

Great Revival Comes Only by Great Sacrifice

A desire for Revival can only be fulfilled by a great desire to sacrifice and there are very few willing to make it.

I'm reminded of his suffering, his imprisonment, his loneliness, and his rejection by those he was reaching for; was the price too high?

Not for Jesus; love seems to bring about determination to see something great happen for those who are less fortunate.

Love for others means that you are less concerned about your well-being and you are focused on the well-being of those that are less fortunate than yourself.

Note: I am trying to learn that if I want more out of life I need to give more of my life toward the things of God.

Sacrifice is to offer something up that is important to you so that someone else will benefit from your sacrifice.

He left the splendors of heaven to come to earth to sacrifice his life so that we can experience heaven. Now if that isn't love what is?

From Jesus's earthly birth Satan sought to kill him. Even today Satan's goal is to stop the church from walking in the spirit, because it's the spirit that gives us the power to defeat the forces of hell and experience Revival.

If Satan can get us to just go through the motions of Christianity we will be defeated. If we just go through the motions of prayer that is not fervent enough to destroy the works of the enemy there will be no revival. Coming to church, being good moral people, and giving is good, but it won't bring revival. Having a good preacher to preach for us will not bring revival. Sacrifice will bring revival; when the church gets to the point that nothing else matters but the souls of Humanity turning to God; then there will be Revival.

Unity has been the results of great revivals of the past. Backed by much prayer, fasting, and trusting God for the supernatural.

Only when we look down in the face of a loved one who has died without God that we begin to wonder: what if I had prayed and fasted more? What if I had been willing to sacrifice and touch God for them, would it had made a difference?

The answer is yes, it would have made a difference. You see we have already decided who will be saved and who won't.

We have already judged them by saying, "Nothing I say makes a difference in them," but what if we had made the ultimate sacrifice; the long hours of prayer, the days of fasting?

In the book of Esther, the Jewish people were about to be destroyed because of the decree that Haman had the King to sign.

Mordecai pled with Esther to petition the King and she called a fast; they neither ate or drank anything. Coming before the king without permission could have meant death for her, but even though the sacrifice was great, she did it for her people.

Esther 4:10-17

10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;
11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will

fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Would you be willing to lay everything aside and pray and fast to see your people delivered from the hands of Satan?

Haman was like Satan; he couldn't stand it that Mordecai refused to bow to him, so he sought not only to destroy Mordecai, but all of Israel.

The sacrifice was made, the people of Esther were delivered; they had to fight and they had neither spear or sword, but defeated the enemy that sought to destroy them.

One man, Mordecai, and one woman, Queen Esther, refused to see their people destroyed. She found grace in the eyes of the King after three days of Prayer and fasting. Their sacrifice brought deliverance to all the Jews throughout that country. Was it worth it? Would you be willing to do that to see the deliverance of all your people?

A ten-day prayer meeting on the day of Pentecost changed not only the heart of the 120, but countless number of people from that generation until now have benefited from that one sacrifice.

We can no longer take our Holy Ghost experience for granted, but we must have revival. It's not an option, it is a must; the souls of countless people depend on our sacrifice to see a great move of God.

There can be a Holy Fire started here and it can spread as the revivals of the past did and souls came to God; the sick were healed, the crippled walked, the blind could see, the deaf could hear, and those who never uttered a word gave praise to the Mighty God which is in Christ Jesus.

Acts 16:25-34

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

The inconvenience of prison was for this very cause; that someone who was bound worse than Paul and Silas might be free. The jailer, his family, and the other prisoners were bound by sin, but the sacrifice was for this one thing; so they could be saved. Because of prayer and worship in a time of hardship: Someone benefited by sacrifice.