



The psalmist inquired of God, “Wilt thou not revive us again, that they people may rejoice in Thee?”. It is obvious he knew what the people needed, and from Whom they could get it-God! We need to return to the God of our salvation to seek His power and the reality of His abiding presence. We need God! Everywhere we look, we see an absence of what God alone brings-righteousness! We don’t need reminders of the presiding problems, but we certainly need to be reminded of the source of our solution; we need to turn our hearts back to God. That is really what revival is, it is a return to the relationship God established with us at salvation when He placed his righteousness in each of us. As stewards of the gift of God (eternal life) we are to grow our faith and continually seek the fulness of the Holy Spirit of God Who indwells us, to enable us, and empower us. We must not settle for what we cannot do without God and fall prey to our own frailties and failures. The Scripture declares “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phil. 4:13). It is the Holy Spirit of God that gives us power to overcome, that gives us wisdom and the Word to guide us and that protects us from the world, the flesh, and the devil!

God is judging America, and the world, for sin and the church still in this world. What should we do? What can we do? What must we do? We need to turn back to God! For some, the journey may seem far, others, not so far, but we need to renew our relationship in the fullest sense of the word. This is where revival begins- in our hearts, yours and mine, individually, returning to right relationships, responsible living, and renewed dependence on God. We need a great moving of God to push back the darkness of our day and turn the tide of unrighteousness. The message of the Gospel is powerless without the Spirit of God, and that Spirit of God abides in this world in the body of Christ, New Testament believers. It is we who have the power and the promises, but only inasmuch as we have the fulness of His presence. We must be fit for the fight! “Vessels fit for the Master’s use”. Wherever we are, whatever we are, we are “Ambassadors for Christ” (II Cor. 5:20), and we are “more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37). We all understand how intimidating a massive army can be- the sheer numbers of men can be overwhelming, yet every army is made up of individual men. The battles of history are replete with victories. That came because of one man who did what he would, when he should, where he could. It is not too late to turn our hearts toward God; more now than ever, it is not time to be AWOL, it’s time to fight! If church members forsake the assembly for convenience, as the midweek service, or because of the coronavirus, would we really imagine we would stand against persecution? Fear of penalties, fines, or jail? Bob Jones Sr. once said, “The test of a man’s character is what it takes to make him quit”. Contemporary Christians quit before they are tested, simply because of inconvenience because many lack Biblical conviction.

I’m asking you to do what you need to do, to do what you can do, to help us to turn our people back to God, our churches, professing Christians, our communities, our cities, our county, our country, our culture, and the countries around the globe.



I believe God is shaking our land (Matt. 24:4-8). He is rolling out judgments against the day of judgment, not to destruction, but to repentance, to turn us back to dependence upon Him! If God's people will not turn back, recognize our sin, repent, remove our sin, and be restored, then judgment will fall, and multitudes will perish. The Macedonian call is heard once more, "Come over and help us..." (Acts 16:9). We need all of God's people uniting together in a common desire to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age. The question naturally arises-what shall we do (Acts 2:37)? Let me share with you what we are praying you will do, what each of us and all of us will do.

Start by answering these questions:

- Do I have a saving relationship with God, through faith in His sinless Son as my Saviour?
- Am I committed to building that relationship?
- Do I desire to live righteously before God and man, faithfully, fervently, and fruitfully?
- Do I truly desire revival?
- Am I willing to make personal sacrifice to have it?

1. Recognize sin: the condition, not just in the world, but in our churches, our country, our leaders, our culture, and in you! Any good surgeon wants to know what he is going in for, what should stay, and what should be removed, the risk is only worth it if he can remove the cancer and save the patient.
2. Repent of sin: confess it, don't cover it! Come clean with God, keep a short account with God! I John 1:9 confirms to God you are in full agreement with God, you recognize it as sin, you realize it will cost and you are accepting responsibility.
3. Remove sin: in your life, and as much as possible, those around you, where you cannot eliminate, separate, not always isolate but always insulate! Salvation does not make you sinless but it certainly makes you sin less.
4. Return to God: God will revive your spirit as you renew your commitment, as you seek Him, He will be found, He is the way! Simply follow in His steps (I Pet. 2:21) Faithful, fervent, and fruitful, faith and obedience evidence our love for God and willingness to serve Him.
5. Restoration: This is God's desire for you, having the fulness, abundant, abiding, presence of God's Holy Spirit in you, enabling and empowering you. This is the victorious Christian life, we should all desire and do. "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).



For some, it is a distant journey, for others it is nearer rather than farther, only you can know; but the destination should not be forsaken because of the distance. Some people won't go forward because they are "close enough", like the children of Reuben and Gad (Deut. 32:1-5). Some will not go forward because the journey is too far, too hard, too long, or too costly. If we imagine to ourselves that we are insignificant individually, that we are inadequate, we will forsake our God-given responsibility and the opportunity to be the righteousness God desires us to be, as salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16). Because many professing believers have become complacent and comfortable in this contemporary age, they are now complicit, they are part of the problem and not the solution; is that you?

What shall we do? Turn back to God (Rev. 2:5)! Join Joshua of old and declare, "Choose ye this day (and every day) who ye will serve (God); but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).... Will you be one? Will you pray- God, send a revival, and send it to me? Will you commit to seek the Lord daily? To live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world? Will you prayerfully, passionately, and personally seek a spiritual awakening in our church, churches, community, county, country, and to continue around the world? Will you dedicate part of your daily activity to revival? What you are willing to do, God will enable you to do. Many people want to do more than they are willing to do, that's why so much goes undone; heed the admonition, "just do it". Please pray with us and help us, together, one after another, to turn our hearts back to God, and find forgiveness and healing in our nation. After all, thousands of young men and women sought out recruiters and said "sign me up", and many of them served in the military, fighting on multiple front, many even unto death. God's people must be motivated by an even greater cause and heed the call, may we also respond, "Sign me up!"

Praying for you,
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