

Desiring REVIVAL

AMERICA'S ONLY HOPE



From Desiring Revival

In times like these where the tide of sin has overwhelmed a Nation, and the Church as it were, is ignored where it once had a voice, in times like these, one may be tempted to look at the surroundings and think the impossibility of the situation, to cause as not to expect the supernatural moving's of God in spiritual awakenings by unbelief.

Unbelief is the enemy of faith, for it takes God out of the picture and tries to attribute the supernatural workings of God to natural causes of man and events of nature. It substitutes the supernatural to explain it by the natural, where it is not a miracle anymore. Unbelief does that. It always steals the glory of God, and what He rightfully does and should be attributed to, where the worship of Revelation 4:11 cannot be rightly given to Him. Faith overcomes by the supernatural, but unbelief explains away impossibilities by the natural. Faith brings about action and is also shown by the action, maybe a special meeting for prayer because only God can meet that need, to the point of burning any alternatives of escape.

In the midst of unbelief are the most incredible possibilities of God who can perform His work where only He can receive the glory. Thus, the question of "if" revival is possible in our generation based on the deteriorating circumstances should be replaced with faith to believe in the supernatural where we cry out even more to Omnipotence to send His reviving work and receive all the glory unto Himself.



LEAD ME TO CALVARY

King of my life I crown Thee now-
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain:
Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

“Present-Day Wickedness, Apostasy and Modern Civilization Cannot Prevent Revival.” - John R. Rice

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. - Ezekiel 36:25,26

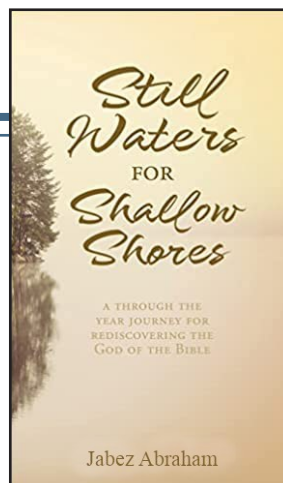
MARKS OF A TRUE BELIEVER



Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? - 2 Corinthians 13:5

- **The inward witness:** A true believer has the primary witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:15,16, Job 32:8, Galatians 4:6, 1 Cor. 2:11, 1 John 5:6) and the secondary witness of the word (1 John 5:13)
- **Desires holiness while rejoicing in his newfound love:** A true believer has the seed of God in him and will desire after the new nature of holiness (Matt. 22: 37-40, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 John 1:5-7, 1 John 4:19, 2 John 1:9, Hebrews 12:14, Galatians 5:24)
- **Victory over sin:** A true believer will see immediate change and enjoy ongoing victory over habitual sin. He is a new creature with a new heart in Christ, and there will be credible proof of regeneration by the Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Cor. 5:17, 1 John 3:9, Romans 6:14)
- **Life of repentance:** A true believer realizes the struggle of sin in continuously trying to bring him under bondage and resists sin at all cost. At times of faltering, he rises again. (Proverbs 24:16, 1 John 1:6-10, 2:15, Jude 1:23)
- **Is corrected:** When a child of God strays away from God, God as a loving Father brings him back by, putting thorns in his path (Proverbs 13:15), and correction that brings him to himself (Luke 15:17, Romans 2:4, Hebrews 12:5-8)
- **Produces fruit unto good works:** A true believer produces good works because of salvation and not for salvation. (Matthew 7:18,19, Galatians 5:19-23, 1 John 2:4)
- **Love for the brethren:** A Christian has a genuine love for those who are of the faith knowing the common bond in Christ and witnessed by the Spirit's assurance (1 John 2:9-11, 3:14)

Are the things you
are living for worth
Christ dying for?
- Leonard Ravenhill



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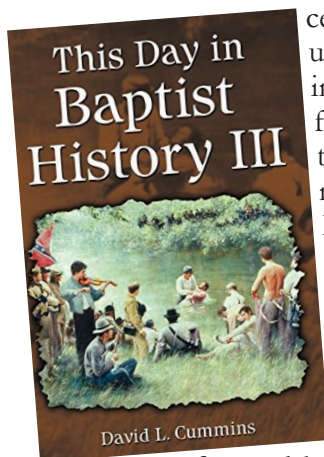
***A Through the Year Journey For
Rediscovering the God of the Bible***

Recovering the High View of GOD

REVIVE THY WORD, O LORD!



Scripture: Habakkuk 3:2; Psalm 85:6; 138:7



As we have entered the twenty-first century, it is apparent that there is great spiritual degeneration in America! Such was also the case at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Believers recognized that iniquity was abounding, and only a Divine intervention by the Lord would be sufficient to withstand the onslaught of the devilish enemy. Thus it was that men and women of God throughout Kentucky and Tennessee began crying out to Heaven for revival. For instance, on this date in 1798, the saints from the Sinking Creek Baptist Church in Tennessee met for their business meeting. The minutes reveal that no business was brought forward but a "... fast [was] proclaimed." These folk were desperate, and they began to agonize before God for revival.

And God answered! ... Burkitt and Read in A Concise History of the Kehukee Baptist Association reported, "Persons of the most dissolute lives, as drunkards, swearers, liars, thieves, &c., became sober, punctual, honest, virtuous persons. Surely that religion must be of God that makes people godly from good principles; that makes better husbands, better wives, better children, more obedient servants, better masters, better neighbors, and better citizens. This the work has evidently done."

