

# DESIRING REVIVAL

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## From Desiring Revival

And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. - Judges 6:13

Gideon when he met the angel of God asked the right question. The thought of an omnipotent God who had shown himself strong in times past and the current state of the nation was something to reckon with. These were two opposites, an omnipotent God and a powerless Israel, hiding under the rule of the Midianites.

Dare we apply the same condition to the Church as she finds herself today? We claim

to serve and omnipotent God, claim a multitude of promises, are so "right" in what the Bible says. YET, YET, YET, our nation is running headlong into wickedness and evil with the Church powerless to stop it.

We justify ourselves that we are like Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others in the Bible who preached to a people who did not heed the warning, but the question here is, those prophets preached to a backslidden Israel. Are we acknowledging that we are preaching to a bankrupt Church? What are we doing about it? We claim to be concerned, but I don't see churches holding all-night prayer meetings and calling for fasting and weeping.

Are we just playing Church?



The last word of Jesus to the Church was "Repent"  
- Leonard Ravenhill



Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,  
- Isaiah 64:1

Are you involved?

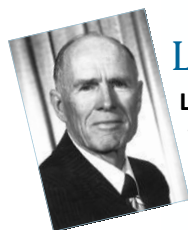
It is a farce to say that you are concerned about the state of the nation and not care about your apathy to where God has asked you to serve.



Quote to Ponder

The 2 main reasons we don't see Revival is because, one We are comfortable to live without it and two We are not willing to pay the price.

- Leonard Ravenhill



## Looking back

Lester Roloff was born in Dawson, Texas, in 1914. His conversion at the age of fourteen came during a revival meeting when a godly Sunday school teacher urged him to give his heart to Christ. He received his education at Baylor University, taking his Jersey cow, "Marie," along with him and paying for his room and board with four gallons of milk per day.

Roloff was never shy about voicing his convictions. He opposed Baylor University's plan to grant an honorary degree to President Harry Truman because of his frequent use of profanity. In 1950, he separated from the Southern Baptist

Convention. In 1969 Roloff became pastor of the People's Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. Under his leadership, the church began an outreach ministry to troubled teens and adults under the blanket name, "The City of Refuge." Roloff's homes included: Rebecca Home for Girls, Anchor Home for Boys, Lighthouse for Men and Boys, and the Jubilee Home for Women.

Roloff fought an eight-year battle with the state of Texas regarding licensure of his ministry. He refused to allow his church ministries to come under the control of the state. He died in a plane crash on Nov 2, 1982.

## The need for Revival

... We've out-sinned Sodom and Gomorrah. You know there are 600 million Bibles in America and if you say there only 15 million people that means that every person in the nation has 4 Bibles. Would you try to guess how many millions or billions of cassettes, gospel cassettes there are in the nation? would you like to try to estimate how many seminars there are? or seminaries there are? or Bible schools there are? or how many gospel messages were preached throughout the nation, and we've 5000 radio stations that broadcast something of the gospel? Let me give you the other side... We are the most broken nation we have ever been in History, We've more broken homes, we've more broken hearts over those broken homes, we've more broken little kids because of those broken homes, We've more minds broken by drugs, we've more bodies broken by VD, over a million girls last year got pregnant under 17 years of age, ...and it is estimated in the last 9 years we have put more than 10 million babies to death before they left their mother's womb, in a Christian country?... you think God Almighty is going to wink at our Sin much longer?...  
- Leonard Ravenhill (1907 - 1994)

"Wherever the Church is aroused and the world's wickedness arrested, somebody has been praying." - A. T. Pierson

# The Holy Spirit and His work

The role of the precious Holy Spirit can never be over-emphasized. He is the sole element in drawing of the Sinner to Christ, in Repentance to Regeneration, Empowering and imparting Life to the Word of GOD, in conviction of Sinner's and Saints, He teaches us to Pray, He takes our petitions to the Father with un-utterable groanings. He empowers Christians for the life in Christ realized on Earth for God's glory and is the element of fullness of Power for His glory. In the beginning it was the Spirit who moved upon the face of the waters who brought life when God said, "Let there be light". It is the blaspheme of Him that Christ said is unpardonable SIN. It is the Spirit that giveth gifts and is evident by its fruits. Come blessed Holy Spirit that beareth witness that we are Christ's children. (Eph 1:13) It is the Spirit that moved Holy men to pen the scriptures.

