

**OUR ATTITUDE  
AND REVIVAL**

**ISAIAH 57:15-18**

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**15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

**16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.**

**17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.**

**18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.**

# Introduction

**A. God wants revival sooner than later**

**B. Revival allows God's love to work**

**C. Revival brings restoration**

**D. An improper attitude will defeat any revival**

**Psalm 101:7**

**He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:  
he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.**

**E. A proper attitude is essential for revival**

**Psalm 85:6**

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

# **I. Indifference Will Not Bring Revival**

**Isaiah 57:1**

**The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart:  
and merciful men are taken away, none considering that  
the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.**

**We Want God To Care When We Will Not**

## **II. Insolence Will Not Bring Revival**

**Isaiah 57:4**

**Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom  
make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye  
not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood.**

**We Want God To Work When We Do Not Reverence Him**

# III. Idolatry Will Not Bring Revival

## Isaiah 57:5-8

**5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?**

**6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?**

**7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.**

**8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.**

# **III. Idolatry Will Not Bring Revival**

**We Want God To Work But We Let Other Things Get In  
The Way Of Serving Him**

# **IV. Indulgence Will Not Bring Revival**

**Isaiah 57:9-12**

**9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell.**

**10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.**

**11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?**

**12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.**



## **IV. Indulgence Will Not Bring Revival**

**We Want God To Work But We Are Only Concerned  
About How He Can Benefit Me**

## **V. God Will Revive The Humble**

### **A. Humility removes God's opposition**

**Psalm 138:6**

**Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.**

**James 4:6**

**But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

# **V. God Will Revive The Humble**

**B. Humility requires our operation**

**Colossians 3:12**

**Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**

**James 4:10**

**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

# **V. God Will Revive The Humble**

**C. Humility results in right standing**

**1 Peter 5:6**

**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**

## **VI. God Will Revive The Contrite**

**A. Being contrite brings us near to God**

**Psalm 34:18**

**The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;  
and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

**B. Being contrite makes us acceptable to God**

**Psalm 51:17**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a  
contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

## **VI. God Will Revive The Contrite**

**C. Being contrite brings the favor of God**

**Isaiah 66:2**

**For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

**DO WE HAVE  
A RIGHT  
ATTITUDE?**