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GOING AFTER REVIVAL

The First Steps toward Changing the World



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.

Habakkuk 3:2

What is Revival?

When something regains its original life, passion, excitement, and enthusiasm

How about a Revival in the Church of Jesus Christ?

When the Body of Christ is brought again to its proper *intensity for*, *obedience to*, and *purity in* Jesus Christ

1. **Intensity for** - this is worthy of *all* my energy, *all* my hours, *all* my days, *all* my talents, *all* my resources, *all* my time, *all* my life
2. **Obedience to** - whatever He asks me to make right - I will. Whatever He asks me to confess - I will. Whatever He says needs to go - It will. Whatever He says needs to be added - It will. Whoever He asks me to share the Gospel with - I will. And wherever He asks me to go, no matter the suffering and the difficulties that may attend the action - I will go.
3. **Purity in** - search me, Oh Lord, and know my thoughts. If there be any wickedness in me, expose it. If there be any motive in my soul that is ulterior to your agenda in my life, bring it to surface that I may get rid of it. If there be any habit that is undermining my singular devotion to you, eradicate it.

How Does a Revival Come About?

First, There are Two Key Participants in Revival

1. God
2. Man

The Principle of Revivals

- *God Will when Man Tills*
- *God Endows when Man Ploughs*
- *God Endues when Man Pursues*

Second, There are Four Key Ingredients in Every Revival

1. Men Praying
2. Men Obeying
3. God Responding
4. The Church Activating

A Revival isn't Supposed to be a Mysterious Move of the Holy Spirit

It's supposed to be the obvious response of a God who has promised and cannot lie.

When a Farmer tills . . .

When a farmer tills, plants, waters, weeds, waters, weeds, waters, weeds and waits, waits, waits, and waits . . . then comes the life, the harvest, the bounty. It's not mysterious. It's God's built-in response to man doing as God has told him to do. A farmer's obedience to the laws of farming equals a great harvest.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

James 5:7

Makrothyméō (Mak-roth-oo-meh'-o)

"Be patient" - to be long-spirited, to bear (suffer) long, be longsuffering, have (long) patience, be patient, patiently endure; to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart; to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles

You also be patient. *Establish* your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:8

Stērízō (Stay-rid'-zo)

“To establish”

1. to make stable, place firmly, set fast, fix
2. to strengthen, make firm
3. to render constant, confirm, one's mind

We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.

James 5:11

How Do We Find a Revival Right Here?

Let's heed the simple laws of farming

And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

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.**

Hosea 10:12

”But when it pleased God. . .”

Galatians 1:15

As workers for God we have to learn to make room for God - to give God "elbow room." We calculate and estimate, and say that this and that will happen, and we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses. Would we be surprised if God came into our meeting or into our preaching in a way we had never looked for Him to come? Do not look for God to come in any particular way, but look for Him. That is the way to make room for Him. Expect Him to come, but do not expect Him only in a certain way. However much we may know God, the great lesson to learn is that at any minute He may break in. We are apt to overlook this element of surprise, yet God never works in any other way. All of a sudden God meets the life - "When it was the good pleasure of God. . ." Keep your life so constant in its contact with God that His surprising power may break out on the right hand and on the left. Always be in a state of expectancy, and see that you leave room for God to come in as He likes.

Oswald Chambers

January 25th, MUFHH, Leave Room for God

Breaking up the Fallow Ground

The Sins of Omission (things omitted from our behavior)

1. Ingratitude
2. Want of Love to God
3. Neglect of the Bible
4. Unbelief
5. Neglect of Prayer
6. Neglect of the Means of Grace
7. Poor Manner in Performing Sacred Christian Duties
8. Want of Love for the Souls of Your Fellow-Men
9. Want of Care for the Heathen (the lost souls around you)
10. Neglect of Family Duties
11. Neglect of Social Duties
12. Neglect of Watchfulness Over Your Own Life
13. Neglect to Watch Over Your Brethren
14. Neglect of Self-Denial

The Sins of Commission (things done, acted out, that were not of the nature of Jesus Christ)

1. Worldly Mindedness
2. Pride
3. Envy
4. Censoriousness (speaking with spite, a bitter spirit, absent of love)
5. Slander
6. Levity (taking sinful behavior lightly)
7. Lying (any species of designed deception)
8. Cheating
9. Hypocrisy
10. Robbing God
11. Bad Tempered
12. Hindering others from being useful