

# DESIRING REVIVAL

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## *From Desiring Revival*

One of the outbursts of revival is in the field of evangelism. The focus of revival is God Himself. The results of revival is evident when people are confronted with the beauty and holiness of God and see the sinfulness of sin; when they see the lost through the eyes of Jesus, who bled and died for them. To cry out with the Moravians "May the lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering!". Revival causes the Church to re-examine her love for God, to see the lost around her crying out in despair, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." - Jeremiah 8:20.

It is not enough to pray for revival so we can be comfortable in continuing what we are used to in our sentimental, powerless representation of Christianity; It is a longing for God Himself, for His manifest presence, for His power, to say "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered..." - Psalm 68:1. May God raise those burdened for revival to not only pray for it, but be faithful to labor in the Master's vineyard until revival comes. There is a price to pay.

### A word of caution:

"Prayer is never an acceptable substitute for obedience. The sovereign Lord accepts no offering from His creatures that is not accompanied by obedience. To pray for revival while ignoring or actually flouting the plain precept laid down in the Scriptures is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble." - **A.W. Tozer**



## *A Page in History*



David Brainerd (1718 - 1747) was a young missionary to the Indians whose efforts were manifestly and gloriously blessed by God to an unusual degree. Dying at the early age of twenty-nine from tuberculosis, he suffered severe medical affliction throughout most of his life, including those years in which his ministry so gloriously and efficaciously flourished. Few saints have been used of God so mightily in such a short space of time. It would be difficult to pin down how many souls were led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as a result of David Brainerd's life, for not only were many American Indians from many different tribes converted, and thus many of their descendants, but a great many of Brainerd's countrymen were likewise pointed to the Lord Jesus through his impeccable life. In addition, Brainerd had a profound effect on many of the men of the Great Awakening, such as Edwards, Tennant, Pemberton, Davenport, and others. As well, every succeeding generation of Christians has benefited substantially from his short but magnificent life.



### A QUOTE TO PONDER

"LIVE AS THOUGH CHRIST DIED YESTERDAY, ROSE FROM THE GRAVE TODAY, AND IS COMING BACK TOMORROW."

- **THEODORE**

### Quotes on Prayer

Some people pray just to pray and some people pray to know God.

- **Andrew Murray**

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.

- **Corrie Ten Boom**

"When I am praying the most eloquently, I am getting the least accomplished in my prayer life. But when I stop getting eloquent and give God less theology and shut up and just gaze upward and wait for God to speak to my heart He speaks with such power that I have to grab a pencil and a notebook and take notes on what God is saying to my heart."

- **A.W. Tozer**

The true follower of Christ will not ask, "If I embrace this truth, what will it cost me?" Rather he will say, "This is truth. God help me to walk in it, let come what may!" - **A.W. Tozer**

### 3. The Church father's followed it:

"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." – Galatians 2:11

"Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words." - 2 Timothy 4:14,15

"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." – 1 Corinthians 5:11-13

"For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia." - 2 Timothy 4:10

"I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church." - 3 John 1:9,10

"One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;" - Titus 1:12,13

### 4. Christ dealt with these Apostates:

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." - Matthew 21:12,13

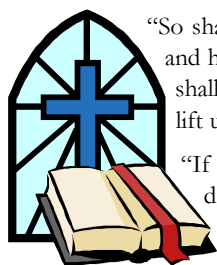
"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." - Matthew 23:27

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." - Matthew 23:13-15

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" - Matthew 23:33

### 5. Old Testament warnings for the Wicked:

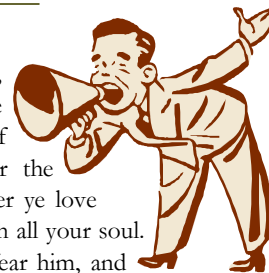
"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." - Psalms 9:17



"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him." - Isaiah 59:19

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake

unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee." – Deuteronomy 13:1-5



Today they are leading their followers to the god's of gold, good works and prosperity. God has now become to them a magic Genie. I got an email where this user said as a caption "God bless you as you are covered in the blood of Jesus for good health and wellness."