Not only did the Baptists experience revival, but Presbyterians and Methodists knew the blessings of Heaven as well. The noted Presbyterian preacher, Gideon Blackburn, wrote, "The ball room, tipping shops, and taverns have, in a number of instances, been... converted into places of prayer and praise... The most profane settlements, where religion was not known, or the name of God mentioned only in blasphemy, are ... formed into societies, and meet weekly for social prayer."

And the impact was not merely a temporary emotional experience bearing no continuing results. ...

PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

On November, 1863 General Lee's Army moved into winter quarters on the south side of the Rapidan River. The Union army moved up to the north side.

The pickets on each side of the river were within speaking distance of each other. My command camped on the north side of Clark's Mountain and was composed of the following regiments of infantry: 58th, 42nd, 49th, 32nd, and 13th Virginia (General A. P. Hill's old regiment). This was the 4th Virginia Brigade, commanded by General Pegram, who was killed at Hatcher's Run.

"While in camp, our chaplain, Reverend Willie Ragland, preached very faithfully the Gospel of Christ to our command, the 13th Virginia; they loved and honored him as a servant of God. One of the converts, Goodwin of Company A, of Orange Courthouse, living in the lower part of the county, wished to be baptized in the Rapidan River; but the enemy was just on the other side, and our officers feared that we might bring on trouble. But finally, they gave their consent. We marched very scatteringly, about fifty strong; and the enemy, seeing that we had no arms, did not fire on us, but seemed greatly puzzled and watched us closely.

"As soon as we reached the water's edge, we began to sing that grand old hymn, 'There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood', and at once the enemy began to leave their works and hasten to the riverside,. Many voices in the Northern army also joined in the song. Both armies were at peace as they witnessed the death of the old man into the resurrection of the new man through Jesus Christ our Lord."

W. P. Nicholson when he prayed for

revival cried out to God by praying

"Lord, stir this little sleepy half-damned village"



THE CAUSE: Of A True Revival

C. H. SPURGEON



The mere worldly man does not understand a revival; he cannot make it out. Why is it, that a sudden fit of godliness, as he would call it, a kind of sacred epidemic, should seize upon a mass of people all at once? What can be the cause of it? It frequently occurs in the absence of all great evangelists; it cannot be traced to any particular means. There have been no special agencies used in order to bring it about—no machinery supplied, no societies established; and yet it has come, just like a heavenly hurricane, sweeping everything before it. It has rushed across the land, and of it men have said, "The wind bloweth, where it listeth; we hear the sound thereof, but we cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth." What is then, the cause? Our answer is, If a revival be true and real, it is caused by the Holy Spirit, and by him alone. When Peter stood up on the day of Pentecost, and preached that memorable sermon by which three thousand persons were converted, can we attribute the remarkable success of his ministry to anything else but the ministry of the Holy Spirit? I read the notes of Peter's discourse; it was certainly very simple; it was a plain narration of facts; it was certainly very bold, very cutting, and pointed, and personal, for he did not blush to tell them that they had put to death the Lord of life and glory, and were guilty of his blood; but on the mere surface of the thing, I should be apt to say that I had read many a sermon far more likely to be effective than Peter's; and I believe there have been many preachers who have lived, whose sermons when read would have been far more notable and far more regarded, at least by the critic, than the sermon of Peter. It seems to have been exceedingly simple and suitable, and extremely earnest, but none of these things are so eminently remarkable as to be the cause of such extraordinary success.

What, then, was the reason? And we reply, once more, the same word which the Holy Spirit blesses to the conversion of one, he might, if he pleased, bless to the conversion of a thousand: and I am persuaded that the meanest preacher in Christendom might come into this pulpit this morning, and preach the most simple sermon, in the most uneducated style, and the Holy Spirit, if so he willed it, might bless that sermon to the conversion of every man, woman, and child, within this place: for his arm is not shortened, his power is not straitened, and as long as he is Omnipotent, it is ours to believe that he can do whatsoever seemeth him good. Do not imagine, when you hear of a sermon being made useful, that it was the sermon itself that did the work. Conceive not, because a certain preacher may have been greatly blessed in the conversion of souls, that there is anything in the preacher. God forbid that any preacher should arrogate such a thing to himself. Any other preacher, blessed in the same manner, would be as useful, and any other sermon, provided it be truthful and earnest, might be as much blessed as that particular sermon which has become notable by reason of the multitudes who by it have been brought to Christ. The Spirit of God, when he pleaseth, blows upon the sons of men. He finds a people hard and careless; he casts a desire into their minds—he sows it broadcast in their spirits—a thought towards the house of the Lord, and straightway, they know not why, they flock in multitudes to hear the Word preached. He casts the seed, the same seed, into the preacher's mind, and he knows not how, but he feels more earnest than he did before. When he goes to his pulpit, he goes to it as to a solemn sacrifice, and there he preaches, believing that great things will be the effect of his ministry. The time of prayer cometh round; Christians are found meeting together in large numbers; they cannot tell what it is that influences them, but they feel they must go up to the house of the Lord to pray. There are earnest prayers lifted up; there are earnest sermons preached, and there are earnest hearers. Then God the Almighty One is pleased to, soften hard hearts, and subdue the stout-hearted, and bring them to know the truth. The only real cause is, his Spirit working in the minds of men.