

Desiring Revival

A burning desire for the Revival of our Nation

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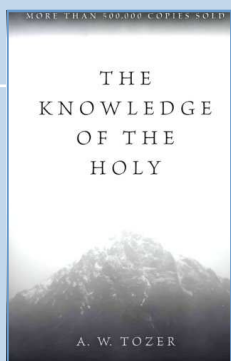
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A Quote to Ponder

No man is greater than his Prayer life.

- Leonard Ravenhill

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



"Important as it is that we recognize God working in us, I would yet warn against an over preoccupation with the thought. It is a sure road to sterile passivity. God will not hold us responsible to understand the mysteries of election, predestination and the divine sovereignty. The best and safest way to deal with these truths is to raise our eyes to God and in deepest reverence say, 'Oh Lord Thou knowest.' Those things belong to the deep and mysterious Profound of God's omniscience. Prying into them may make theologians, but it will never make saints."

- A. W. Tozer

Plough the Field (Luke 9:62)



From Desiring Revival

The season of Christmas is often favored because of the story of the birth of Christ. Though there is a great deal of commercialization of the season, as a river that runs quietly and gently within the crevices of a great mountain, the truth of the Christ child, incarnation of God in the form of human flesh makes its way into the hearts of sincere and penitent men.

Yet after 2000 years later, fallen mankind is content to deal with the child of Christmas, rather than the God of Christmas. Just as Christ did not stay as a new born babe in Bethlehem, but grew as the God-man, the lamb of God come to take away your sin and my sin, so must we not dim our focus because of the customs and traditions, but rather celebrate His birth with awe and splendor of why He came. Let us worship Him as the King who is seated on the right hand of the Father, the King of glory. When we see this great God in majesty and glory, is He not worthy of our utmost devotion? Is not the cause of revival a noble calling?

Let us worship Him as our salvation in the manger, let us worship Him as the risen King. When revival comes it is God walking among His people. To see the reality of God made manifest among us (not in Salvation, but

in the manifest presence of Christ), for the world to once again know that He is God and of truth that we are His people. The old Welsh divines describe revival as "God visiting His garden". May God revive us, not for a week of meetings, but a revival that is sent from above, one that cannot be organized or planned, but one that changes the moral climate of a community.

From the Lewis Awakening (Duncan Campbell)



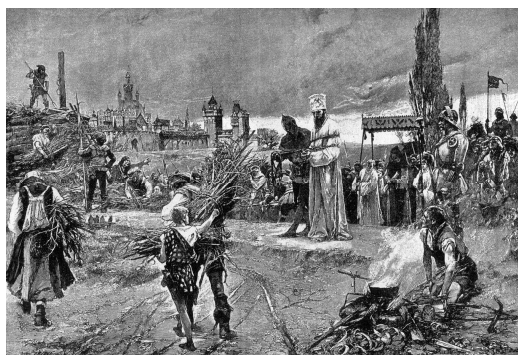
To the praying men and women of Barwas, four things were made clear, and to them became the governing principles.

1. They must be rightly related to God
2. They had a conviction that God, being a covenant-keeping God, must keep His covenant engagements.
3. Be prepared for God to work in His own way and not according to their programme.
4. There must be a manifestation of God that men would be forced to say "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."

That if there are a million roads into Hell there's not one road out. That if they continually sing in Heaven "Worthy is the Lamb" in Hell the only thing they sing is "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" - Leonard Ravenhill
"While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" - Hebrews 3:15a

"The Primary qualification for a missionary is not love for souls, as we so often hear, but love for Christ." - Vance Havner

A Page in History



The Death of John Huss

When John Huss, the Bohemian martyr, was brought out to be burnt, they put on his head a triple crown of paper, with painted devils on it. On seeing it, he said, "My Lord, Jesus Christ, for my sake, wore a crown of thorns; why should not I then, for His sake, wear this light crown, be it ever so ignominious? Truly I will do it, and that willingly." When it was set upon his head, the

bishops said, "Now, we commend thy soul to the Devil." "But I," said Huss, lifting his eyes to Heaven, "do commit my spirit into Thy hands, O Lord Jesus Christ; to Thee I commend my spirit, which Thou hast redeemed." When the fagots were piled to Huss' neck, the Duke of Bavaria was officious enough to desire him to adjure. "No," said Huss, "I never preached any doctrine of an evil tendency; and what I taught with my lips I now seal with my blood."

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. - Psalm 85:4-7,11

"In that great and terrible day, there will be those white with shock when they find that they have depended upon a mental assent to Christianity instead of upon the MIRACLE of the new birth." - The Tozer Pulpit, Vol I



- 15th Century Revivalist**
Girolamo Savonarola
- 17th Century Revivalist**
Richard Baxter
George Fox
Phillip Jacob Spencer
- The Moravian Revival in Germany (1727)**
Count Zinzendorf
- 1st Great Awakening (1730s-1740's)**
David Brainerd
Gilbert Tennent
John Wesley
- The Evangelical Revival in Britain (1738-1790s)**
William Bramwell
John Oxtoby
John Smith
John Wesley
- 2nd Great Awakening (1790-1845)**
James Caughey
Christmas Evans
Charles G. Finney
Edward D. Griffin
Edward Payson
John Wesley Redfield
- The Kilsyth Revival in Scotland (1839-1842)**
Andrew Bonar
William C. Burns
Robert Murray M'Cheyne
Alexander Moody Stuart
- 3rd Great Awakening (1857-1860)**
William Booth
E.M. Bounds
Sarah A. Cooke
Andrew Murray
John Wesley Redfield
C. H. Spurgeon
Uncle John Vassar
J.H. Weber
- Revivals in the Confederate Army (1861-1865)**
Stonewall Jackson
E.M. Bounds
- The Global Revival of the 20th Century (1904-1910)**
Jonathan Goforth
Mordecai Ham
John Hyde
Pandita Ramabai
Evan Roberts
- Irish Revivalist of the 20th Century**
William P. Nicholson
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In our generation, will there be one?