In focusing on Salvation alone, the work of the Holy Spirit is in CONVICTION (John 16:8), REPENTANCE (2 Cor 7:10), REGENERATION (John 1:13) which brings about the new Birth experience where one is Passed from Death unto Life (Ephesians 2:1). Some of the *Immediate evident results of the Spirit's work (1 John 1:5)* are, New desires as a new born babe (1 Peter 2:2), Fruit that remains (John 15:16), No more condemnation (John 5:24), Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23), Desire for the salvation of the Lost (Mark 16:15), Complete Freedom from Addictions (1 John 5:4,18), Restitution (Matthew 3:8), New Heart and nature (Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Cor 5:17), Witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16), Love for the Brethren (1 John 3:14), Love for His Word and His Church (John 14:15), Love for Prayer (Acts 9:11), New attitude and Obedience (2 Cor 10:5), Hating Sin and loving GOD (1 John 3:8)

*"My friends, don't build your hope of heaven upon some profession of your faith, but bear in mind you must be born of God." - D. L. Moody*

## 7 forgotten truths in today's Churches. Holiness of God, Sinfulness of Sin, Depravity of Man, The power of Prayer, True Regeneration, The Holy Spirit, Genuine Revival

### Are We Playing By The Book? by Vance Havner

WHEN A GROUP OF SMALL BOYS out to play ball, arrived at the play ground, they discovered that no one had brought a ball. "Forget the ball," said one impatiently. "Let's get on with the game." We are trying to play without the ball when the Church tries to evangelize before she has repented. The Church can do many things after she has repented but nothing until first she repents. If God ever visits us again in real revival, there will be many red faces as churchmen and religious leaders blush and hang their heads in shame for the silly and stupid ways in which we have tried to promote the work of God in the energy of the flesh by the help of the world. Drama will be unnecessary. We may not even need great preachers! Gospel jazz will slink away, and we shall be chagrined that we ever sank so low as to tolerate it. All this will vanish in the blinding light of the holiness of God, and no flesh will glory in His presence.



### Let God be True

"Is the Gospel really dynamite, or does it need all sorts of human institutions and money? Much of the work we have done in the name of Jesus Christ has been, not to perform miracles of the Holy Ghost, but miracles of gold."

- David Griffin

### The Curse of Booze

*Some statistics on the Devil's drink (2009)*

40% of American Families have direct experience with Alcohol abuse

75% of Highschoolers drink, 50% of Junior highers drink

17,274 - alcohol related auto accident deaths - 1 every 32 minutes

41% deaths in 1996 were related to alcohol

#3 Health problems, 50% murder & 80% crime

1 out of 10 people that starts drinking become an alcoholic

18 Million Alcoholics live in the US

\$1 Revenue - takes \$8 to clean up the mess

1 in 3 college students drinks to get drunk

\$5.5 billion spent by college students

\$446 spent per student on alcohol

60% of college women that have STDs were under influence (DRUNK)



### Pray?

"The reason why we obtain no more in prayer is because we expect no more. God usually answers us according to our own hearts."

- Richard Allelne

"Prayer will make you leave off sinning or sinning will make you leave off Prayer"

- C. H. Spurgeon

"The angel fetched Peter out of prison, but it was prayer that fetched the angel."

