

"What do we really expect from revival?"

Scripture Reading:- II Kings 13:14-21.

Introd:- (1). Age of miracles better not be past! We need a few! For real revival takes miracles to produce. Billy Graham has said..concerning his marvellous, God-blessed meetings.."This is not yet revival". Surprising..perhaps he has misunderstood..perhaps we have..what revival is. EVERY BACKSLIDDEN X'N..STIRRED IN HEART..REPENTANT..COME BACK TO GOD..HAS KNOWN REVIVAL. A measure. May have been slow process..as backsliding was..Or instantan. new surrender as new birth was. THAT IS PERSONAL REVIVAL.."To live again". In Bethel!

(2). But let me repeat:- We need today..as perhaps nev. bef. in our history..the miraculous, supernatural moving of God. I pray God will make us thoroughly dissatisfied with less.

Tasks confronting us too big for our puny efforts..and God pushing us into miracle corner. Time we sought with all heart (financially..spiritually). (missionaries). (

I. WE NEED A FRESH STIRRING OF THE HOLY GHOST! Individ..church

(a). Revival:- "To live again". Not repet. of new birth but in many ways similar. Remember? Days of misery, despair, conviction. Stirring of heart under ministry of God's Word. and then finally the MIRACLE. Life..joy..peace..Life from d c/f John 5:24..Passing from death to life! "I will restore"

(b). Now revival is LIKE THAT! Just as for new birth there was Preparation..Process..Products..so with revival. Just same..Conditions..Causes..Climax of glorious results.

II. Take time today trace those things in records of revival

(a). Word used in twelve Scrip. May God encourage us as read First:- CONDITIONS..PREPARATION. When can we expect revival

What circumstances? Here we oft. make mistake of unsaved man. He thinks he saved when ev'thing favourable..when able clean up life..get better..then near saved. NO! Farther of than ever! c/f Rom. 5:6. "Without strength..ungodly". SO

IN THIS MATTER. Listen: Psalm 138:7 In midst of trouble. Again: Ezra 9:8-9..In bondage..to sin..more..TO SELF. Keeping us from setting up house..work of God..home and afar.

Again: Hab. 3:2. In midst of years..Years past that have been dull..lifeless..Years yet to come..still time for God..

Hab. was THIRSTY FOR GOD..LONGING that revival might YET come. Are we? God grant it! Now:- Here's prom:- Isa. 44:3-

In light of present conditions..believe we can EXPECT REVIVAL

(b). Now second:- CAUSES..PROCESS. They lie not in heavens but in hearts. God ready. We need be made ready. Duty..responsibility. Listen to Hosea 6:2? Cry of repentant return to God. Our trouble comes when think nothing repent about.

God help us! Search us! Sear us with consciousness of the things displease Him..self-life..gossip..big ears, loose tongue

Rom. 14:9

900  
59-19  
causes  
to this  
world  
today

56

II Chron 16:9

Ezra 9:12

Rev or X  
will you

Again:- Isaiah 57:15. God teach us what it means! These are not days for feasting and fun, farce and frivolity. Days for fasting and fear, crying to God. Ask selves:- Conditions ripe ..but are causes operating..in me? **GET RIGHT!** Confession.  
(c). Third:- CLIMAX..RESULTS. What expect from revival? What pray for? 1. Restoration of backsliders. Here? May be. If less fervent for God..less joy, love..less concern for lost..than when converted..backslidden to that extent. Listen:- Neh. 4:2 Reviving stones! **YES!** Fallen down..out of place..useless..and that revival **PUT THEM BACK FOR GOD**. Used.  
2. Conversion of sinners:..loads of sheaves! c/f Pentecost.. Hebrides. Spir. dead to life.. I Kings. 17:22. Done by **GOD**.  
3. **JOY..JOY**. Char. of every revival ever heard of..Singing.. Acts 8:5-8. "In temple praising God" Joy..and twin..love. c/f Psalm 85:6. We sing: "My cup is full and running over". It isn't. What deceit we sing. Save that for revival day!  
4. Refreshing visitation of Holy Ghost..make us all burst into fruit. Hosea 14:7. Pic. of drooping, thirsty plant..Rain!  
5. **MIRACLES**..in ans. to faith of God's people c/f II Kings 13:21. Ans. to bold faith of man dead already..who claimed much. Listen to this clipping..Derek Prince of London, Eng:-(clipping.

Conclus:- 1. When we see those things come together..then be assured church revival here..communal revival..God grant national..intenational revival! Want to see it? How greatly? Passing fancy..or soul burden? "O God let the causes work in me"  
2. When that comes..not have to advertize..seek for special speaker..draw up great program. Those things we use as poor sub. while wait. Early church had **NONE** of them..but had revival. Attracted multitudes..crowds. How? Bec. God gave supernatural manifest of presence and power. He killed a few. He healed some. Converted Rabbis. Had preachers put in jail. Cast out demons.. and turned pocketbooks over in mirac. fashion.  
3. We need miracles today. Methods, men all right..but miracles show God here. Be satisfied with nothing less than mirac. presence, power, manifestation of God! Pray for **REVIVAL LIKE THIS!**

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There is no period recorded in the scripture, Old Testament or New, when God's people obeyed His word and walked in His ways, without God continuing His blessing and His presence amongst them by supernatural utterance, supernatural revelation, and supernatural demonstration of power. We were not the will of God to do the same today. We should be living in a period for which scripture offers no pattern and no precedent.