

Desiring Revival

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In Hebrews chapter 12, we see a statement of profound significance for our day and age. In verse 27 it says "Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.". As we find ourselves in the middle of COVID-19, and the world in one sense that is in a mode of lockdown, we are once again reminded that what man thought cannot be shaken is being shaken. The next 2 verses states "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

As we desire God for revival that shakes the community and our nation, we realize that things that are of man's strength are being shaken and the mortality and fragility of man is being exposed. As Christians we

don't have to wonder why? Knowing that this too is because of the corruption that came into this world when mankind sinned against God and we went our own way.

Yet in this time we see a sure foundation that is in God and His desire that all might come to repentance. As we focus on God, may our hearts yearn for a moving of God in our midst as He did of old. Though our world has changed God remains the same. In Malachi 3:6 we read "For I am the Lord, I change not". We can be rest assured that God has not changed in His desire to see the breath of revival sweep our generation. Brethren, let us pray and seek God that we maybe found faithful to be prepared for the coming revival. Let us answer His call to prepare ye the way of the Lord. Even so come quickly Lord Jesus.

Not by might,
nor by power,
but by my spirit, saith
the Lord of hosts.

- Zechariah 4:6

"Worship must be by the Holy Spirit and truth. We cannot worship in the spirit alone, for the spirit without truth is helpless. We cannot worship in truth alone, for that would be theology without fire. Worship must be in spirit and in truth!"

- A.W. Tozer

On April 23, 1808, Edward Payson wrote, "My heart seemed ready to break with its longings after holiness." Such longings for heart purity, revival power and the person of Jesus are the marks of a healthy and normal Christian life. The lack of these precious things in the modern Church reveal a nominal Christian life. Too much of what is called the Church today is not fit to live or die. The nominal Christian is unfit to deal with our demon possessed age or the coming judgment seat of Christ. Truly the Church's greatest need is for men and women, mighty in prayer. We need men and women who will pray and yearn for revival. Lord make us a praying people!

Revival at Asbury College

The presence of God was so thick that you could feel it as soon as you walked through the doors of Hughes Auditorium. Students sang praises to God and lined up at the front of the auditorium to share testimonies.

This was the scene at Asbury on Feb. 3, 1970. A revival started during chapel that day and spurred 144 hours of unbroken revival on campus that eventually spread far beyond Wilmore.

The day started out like any other day at Asbury. Dean Custer B. Reynolds was scheduled to speak, but instead of delivering a message, he invited audience members to come up and share personal testimonies because it was where he felt the Spirit was leading him.

Soon after his invitation, a large group of students was lined up to

speak. "Within minutes the Spirit came and everyone felt His unexplainable presence," said 1972 graduate Paul Veldhuizen. "The greatest thing I constantly witnessed and experienced was our equality before Him. We all were overwhelmed — the eternal power did not berate us, and conviction came because of His holiness enveloping us in love. That is with me to this day."

The atmosphere was so powerful that students spent almost all of their time in Hughes, and classes were cancelled for an entire week.

"Loud shouts of praise erupted from the audience; it was a water-



shed moment at which I believe the Holy Spirit fell on us all filling that Holy place," said 1973 graduate Timothy Waltz. "It was exhilarating and astounding. I couldn't sleep for three days and nights. I only left Hughes to eat, shower and change clothes all those days. It was just too exciting to miss anything. The praying, the singing, the praises and just experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit."

from various sources ...

"We Christians too often substitute prayer for playing the game. Prayer is good: but when it is used as a substitute for obedience, it is nothing but a blatant hypocrisy, a despicable pharisaism" - C. T. Studd

"My goal is GOD HIMSELF. Not joy, not peace, not even blessing but HIMSELF...my GOD." - Leonard Ravenhill



What is Prayer?

by Watchman Nee

Prayer is the most wonderful action in the spiritual realm; it is also the most mysterious matter.

Prayer is a mystery. After we present a few questions concerning prayer, we will see how mysterious prayer is. These questions are hard to answer. But this does not mean that the mystery of prayer is unknowable or that the questions concerning prayers are unanswerable. It merely means that those who have the answers are few. For this very reason, there are few who can accomplish works for God in prayer. It is not a matter of how much we pray, but a matter of how much we have prayed according to the principle of prayer. Only those prayers that are prayed according to the principle of prayer are worthwhile.

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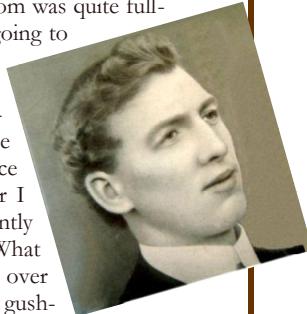


Evan Roberts Testimony

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"At the breakfast table at the Rev. M. P. Morgan's house Mag Phillips offered me bread and butter. I refused, as I was satisfied. At the same moment the Rev. Seth Joshua was putting out his hand to take the bread and butter, and the thought struck me: "It is possible that God is offering me the Spirit, and that I am unprepared to receive Him; that others are ready to receive, but are not offered?" Now my bosom was quite full-tight. 'On the way to the nine o'clock meeting the Rev. Seth Joshua remarked, 'We are going to have a wonderful meeting to-day.' To this I replied, 'I feel myself almost bursting.'