- Thomas Watson

"I am the sworn, eternal and uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic. I have been, and will go on, fighting that damnable, dirty, rotten business with all the power at my command. I shall ask no quarter from that gang, and they shall get none from me." - Billy Sunday

The seventh thing that was the secret of why God used D. L. Moody was that he had a very definite endowment with power from on High, a very clear and definite baptism with the Holy Ghost. Moody knew he had "the baptism with the Holy Ghost"; he had no doubt about it. In his early days he was a great hustler; he had a tremendous desire to do something, but he had no real power. He worked very largely in the energy of the flesh.

But there were two humble Free Methodist women who used to come over to his meetings in the Y.M.C.A. One was "Auntie Cook" and the other, Mrs. Snow. (I think her name was not Snow at that time.) These two women would come to Mr. Moody at the close of his meetings and say: "We are praying for you." Finally, Mr. Moody became somewhat nettled and said to them one night: "Why are you praying for me? Why don't you pray for the unsaved?" They replied: "We are praying that you may get the power." Mr. Moody did not know what that meant, but he got to thinking about it, and then went to these women and said: "I wish you would tell me what you mean"; and they told him about the definite baptism with the Holy Ghost. Then he asked that he might pray with them and not they merely pray for him. Auntie Cook once told me of the intense fervor with which Mr. Moody prayed on that occasion. She told me in words that I scarcely dare repeat, though I have never forgotten them. And he not only prayed with them, but he also prayed alone.

Not long after, one day on his way to England, he was walking up Wall Street in New York; (Mr. Moody very seldom told this and I almost hesitate to tell it) and in the midst of the bustle and hurry of that city his prayer was answered; the power of God fell upon him as he walked up the street and he had to hurry off to the house of a friend and ask that he might have a room by himself, and in that room he stayed alone for hours; and the Holy Ghost came upon him, filling his soul with such joy that at last he had to ask God to withhold His hand, lest he die on the spot from very joy. He went out from that place with the power of the Holy Ghost upon him, and when he got to London (partly through the prayers of a bedridden saint in Mr. Lessey's church), the power of God wrought through him mightily in North London, and hundreds were added to the churches; and that was what led to his being invited over to the wonderful campaign that followed in later years.

Time and again Mr. Moody would come to me and say: "Torrey, I want you to preach on the baptism with the Holy Ghost." I do not know how many times he asked me to speak on that subject. Once, when I had been invited to preach in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York (invited at Mr. Moody's suggestion; had it not been for his suggestion the invitation would never have been extended to me), just before I started for New York, Mr. Moody drove up to my house and said: "Torrey, they want you to preach at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York. It is a great big church, cost a million dollars to build it." Then he continued: "Torrey, I just want to ask one thing of you. I want to tell you what to preach about. You will preach that sermon of yours on 'Ten Reasons Why I Believe the Bible to Be the Word of God' and your sermon on 'The Baptism With the Holy Ghost.'"

Time and again, when a call came to me to go off to some church, he would come up to me and say: "Now, Torrey, be sure and preach on the baptism with the Holy Ghost." I do not know how many times he said that to me. Once I asked him: "Mr. Moody, don't you think I have any sermons but those two: 'Ten Reasons Why I Believe the Bible to Be the Word of God' and 'The Baptism With the Holy Ghost'?" "Never mind that," he replied, "you give them those two sermons."

Once he had some teachers at Northfield -- fine men, all of them, but they did not believe in a definite baptism with the Holy Ghost for the individual. They believed that every child of God was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and they did not believe in any special baptism with the Holy Ghost for the individual. Mr. Moody came to me and said: "Torrey, will you come up to my house after the meeting tonight and I will get those men to come, and I want you to talk this thing out with them." Of course, I very readily consented, and Mr. Moody and I talked for a long time, but they did not altogether see eye to eye with us. And when they went, Mr. Moody signaled me to remain for a few moments. Mr. Moody sat there with his chin on his breast, as he so often sat when he was in deep thought; then he looked up and said: "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 with the Holy Ghost is just the one touch that they themselves need?"