We do not attack our wounded, if they fall we are grieved, and pray that they will come back to Christ, we patiently work with them and help them to go on for the Lord and if they do come back to Christ we restore them as it says "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. We love them, help them, comfort them, see ourselves not worthy to Judge them when they come to Christ or are turning for help because it says "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." - 1 Corinthians 10:12", but if one is staying in Sin and bringing reproach to the name of Christ, joining hands with the enemy, leading other's into Deception, not willing to get right then we do expose this deserter and apostate of the Gospel.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." - 2 Timothy 3:5

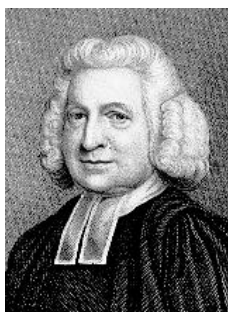
"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." - Romans 16:17

"As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." - Galatians 1:9

I would not Judge someone or reject someone because of the clothes they wear, though clothes play an important role in the character of a person, but if someone or I myself come to Church and start spreading a lie about salvation that you can get saved by good works, or baptism then I need to be confronted to turn from spreading this false Gospel based on the Word of God (Righteous Judgment) by His Spirit. If I don't repent and I continue corrupting the Body of Christ I need to be marked and purged so that others can be made aware of this.

Let us never see other's faults in Pride, Arrogance or Boastfulness but rather in meekness, humility and tears. But while we grieve at the falling away let us also protect the innocent from corruption. Amen.

### And can it be that I should gain?



Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
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- Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

## Branded for Christ - Leonard Ravenhill

THE MARK OF PAUL'S inward crucifixion were plainly evident. First of all, Paul was branded by devotion to a task. If, as tradition says, Paul was only four feet six inches in height, then he was the greatest dwarf that ever lived. He out-paced, outprayed, and out-passioned all his contemporaries. On his escutcheon was blazed: "One thing I do." He was blind to all that other men gloried in.

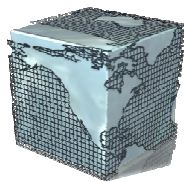
Pascal was bitterly criticized because apart from the immortal soul of man, he could see no scenery anywhere worth looking at. By the same token, the Apostle Paul might be castigated for saying not a word about Grecian art or the splendor of the Pantheon. His was a separation to spirituality. After the Athenian clash on Mars' Hill, Paul poured contempt on the wisdom of this world, dying daily to the temptation to outwit and out-think the wise. His task was not that of getting over a viewpoint, but of overcoming the legions of hell!

Somewhere, most likely in Arabia, Paul's personality had been transfigured. Never after that was he listed as a backslider. He was too occupied with going on. It would have vexed his righteous soul to hear a congregation sing, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it!" Unsponsored, unwelcomed, unloved -- these made little difference to Paul. On he went, blind to every jewel of earthly honor, deaf to every siren voice of ease, and insensitive to the mesmerism of worldly success.



Without any of their choosing, millions will be branded for the Antichrist one day. Shall we shrink to bear in our spirits, our souls, and our bodies our Owner's marks -- the marks of Jesus? Branded means pain. Do we want that?

Branded means carrying the slur of the servant. Will we choose to be branded -- for Christ?



