

***Why Christians
Don't Have
Revival***

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36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

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39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

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41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

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45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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A. Quotes About Revival

**“God at work restoring His church to health”
- Walter Boldt**

“Return to the first love resulting in conversion of sinners.” - Charles Finney

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B. Do We Need Revival?

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.

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C. Do We Want Revival?

Psalm 85:6

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

I. Christians Do Not Have Revival Because They Do Not Pray For It

James 4:2

**Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and
cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because
ye ask not.**

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A. They pray but often without fervency

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.

B. They pray but often without faith

James 1:6

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

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C. They pray but often their prayers are very formal

Matthew 6:7

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

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D. They pray to keep the church going in the status quo
Matthew 6:5

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 21;22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

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E. Faith-filled revival praying brings revival

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

II. Christians Do Not Have Revival Because They Do Not Expect It (18:43)

“Go up now, look toward the sea”

A. Elijah fully expected rain

**B. He was not discouraged at his servant’s initial reports
Luke 18:1**

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

C. Persistence will be rewarded with blessing

“Go again seven times”

III. Christians Do Not Have Revival Because They Do Not Recognize It (18:44-46)

“Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.”

A. What are you looking for?

B. Have faith in the little things

Luke 17:6

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

C. Big results can start from small beginnings (18:45-46)

**Do Not Be The Reason
Revival Does Not Happen**