I shall never forget the eighth of July, 1894, to my dying day. It was the closing day of the Northfield Students' Conference -- the gathering of the students from the eastern colleges. Mr. Moody had asked me to preach on Saturday night and Sunday morning on the baptism with the Holy Ghost. On Saturday night I had spoken about, "The Baptism With the Holy Ghost: What It Is; What It Does; the Need of It and the Possibility of It." On Sunday morning I spoke on "The Baptism With the Holy Spirit: How to Get It." It was just exactly twelve o'clock when I finished my morning sermon, and I took out my watch and said: "Mr. Moody has invited us all to go up to the mountain at three o'clock this afternoon to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. It is three hours to three o'clock. Some of you cannot wait three hours. You do not need to wait. Go to your rooms; go out into the woods; go to your tent; go anywhere where you can get alone with God and have this matter out with Him."

At three o'clock we all gathered in front of Mr. Moody's mother's house (she was then still living), and then began to pass down the lane, through the gate, up on the mountainside. There were four hundred and fifty-six of us in all; I know the number because Paul Moody counted us as we passed through the gate.

After a while Mr. Moody said: "I don't think we need to go any further; let us sit down here." We sat down on stumps and logs and on the ground. Mr. Moody said: "Have any of you students anything to say?" I think about seventy-five of them arose, one after the other, and said: "Mr. Moody, I could not wait till three o'clock; I have been alone with God since the morning service, and I believe I have a right to say that I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When these testimonies were over, Mr. Moody said: "Young men, I can't see any reason why we shouldn't kneel down here right now and ask God that the Holy Ghost may fall upon us just as definitely as He fell upon the apostles on the Day of Pentecost. Let us pray." And we did pray, there on the mountainside. As we had gone up the mountainside heavy clouds had been gathering, and just as we began to pray those clouds broke and the raindrops began to fall through the overhanging pines. But there was another cloud that had been gathering over Northfield for ten days, a cloud big with the mercy and grace and power of God; and as we began to pray our prayers seemed to pierce that cloud and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. Men and women, that is what we all need the Baptism with the Holy Ghost.

## Repentance

"Just now some professedly Christian teachers are misleading many by saying that 'repentance is only a change of mind.' It is true that the original word does convey the idea of a change of mind; but the whole teaching of Scripture concerning the repentance which is not to be repented of is that it is a much more radical and complete change than is implied by our common phrase about changing one's mind. The repentance that does not include sincere sorrow for sin is not the saving grace that is wrought by the Holy Spirit. God-given repentance makes men grieve in their inmost souls over the sin they have committed, and works in them a gracious hatred of evil in every shape and form. We cannot find a better definition of repentance than the one many of us learned at our mother's knee: 'Repentance is to leave the sin we loved before, and show that we in earnest grieve by doing so no more'" (Charles Haddon Spurgeon, "The Royal Saviour," Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England, Feb. 1, 1872).

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. - 2 Corinthians 7:10

And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor:

- Isaiah 59:16



What logic and foolishness is this, that God can create an universe, mountains, rivers, a living soul and other wonders of His majestic creation, but yet we think He has no power to save a man and change him.

### Interesting Facts of the Bible

The Bible was written by about 40 men over a period of about 1600 years dating from 1500 BC to about 100 years after Christ. These men wrote this Scripture as they were given inspiration by God. (2 Timothy 3:16)

The first translation of the English Bible was initiated by John Wycliffe and completed by John Purvey in 1388.

The Bible has since been translated in part or in whole into over 1200 languages and dialects.

The entire Bible divided into chapters and verses first appeared in the Geneva Bible of 1560.