### Serving Christ - Luke 10:2

*We have been given 7 fleeting days a week. Each day is like dew on a bead of grass. What will we do with them before they are lost forever?*

"THEY HEAR INDEED THAT THERE ARE BUT FEW SAVED, AND THAT THE GREATER PART OF MEN THAT HAVE DIED HERETOFORE ARE GONE TO HELL; BUT EACH ONE IMAGINES THAT HE LAYS OUT MATTERS BETTER FOR HIS OWN ESCAPE THAN OTHERS HAVE DONE." - SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD (JONATHAN EDWARDS)

## The death of the French infidel - Voltaire

When Voltaire felt the stroke that he realized must terminate in death, he was overpowered with remorse. He at once sent for the priest, and wanted to be "reconciled with the church." His infidel flatterers hastened to his chamber to prevent his recantation; but it was only to witness his ignominy and their own. He cursed them to their faces; and, as his distress was increased by their presence, he repeatedly and loudly exclaimed:

"Begone! It is you that have brought me to my present condition. Leave me, I say; begone! What a wretched glory is this which you have produced to me!"

Hoping to allay his anguish by a written recan-

tation, he had it prepared, signed it, and saw it witnessed. But it was all unavailing. For two months he was tortured with such an agony as led him at times to gnash his teeth in impotent rage against God and man. At other times, in plaintive accents, he would plead, "O Christ! O Lord Jesus!" Then, turning his face, he would cry out, "I must die -- abandoned of God and of men!"

As his end drew near, his condition became so frightful that his infidel associates were afraid to approach his bedside. Still they guarded the door, that others may not know how awfully an infidel was compelled to die. Even his nurse repeatedly said, "For all the

wealth of Europe she would never see another infidel die." It was a scene of horror that lies beyond all exaggeration. Such is the well-attested end of the one who had a natural sovereignty of intellect, excellent education, great wealth, and much earthly honor. We may all well exclaim with Balsam, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. -- **The Contrast Between Infidelity and Christianity**

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" - **Matthew 16:26**



## A.W. Tozer on the Anointing of GOD

*(Taken from the sermon "Path to power and usefulness")*

### Path to the Holy Spirit's anointing:

1. Must be convinced that you can be filled with the Spirit
2. Must be sure that you desire to be filled
3. The Adam of our flesh must die, a path of anxiety, disturbance and despair with self

### How to be filled:

1. **Present your vessel:** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." - **Romans 12:1, 2**
2. **Ask:** "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" - **Luke 11: 9-13**
3. **Obedience:** "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." - **Acts 5:32**
4. **Believe:** "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" - **Galatians 3:2**

### The most shocking thing:

1. Those who were filled knew that they were filled. This anointing was real in their lives.
2. Those who were filled knew when they were filled. This filling is not a gradual process.

**Editor's note:** The fullness of the Holy Spirit is only for the Born-again believers, born of the Spirit of God, neither does it exclude the indwelling Spirit of God that is given for every believer at the point of Salvation, nor does it imply talking in "Tongues". This was also true in the lives of great Men of God in the Bible such as Moses, Elijah, Samson, John the Baptist and also in the lives of others like Charles G. Finney, D. L. Moody, Frances Havergal, George Mueller, General Booth, John Wesley, George Whitefield and many others.

### A few books on the Anointing of God

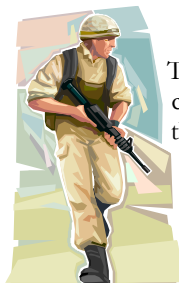
The Power of Pentecost - John R. Rice  
Why God used D.L. Moody - R. A. Torrey  
Fullness of the Holy Spirit - Curtis Hutson  
Deeper experiences of famous Christians - James G. Lawson







## A CALL TO BATTLE



The focus of the Church is not for singing or for fellowshiping - you can go to a country club and have that, if you are going to Church for that, you are going for the wrong reason.

"When I have heard of large congregations gathered together by the music of a fine Choir, I have remembered that the same thing is done at the opera house and the music hall, and I have felt no joy"

- Charles H. Spurgeon.

Singing never brought Revival, Praying did. Charles G. Finney never took a singing man with him, he took 2 praying men and shook communities for GOD. The disciples did not say teach us to preach or teach us to Sing, they said "Teach us to Pray", Jesus did not say "My house shall be called a house of singing or giving", but a house of Prayer. Though they have their place, Prayer has always been given the highest of value in service to GOD.

