

New Year 2016

A MESSAGE FROM DESIRING REVIVAL



Can

 revival come because of one man or woman? We seem

to be against so great an odds of the wickedness of the world, the powerlessness of the Church, the blindness in our spiritual leaders and the apathy of God's people. Does God need someone who has a Ph.D.? What about our colleges, where men and women are trained to repeat what they are taught, one fallen head teaching another.

Can God use you? God has taken pleasure again and again to take the weak things of this world and confound the mighty. Think about David, a shepherd boy, who is in the middle of nowhere watching sheep. See as he communes with God and as the nation of Israel is in peril because of a giant named Goliath, God raised this shepherd boy to face the giant and save a nation. Think about queen Esther who was in a pagan kingdom and an orphan in a strange land with strange customs. Think about God raising her for such a time as this and save His people from certain destruction. We see the same in the Hebrides revival where God raised 2 women, one blind and one crippled and both in their eighties when they sought God, God sent Duncan Campbell who witnessed God move and save their land.

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. - 2 Chronicles 16:9a

Oh men and brethren, the question is not if God can use you, rather the question is are we willing to pay the price? Are we willing to be in the wilderness like John the Baptist until his shewing forth? Are we willing to walk in His path, which will take us through loneliness and tears as He molds us and anoints us with His Spirit and as Elijah of old sends us to face the Laodicean Church, blinded by hypocrisy, blinded by intellectual supremacy, blinded by sports and entertainment, to bring fire from heaven and turn His people back to Himself. Are we willing? Can God find us faithful?

A PAGE IN HISTORY

John Bunyan (November 30, 1628 - August



31, 1688), was the most famous of the Puritan writers and preachers. He was born at Harrowden (1 mile south-east of Bedford), in the Parish of Elstow, England. He is most well-known for his book *"The Pilgrim's Progress"*, one of the most printed books in history, which he composed while in prison for the crime of preaching

the Gospel without a license.

"I got me back into prison and did sit down to write again. I have been away from my writing too long. Maybe this is not so much a prison as an office from which I can reach the world with Christ's message." - **Bunyan on being sent back to prison in 1675.**

John Bunyan continued to preach until his death in 1688. He died from pneumonia contracted on a visit to London.



In perspective

In leaving a legacy behind, what would be said of you on your tombstone?

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? - Joel 2:17



- Andrew Murray

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24

Another year gone by and another year given to mortal men and women. What will you do with them?

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." - **Jim Elliot**

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

- Hebrews 12:2a

A QUOTE TO PONDER

"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, 'above all that we ask or think'. Each time, before you Intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"

An interesting tale of the Eucharist

A pretty maid, a protestant,
Was to a catholic wed;
To love all bible truths and tales,
Quite early she'd been bred.

It sorely grieved her husband's heart
That she would not comply,
And join the mother church of Rome
And heretics deny.

So day by day he flattered her
But still she saw no good
Would ever come from bowing down
To idols made of wood.

The mass, the host, the miracles,
Were made but to deceive;
And transubstantiation, too,
She'd never dare believe.

He went to see his clergyman
And told him his sad tale
"my wife is an unbeliever, sir;
You can perhaps prevail;

For all your romish miracles
My wife has strong aversion.
To really work a miracle
May lead to her conversion."

The priest went with the gentleman
He thought to gain a prize.
He said, "I will convert her, sir,
And open both her eyes."

"the priest has come to dine with us!"
"he's welcome," she replied.

And when, at last, the meal was o'er,
The priest at once began,
To teach his hostess all about
The sinful state of man.

The greatness of our Saviour's love,
Which Christians can't deny.
To give himself a sacrifice
And for our sins to die.

"I will return tomorrow, lass,
Prepare some bread and wine;
The sacramental miracle
Will stop your soul's decline."

"I'll bake the bread," the lady said.
"you may," he did reply.
"and when you've seen this miracle,
Convinced you'll be, say I."

