

REVIVAL!!

PSALM 85:6

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**Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may
rejoice in thee?**

Introduction

A. What is revival?

1. “Revival is God at work, restoring his church to health.” - Walter Boldt

2. A healthy church is a soul-winning church

Revelation 2:4-5

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

B. The scope of revival

I. It Is Right To Pray For Revival

“Wilt thou revive us again”

A. “Every great work of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.” - D. L. Moody

2 Chronicles 7:14

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.

B. Prayer brings the power of God

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

I. It Is Right To Pray For Revival

**What are you doing about prayer
for revival?**

II. It Is Right To Expect Revival

Hosea 6:1-3

1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

II. It Is Right To Expect Revival

A. When there is repentance

Jonah 3:5

So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

Jonah 3:10

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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B. When there is faith

1. A call

Romans 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

2. A commitment

Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 17:6

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

II. It Is Right To Expect Revival

C. But they do not believe God will bring revival today

1. They misunderstand prophecy

2 Peter 3:17

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

2. They are unwilling to pay the price of revival

Luke 16:13

No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

II. It Is Right To Expect Revival

D. There will always be defeatist voices

2 Corinthians 7:5

For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

E. But God is unchanged

Malachi 3:6

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

II. It Is Right To Expect Revival

We can have revival now

III. It Is Right To Expect Rejoicing To Result From Revival

A. Revival may bring in tears but it proceeds to joy

Psalm 126:5-6

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

III. It Is Right To Expect Rejoicing To Result From Revival

B. The Christian constantly grieving over past sins does not understand the grace of God and needs revival

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

C. Revival and rejoicing go hand in hand

**HOW DOES REVIVAL
START?**

**ARE YOU WILLING
TO LET REVIVAL
BEGIN IN YOU?**