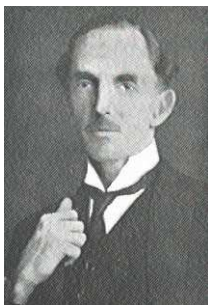
Wake up and pray, lest you be found Guilty, of missing out on the greatest privilege we have to touch Heaven.



"Man is not regenerated because he wills it so. He must be born of God. Nowadays Christians entertain the incorrect concept that if anyone wishes to be saved and seeks the way of life he undoubtedly will be a good disciple of Christ, for nothing can be better than this desire. God nonetheless affirms that in this matter of regeneration as well as in all other matters related to Him, the will of man is totally nonefficacious."

- *The Spiritual Man, Vol III (Watchman Nee)*

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." - **John 1: 12,13**



"Christ's call is to save the lost, not the stiff-necked; He came not to call scoffers but sinners to repentance; not to build and furnish comfortable chapels, churches, and cathedrals at home in which to rock Christian professors to sleep by means of clever essays, stereotyped prayers, and artistic musical performances, but to capture men from the devil's clutches and the very jaws of Hell. This can be accomplished only by a red-hot, unconventional, unfettered devotion, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Funds are low again, hallelujah! That means God trusts us and is willing to leave His reputation in our hands."

"We Christians too often substitute prayer for playing the game. Prayer is good; but when used as a substitute for obedience, it is nothing but a blatant hypocrisy, a despicable Pharisaism... To your knees, man! And to your Bible! Decide at once! Don't hedge! Time flies! Cease your insults to God, quit consulting flesh and blood." - **C. T. Studd (1860-1931)**

English missionary to China, India, and Africa

*In today's Christianity we are more accustomed in justifying Sinfulness that we are of Holiness*



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"We are not built for ourselves, but for God. Not for service for God, but for God."

- Oswald Chambers

## William P. Nicholson and prayer

TRUE passionate preaching is the flower and fruit of passionate praying. The fiery preaching that transforms the Church and the market place is first kindled in the secret place. This truth is powerfully illustrated through the life of W. P. Nicholson. In the early 1920's, Northern Ireland passed through a period of great strife and bloodshed. These were times of great despair and apprehension. Fear gripped the heart of many and even spread to the churches and religious community. "In the mercy of God, an intervention came from an unexpected source. There began a series of evangelistic campaigns, which in the course of the following years had a profound effect upon the religious and communal life of the Province." The evangelist used of God during these meetings was W. P. Nicholson. He was a fearless individual, peculiar to some and offensive to others. Nicholson didn't care what others thought of his manner of speech or methods. He had been taught by God Himself in the secret place and as a result was quite unique in his preaching and dealings with men. To be all-out for the Kingdom of God and it's interests was his passion. Burning zeal was the chief characteristic of Nicholson's whole life and ministry.



Apart from prayer such revival power is unattainable. Mr. Nicholson was always a man of deep prayer. "Prayer might be called his habit, for he loved to pray. His campaigns had nights and half nights of prayer. Praying in the Spirit kept him in the spirit of prayer. From the prayer closet he mounted the pulpit - endued." Mr. Lindsay Glegg wrote of W. P. Nicholson, "The secret of his power was no doubt in his prayer life. He stayed at our home . . . and he was up in the morning at six o'clock but he never appeared until twelve noon; he spent the hours wrestling with God in prayer. By his own special request he was not disturbed by telephone or visitor, however urgent." On another occasion the sheets of his bed were found to be torn to shreds. Mr. Glegg again commented; "What had happened was that he unconsciously, agonizing in prayer had ripped the sheets into strips . . ." Yes prayer was surely the secret of his powerful life and ministry.

REAL REVIVAL COMES ONLY FROM GOD. HE ALONE IS THE FOUNTAINHEAD. A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING CANNOT BE SCHEDULED, WORKED UP OR HUMANLY ENGINEERED - **LEWIS DRUMMOND**