The priest did come accordingly,
The bread and wine did bless.
The lady asked, "sir, is it changed?"
The priest answered, "yes,

It's changed from common bread and wine
To truly flesh and blood.
Begorra lass, this power of mine
Has changed it into god!"

Author unknown

EXPOSING ERROR

Why expose error? Do we have the right to Judge?

First we need to realize that we do not judge anybody. We lift the word of God as a standard and let God judge by His Spirit. There are primarily 2 types of judging. When you say to someone "All have sinned" you are judging that person based on the word of God. When you tell a homosexual that his lifestyle is sinful, you are judging based on God's word. This is righteous judgment.

The other is the one where we judge based on our opinions or if I judge others though I am at fault in the same area or not right with God then this is un-righteous judgment. In Matthew Jesus said "Judge not, that ye be not judged." – Matthew 7:1. Here He was talking about someone who is a hypocrite, one who does the same error but judges another. "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." – Matthew 7:5. If I said that drinking is wrong while I myself drink and I am not willing to get right with God then I should not judge another for the same.

We see that in the life of David who was willing to judge the rich man who had taken the lamb from the neighbor for his guest, while not knowing that it was him who did that. He paid a great price for it.

What are some of the reasons that we expose error or people in error?

1. The Bible commands it:

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." – 2 Thessalonians 3:14

"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." – 1 Timothy 5:20 this 'sin' is after efforts have been made to restore him into the Church. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." - Galatians 6:1.

2. The purging helps the body of Christ:

The Church is the pillar and ground of Truth. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." - 1 Timothy 3:15

"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" – 1 Corinthians 5:6

So having blessed the bread and wine,
To eat they did prepare
The lady said unto the priest
"I warn you to take care.

For half an ounce of arsenic
Was mixed right in the batter,
But since you have its nature changed
It cannot really matter."

The priest was struck real dumb,
He looked as pale as death,
The bread and wine fell from his hands,
And he did gasp for breath.

"bring me my horse!" the priest cried,
"this is a cursed home!"
The lady replied, "begone;
Tis you who shares the curse of Rome!"

The husband, too, he sat surprised,
And not a word did say.
At length he spoke, "my dear, said he,
"the priest has run away.

To gulp such mummery and tripe,
I'm not for sure quite able;
I'll go with you and we'll renounce
This roman catholic fable."



"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." – 2 Corinthians 11:2

TO BE CONTINUED ...

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.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.

- Jennie E. Hussey, 1921

"And when they were come to the place,
which is called Calvary, there they crucified
him" - Luke 23:33

"All great soul-winners have been men of much and mighty prayer, and all great revivals have been preceded and carried out by persevering, prevailing knee-work in the closet."

- Samuel Logan Brengle



REFLECT



Revival Is An Act Of Mercy

IN the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 3:19 we read, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Whatever else we say about revival we have to recognize this, that revival is an act of mercy in the sovereignty of God.

There is a vast difference between revival and evangelism. When we speak of revival in America we think of church advertising, "Our revival will begin next Sunday night at a certain time and it is going to finish the next Sunday night at a certain time." Obviously this is something purely mechanical, it is something which men have engineered. I think that one of the offenses of revival, in the historic sense, is that it cannot be organized. As Doctor Tozer said, "When revival comes it changes the moral climate of a community."

"You can have revival that covers a church -- Spurgeon had that. You can have a revival that covers a city. You can have a revival that covers the whole nation -- and I am thinking in this context more than

in the other contexts (though sometimes revival spreads from here to there -- like fire spreads.) Revival cannot be organized -- evangelism can be organized. Revival cannot be subsidized -- evangelism can and usually it must be. Revival cannot be advertised -- evangelism can. It may cost millions of dollars, as it often does, to have one of our huge, modern so called revivals. You have to pay vast sums of money for time on TV, for example -- perhaps a million dollars a night. That's incredible, that's unthinkable to me in the context of Biblical revival, or even historical revival.

Why doesn't revival need to be advertised? For the simple reason, that fire is the most self advertising thing that there is, whether it is a physical fire or a revival fire. It draws people like a magnet.