"The meeting, having been opened, was handed over to the Spirit. I was conscious that I would have to pray. As one and the other prayed I put the question to the Spirit, 'Shall I pray now?' 'Wait a while,' said He. When others prayed I felt a living force come into my bosom. It held my breath, and my legs shivered, and after every prayer I asked, 'Shall I now?' The living force grew and grew, and I was almost bursting. And instantly someone ended his prayer-my bosom boiling. I would have burst if I had not prayed. What boiled me was that verse, 'God commanding His Love.' I fell on my knees with my arms over the seat in front of me, and the tears and perspiration flowed freely. I thought blood was gushing forth. Mrs. Davies, Mona, New Quay, came to wipe my face. On my right was Mag Phillips, and on my left Maud Davies. For about two minutes it was fearful. I cried, 'Bend me! Bend me! Bend us!' Then, 'Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!' and Mrs Davies said, 'O wonderful Grace!' What bent me was God commanding His Love, and I not seeing anything in it to command. After I was bent a wave of peace came over me, and the audience sang, 'I hear Thy welcome Voice.' And as they sang I thought of the bending at the Judgment Day, and I was filled with compassion for those who would be bent on that day, and I wept. Henceforth the salvation of souls became the burden of my heart. From that time I was on fire with a desire to go through all Wales, and, if it were possible, I was willing to pay God for allowing me to go. A plan was agreed upon, and eight of us were to go through Wales, and I was to pay all expenses.



The True Meaning of Pentecost

The Fullness of the Spirit - John R. Rice

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What is the meaning of Pentecost? I will show you very clearly. It is not the conversion of souls. These people were already Christians. It is not the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, for He already has taken up His abode in them. The meaning of Pentecost is not the origin of the church. Even if the church began then, the Bible says nothing about it, and the apostles say nothing about it. That was not what Jesus promised. That was not what they were thinking about. What was it? Go back to Luke, chapter 24. There the Lord Jesus said, 'You are to preach the gospel to all nations. You are the witnesses to do it. But wait in Jerusalem, tarry in Jerusalem. I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.'

Now what does Pentecost mean? "Power from on high," an endowment of power to do the work God tells you to do. That is what the disciples had. They were given the power to win souls. They were filled with the Holy Ghost to win souls. They had three thousand souls saved then, and they went on wonderfully winning souls day after day. Now do you see the meaning of Pentecost? The meaning of Pentecost is power for soul-winning testimony!

Now let us come to the first chapter of Acts. Here again we have a little resume'. As you know, the book of Luke and the book of Acts were written by the same man, Luke, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, recorded by Luke, "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." He did not say that the Holy Spirit will put you into the body of Christ, which is another matter, but that you will be overwhelmed, covered, surrounded, filled, overflowed with the Spirit of God for power. That is what He meant. And they said, 'What do you mean, Jesus?' Jesus answered, 'I mean this: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Again, what is the meaning of Pentecost? "Ye shall receive power." Power! I am not talking about the cyclonic wind. That happened, but it was not what was promised. It is not the proof that the Lord is talking about. It is not the thing they are to get on their minds. And we ought not get our minds on it. It was not the tongues of fire sitting on their heads. That happened, but it was an incidental, outward miracle. I say, those outward signs may differ as they did then, but that is not the point. The point is that they are to receive power, to have witnessing power and to get people converted. That is the meaning of Pentecost. It isn't that they were talking in other languages. It happens that some of them did talk in known languages that people understood, and these people heard the gospel in their own tongues in which they were born. That is all right, but that is an incident. It was not promised that it would be specially in these certain particular languages. That is not the point. The point is that they got power to witness for Jesus and to get people saved. They had power. The meaning of Pentecost is power on your witnessing, power on your testimony, power on your soul-winning effort, power for the pulpit and the pew to take the gospel to sinners; in other words, revival power. That is it.

D. L. Moody said, "Pentecost was simply a specimen day." Yes, Pentecost was simply a specimen revival. If we want a revival, let us go back and have it as they did then. How is that? Let us get the power of God on us. Let us get the power of the Holy Ghost. Let us be filled with the Holy Spirit, or have the gift of the Holy Spirit, or be endued with power from on high. As Joel prophesied, and as Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:16-17). Do you see the point of that? I do not care what term you may use. I prefer the term more often used in the Bible which is "filled with the Spirit," but I do not mind the term "baptized with the Holy Spirit," which was used by R. A. Torrey, D. L. Moody, Charles G. Finney, and some of the greatest evangelists who ever lived. The term "baptized with the Holy Ghost" is in some disrepute, however, because it has sometimes been misused.

Nevertheless, I do not mind your using that just so you mean what the Bible means, that Christians can have an endowment from Heaven, can have the breath of God upon us, can have a miracle-working power upon us and in us, and we can be filled with the Holy Spirit and can do what God said to do. The meaning of Pentecost is simply the power of the Holy Ghost on Christians, the power of God in and through us to do what He said to do, that is, to carry the gospel to every creature. Remember Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Oh God, give us that grace!