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## Kartar Singh

*But this is not the end of the story, for "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Among the crowd that witnessed the death of this brave follower of Christ was the chief secretary of the Lama of Tsingham. He picked up the New Testament in which Kartar had written his last message. Carried it home, and started reading it.*

*The witness of Kartar Singh and his triumphant spirit at death had prepared his heart well for the message of the Word of God. As he thoughtfully read the New Testament he began to realize his sins and saw that for him there was forgiveness through Jesus Christ. After a few days he too stood before the Lama and boldly declared his faith in Christ as saviour.*

*The witness of his secretary infuriated the Lama. Quickly the court was called into session and the same type of death penalty was pronounced upon the new convert. To add to his misery, his executioners thrust red-hot skewers into his body. Then, impatient for his death, they took him out of the yak skin and drove sharp bamboo splinters under the nails of his fingers and toes, tied a rope around his battered body, and dragged him through the streets of the town, finally*

*throwing him on the dump heap outside town, where they left him for dead.*

*After several hours the cool night air revived the unconscious man. Slowly his strength returned and he was able to crawl away to safety. When he had recovered from his many wounds he again appeared on the streets of the town, to the utter amazement of everyone. The Lama was now afraid to lay hands on him, so he was allowed to carry on a normal life in their midst and even to give public testimony to the saving power of Jesus Christ.*

*On one of his several trips into Tibet Sadhu Sundar Singh happened to visit this town and heard the amazing story of Kartar Singh and the secretary of Tsingham from the secretary's own lips.*

*Still the story does not end. Upon returning to India, Sadhu Sundar Singh sought out the father of Kartar Singh and told him of his son's heroic death. As Sundar spoke of the great love of Christ manifested by Kartar at the time of his martyrdom, the old man listened with a softened heart. Finally he said to Sundar Singh, "I too believe in Him!"*

## You never have to advertise a Fire - Samuel Chadwick

### Prayer and Revival by J. Edwin Orr

#### The Hope For Revival

DR. A.T. PIERSON ONCE SAID, "There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer." Let me recount what God has done through concerted, united, sustained prayer. Not many people realize that in the wake of the American Revolution (following 1776-1781) there was a moral slump. Drunkenness became epidemic. Out of a population of five million, 300,000 were confirmed drunkards; Profanity was of the most shocking kind. For the first time in the history of the American settlement, women were afraid to go out at night for fear of assault. Bank robberies were a daily occurrence.

What about the churches? The Methodists were losing more members than they were gaining. The Baptists said that they had their most wintry season. The Presbyterians in general assembly deplored the nation's ungodliness. In a typical Congregational church, the Rev. Samuel Shepherd of Lennox, Massachusetts, in sixteen years had not taken one young person into fellowship. The Lutherans were so languishing that they discussed uniting with Episcopalians who were even worse off. The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York, Bishop Samuel Provost, quit functioning; he had confirmed no one for so long that he decided he was out of work, so he took up other employment. The Chief Justice of the United States, John Marshall, wrote to the Bishop of Virginia, James Madison, that the Church 'was too far gone ever to be redeemed.'

#### Christianity Will Be Forgotten

Voltaire averred and Tom Paine echoed, 'Christianity will be forgotten in thirty years.' Take the liberal arts colleges at that time. A poll taken at Harvard had discovered not one believer in the whole student body. They took a poll at Princeton, a much more evangelical place, where they discovered only two believers in the student body, and only five that did not belong to the filthy speech movement of that day.

#### Concert Of Prayer

How did the situation change? It came through a concert of prayer. There was a Scottish Presbyterian minister in Edinburgh named John Erskine, who published a Memorial (as he called it) pleading with the people of Scotland and elsewhere to unite in prayer for the revival of religion. He sent one copy of this little book to Jonathan Edwards in New England. The great theologian was so moved he wrote a response which grew longer than a letter, so that finally he published it as a book entitled 'A Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of all God's People in Extraordinary Prayer for the Revival of Religion and the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth, pursuant to Scripture Promises and Prophecies...' Is not this what is missing so much from all our evangelistic efforts: explicit agreement, visible unity, unusual prayer?

**GOD is the answer, PRAYER is the KEY**



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