- Leonard Ravenhill (1907 - 1994)

Oh! men and brethren, what would this heart feel if I could but believe that there were some among you who would go home and pray for a revival - men whose faith is large enough, and their love fiery enough to lead them from this moment to exercise unceasing intercessions that God would appear among us and do wondrous things here, as in the times of former generations. - C.H. Spurgeon

No more soul-destroying doctrine could well be devised than the doctrine that sinners can regenerate themselves, and repent and believe just when they please . . . As it is a truth both of Scripture and of experience that the unrenewed man can do nothing of himself to secure his salvation, it is essential that he should be brought to a practical conviction of that truth. When thus convicted, and not before, he seeks help from the only source whence it can be obtained.

- Charles Hodge (1797-1878)

There was a time when the church was run by faith, fire and fumigation; now we run it with food, fun and fellowship. - Evangelist Lester Roloff

JOHN R. RICE ON THE ANOINTING OF GOD

(Excerpts taken from the Book "Why God used D.L. Moody" by R. A. Torrey)

THE reader will notice that R. A. Torrey and D. L. Moody both used the term, "baptized with the Holy Ghost" just as it is used in Acts 1:5 about Pentecost. Later, because of some wildfire and theological differences of people who used the term, "the baptism of the Holy Ghost," Plymouth Brethren said that that term should refer only to Pentecost and the origin of the church. Thus in retreating from other movements, they took out of the Moody Bible Institute and other Bible institutes the teaching of D. L. Moody and R.A. Torrey, and took out the emphasis which those great men of God had put on the fullness of the Spirit, or baptism with the Spirit. And so Dr. C. I. Scofield, in the note to the Scofield Bible, took the Plymouth Brethren position and forsook the position of Moody and Torrey which he originally held.

But Dr. Will H. Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, in an edition of this little book, Why God Used D. L. Moody, said, "But let no one quibble about an experience as important as the filling with the Spirit. In this little book Dr. Torrey quotes Mr. Moody as saying, in a discussion of this very matter, 'Oh, why will they split hairs? Why don't they see that this is just the one thing that they themselves need? They are good teachers, they are wonderful teachers, and I am so glad to have them here, but why will they not see that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is just the one touch that they themselves need?' And Dr. Houghton further said, "The tragedy is that so many are technically correct and spiritually powerless."

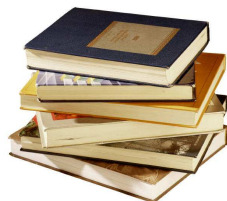
God is looking for men whom He can mightily use in winning souls. We pray that many a reader of this booklet will earnestly decide to follow the pattern of D. L. Moody in the qualities which made him so God could use him with mighty power to win multitudes!

- John R. Rice



"We are not here advocating some wild and weird emotional experience, but we do hold that he who seeks to burn out for God will have to go deeper than sentence prayers and occasional wishful thinking. There must be a holy burning and a consuming longing for the fullness of the Spirit. Tears and fastings and all night prayers have no value of themselves, but God will reward the man who forgets all else seeking the double portion of "power with God and men." It is not that God is stingy and must be coaxed, for He "giveth liberally and upbraideth not." It is that we ourselves are so shallow and sinful that we need to tarry before Him until our restless natures can be stilled and the clamor of outside voices be deadened so that we can hear His voice. Such a state is not easily reached, and the men God uses have paid a price in wrestlings and prevailing prayer. But it is such men who rise from their knees confident of His power and go forth to speak with authority and not as the scribes."

- Vance Havner



Good Books to read

Power through Prayer - E.M. Bounds
Pilgrims Progress - John Bunyan
Why God used D.L. Moody - R. A. Torrey
Profiles in Evangelism - Fred Barlow
Foxe's book of Martyrs - John Foxe
The Life and Diary of David Brainerd - Jonathan Edwards



In the beginning
God created the
heaven and the
earth - **Genesis 1:1**

Creation Fast Facts

1) Ironically, the one thing the big bang does not explain is the origin of the universe. It is only a story about what supposedly happened afterwards.