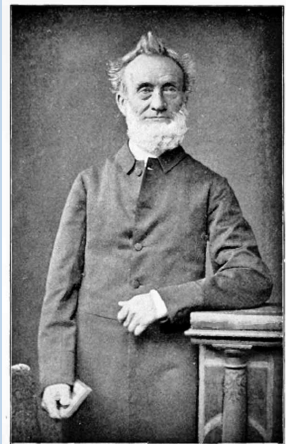
“Cowards never won heaven. Do not claim that you are begotten of God and have His royal blood running in your veins unless you can prove your lineage by this heroic spirit: to dare to be holy in spite of men and devils.” - **William Gurnall**

UncTION IN the Christian system unction is the anointing of the Holy Ghost, separating unto God's work and qualifying for it. This unction is the one divine enablement by which the preacher accomplishes the peculiar and saving ends of preaching. Without this unction there are no true spiritual results accomplished; the results and forces in preaching do not rise above the results of unsanctified speech. Without unction the former is as potent as the pulpit. ...This unction is not an inalienable gift. It is a conditional gift, and its presence is perpetuated and increased by the same process by which it was at first secured; by unceasing prayer to God, by impassioned desires after God, by estimating it, by seeking it with tireless ardor, by deeming all else loss and failure without it.

- E.M. Bounds

Five Conditions of Prevailing Prayer
By George Mueller

- 1.) Entire dependence upon the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only ground of any claim for blessing. (John 14:13-14, John 15:16)
- 2.) Separation from all known sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" (Psalm 66:18)
- 3.) Faith in God's Word of promise as confirmed by His oath. Not to believe Him is to make Him a liar and a perjurer (Hebrews 11:6)
- 4.) Asking in accordance with His will. Our motives must be Godly (James 4:3, 1 John 5:14)
- 5.) Importunity in supplication. There must be waiting on God (Luke 18:1-8, James 5:7)



Have you prayed for Revival?

“We give ourselves to prayer. We preach a Gospel that saves to the uttermost, and witness to its power. We do not argue about worldliness; we witness. We do not discuss philosophy; we preach the Gospel. We do not speculate about the destiny of sinners; we pluck them as brands from the burning. We ask no man's patronage. We beg no man's money. We fear no man's frown...Let no man join us who is afraid, and we want none but those who are saved, sanctified and aflame with the fire of the Holy Ghost.” - **Samuel Chadwick**

Evan Roberts (1878-1951). The seeds of revival are always nurtured in the hearts of the humble. And so it was with the great Welsh Revival of 1904. It was in a young coal miner named Evan Roberts that God imparted a burning vision for spiritual revival. Though only 26 years old, Evan Roberts had no time for youthful entertainment and pleasure. Day and night without ceasing, he prayed, wept and sighed for a great spiritual awakening. He was the leading figure of this revival that lasted 2 years and then went into obscurity for the rest of his life but Oh we will never forget those days!

City-wide Repentance

They Repented
WHILE REPENTANCE is distinctly an individual exercise, yet we have in the Word of God, as we have already seen, churches called upon to repent, and we learn from our Lord's words, in Matthew 12:41 and Luke 11:32, of the repentance of a city: "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here."

revolution. Yet Wesley's great work was preaching the Gospel and calling sinners to repentance. That message stirred London and the other great cities of Britain to their depths, and even where it did not result in actual conversion to God it made people ashamed of the enormities they had condoned in church and state and led to a national renovation that was an untold blessing to millions.



Prophets of Old
The prophets of old were set by God over cities and peoples and nations to call them to account for their evildoing and to summon them to prepare to meet their God. The Saviour, as we have noted, dealt with cities as such, and nothing is more pathetic than His lament over unrepentant Jerusalem: "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." (Luke 19:41-44).

A Message That Stirred London
Macaulay declared that the Wesleyan revival saved England from the horrors of anarchy and

A Clarion Call
Jonathan Edwards' clarion call to repentance and faith in God meant more to the young American nation than can now be computed. He put the fear of the Lord in men's hearts and this largely molded the character of the fathers of the republic. Such preaching inevitably produces results in reformation of life and purification of civic relationship. When the conscience is reached and the will is so captivated by grace that men turn to the Lord and cleave to Him with purpose of heart, all other desirable results will soon manifest themselves.

What is Needed
What is needed in every city of every land is, not a mere "new deal" or a political reformation, but preachers of righteousness who will proclaim the Word of God, crying, "Thus saith the Lord," without fear or favor, faithfully dealing with the problems of the day in the light of the cross of Christ.

- Harry Ironside (1876-1951)

It is not the one who has one foot in the world and one foot in Christianity that God wants, but those who are totally given to God. This means sacrifice, bearing the cross, persecution and suffering but glory to God the results are eternal and everlasting.