationships is not a lack of love, but a lack of expressing it!

The same goes for God you can tell God you love him but where is the proof.

What have you done to show God you appreciate his mercy and grace and his sacrifice?

If a husband and wife neglect their relationship, soon it will be broken and if you neglect your relationship with God it will be broken.

I know some think that prayer is inconvenient and you are not willing to make that sacrifice--- but dying on a cross for your sins wasn't a pleasure either but Christ wasn't thinking of himself and what was best for him he left that in the garden of prayer unto God.

His sacrifice brought my salvation. It will take our sacrifice to bring salvation to others.

Jesus isn't asking us to be nailed to the cross only carry our cross and follow him.

I believe if we are not agonizing for the lost than it is hypocrisy to call ourselves Christians. Our practice of faith is an insult to Jesus Christ.

We want God to heal us and God wants us to be faithful, we want God to bless us we think we can rob him and still be blessed.

We talk about trusting God until it comes to sacrificing because that may bring inconvenience to us.

If we will honestly show God we are concerned about kingdom things then God will show us he is concerned about the things we need.

Matt 6:33...But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

But we expect God to give and we just continue to take, I have some bad news for you, it doesn't work that way; never has, never will.

How many times have you spent more time getting your body ready for church than preparing your mind and heart for the service?

If you are getting more compliments on how you are dressed than you are about your spirituality than you have overdressed the flesh and under dressed your spirit.

I'm not talking about not looking good for Jesus but I am talking about the condition of our spirit man if our fleshly looks over ride our spiritual looks we are over dressed in the flesh.

We need people not only to see that we know how to be Holy outward but Holy Inward.

Because outward Holiness is nothing if it didn't come from the Spirit of God within us!

We talk of robbing God when we don't meet our financial obligations but don't we rob God of the time he has given us to spend in prayer and outreach and church attendance?

We squander our inheritance on riotous living, seeking pleasures of the flesh but think that prayer and bible study isn't necessary.

A. If God ask you to give up your television would you?

B. If God ask you to give up all your video games and spend that time with him would you?

C. We want revival but the cost may be too high for you to pay.

If you counted the time you spent doing what pleased you--- and then subtracted the time you spent with God which would have to highest number?

Do you want revival? Do you want your children saved? Do you want to be healthy and see miracles? Do you want to make the ultimate sacrifice is the real question?