2) The cosmic microwave background is much more uniform than was predicted by the big bang model.

3) In the past decade, astronomers have discovered hundreds of planets orbiting other stars. They are large Jupiter-sized planets orbiting very close to their star - the opposite of what was predicted by secular models.

Unique sermon titles:

When God sets your Barley Field on Fire
- **Maze Jackson**

The Welsh revival of 1904

4 things Evan Roberts desired of the people in his day:

- ◇ Confess all known Sin
- ◇ Avoid all doubtful things
- ◇ Full obedience to the Holy Spirit
- ◇ Confess Christ openly to others

Light cannot mix with darkness and so it is with Hollywood with all its glamour and shows still defies God and the home while promoting corruption, sin and compromise.



Entertainment is the Devil's substitute for Joy.
- **Leonard Ravenhill**

THE POPE - AN ANTICHRIST



Some false claims of the Pope:

1. That he is infallible (Rom 3: 10 - 12, 23)
2. That one must go through the Church to get to GOD (1 Timothy 2:5)
3. That he is the head of the Church (Colossians 1:10 - 18)
4. That he has power to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6)

"Once a poor soul entered the school of prayer after his arrival in hell. He asked for relief from his agony; it was refused. He asked that a beggar warn his brothers; he was turned down. He was praying to Abraham, a man; he could not locate God. He dared not ask to get out; he plainly knew that he was beyond all hope. Prayerless on earth, unanswered in hell, he suffers on as the man who tried to learn to pray too late." - **Cameron V. Thompson**



The only hope for America is an heaven sent, old fashioned, Holy Ghost Revival

The Sower and the Seed



There are so many stony ground hearers, who receive the Word with joy, that I have determined to suspend my judgment till I know the tree by its fruits. I cannot believe they are converts till I see fruit brought back; it will never do a sincere soul any harm.

- **George Whitefield**

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." - **Ezekiel 22:30**

ANDREW BONAR

ANDREW BONAR was just one of many Scottish ministers used of God during the Kilsyth Revival of 1839-1840. The ministers most honored by Christ's presence during this time of refreshing were W. C. Burns, Robert Murray McCheyne, Alexander Moody Stuart and Andrew Bonar. All of these men were close friends who encouraged one another in the practice of constant prayer. Soon after the decline of the Kilsyth Revival, Andrew Bonar said, "I have learned by experience that it is not much labor but much prayer that is the only means to success." Mr. Bonar was able to accomplish much with men in public because he spent much time with Jesus Christ in private. The daily entries of Bonar's diary testify of this fact. He wrote on January 3rd, 1856, "I have been endeavoring to keep up prayer at this season every hour of the day, stopping my occupation, whatever it is, to pray a little. I seek to keep my soul within the shadow of the throne of grace and Him that sits thereon." Sabbath, March 8th - "I feel afraid of myself on the ground that I am less prayerful than I used to be, although often more helped in preaching than ever."



In a letter to a close friend Andrew Bonar wrote, "Oh brother pray; in spite of Satan, pray; spend hours in prayer, rather neglect friends than not pray, rather fast, and lose breakfast, dinner, supper and sleep too - than not pray. And we must not talk about prayer - we must pray in right earnest. The Lord is near. He comes softly while The Virgins Slumber." Andrew Bonar lived in a time of revival and yet he was always praying for more of God's revival power. His diary again makes this clear. Wednesday, 21st, - "Enabled to spend nearly the whole day in prayer, praise and confession. I was led to deep humiliation for our church, and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on my people. I spread out several promises before the Lord, and my heart was sore with desire and yet glad with expectation of what this day may obtain for me. But I find true what Samuel Rutherford wrote: 'A bed watered with tears, a throat dry with praying, eyes a fountain of tears for the sins of the land are rarely to be found among us.'"

O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. - **Habakkuk 3:2**

