

**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?**