

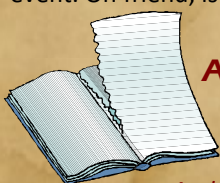
# Desiring Revival

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As we come to the conclusion of this year, we are reminded again that we are against a famine in the land. A land that was once used of God to reach nations lies broken and spiritually bankrupt. Our evangelists are busy, our Church programs are packed with the latest technological bells and whistles, our "revival" meetings recur year after year yielding the same results; with all the noise and clamor one is paused to wonder why America is going farther and farther away from God? Why is there no depth in American Christianity?

The world is more attractive to our people than the glory and beauty of Christ, there is no awe when leaving a Church service of having been overwhelmed with the Holiness and the presence of God. Our excitements are the latest gizmos and the next super bowl event. Oh friend, is there not a famine in our land? Is not



## A Page in Time

Andrew Murray

Andrew Murray was a man of such deep spiritual strength that people wanted to know his secret. How had God worked in his personal life? Although Andrew wrote books explaining how we need to live in Jesus, he refused to tell anyone about his own spiritual life. The famous Scottish preacher Alexander Whyte asked him for this information. Andrew's daughter pleaded. Others asked, too. But Andrew always shook his head "no." Jesus Christ should be exalted, not Andrew Murray.

But at a Keswick conference (Keswick was founded to encourage deeper spiritual life) so many people urged and pleaded that Andrew finally gave in and wrote a short testimony. It appeared in *The Christian* magazine on this day, August 25, 1895.

Andrew explained that as a young pastor he had been full of zeal and worked hard. He knew he was born again, but he felt that he was lacking power in his ministry. He longed for something better. An older missionary encouraged him

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, - Ephesians 2:4

the God who said "greater works than these shall he do" still our God? Why are we content with the superficial rather than obeying God for the supernatural. Is there not a deeper work of grace that God desires to do, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him?

Can we ask God for a deep work of repentance in the Church, in our own lives that God may come and revive us again, that we may rejoice in Him? Every generation needs to see a heaven sent Holy Ghost revival that changes the moral climate of a community; we are already two generations behind of not having seen a genuine revival in our midst. How long can we go on like this? How long can God grieve when he looks for a man to make up the hedge and He finds none?

...The next generation depends on it.

## A Quote to Ponder

*"The fact of God is necessary for the fact of man. Think God away and man has no ground of existence." "Without doubt, the mightiest thought the mind can entertain is the thought of God, and the weightiest word in any language is its word for God."*

- A.W. Tozer

with the words, "If God puts a desire in your heart he will fulfill it."

For years more, Andrew struggled. Looking back, he could say that he thought God was putting more and more of his Holy Spirit in him, but he did not see it at the time. Even when he wrote his book *Abide in Me*, he knew it was true, but had not experienced all that he wrote about. Yet, ten years after he began to really seek to be filled with Holy Spirit power, he could say that he had learned to abide in God's presence continually.

**The popular notion that the first obligation of the Church is to spread the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth is false. Her first obligation is to be Spirit filled and worthy to spread it. - A.W. Tozer**

*"The evangelists today are very often prepared to be anything to anybody as long as they can get somebody to the altar for something. They glibly call out: "Who wants help? Who wants more power? Who wants a closer walk with God?" Such a sinning, repenting "easy believeism" dishonors the blood and prostitutes the altar. We must alter the altar, for the altar is a place to die on. Let those who will not pay this price leave it alone!"*

- Leonard Ravenhill, *Why Revival Tarries*



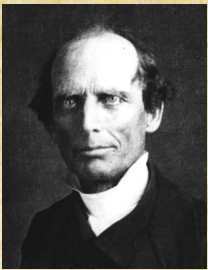
# Timeless Truths

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. - Revelation 4:11*



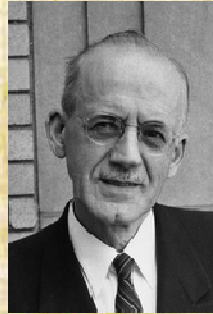
## Witness of the Spirit - John Wesley

I observed many years ago, "It is hard to find words in the language of men, to explain the deep things of God. Indeed there are none that will adequately express what the Spirit of God works in his children. But perhaps one might say, (desiring any who are taught of God, to correct, soften, or strengthen the expression,) By the testimony of the Spirit, I mean, an inward impression on the soul whereby the Spirit of God immediately and directly witnesses to my spirit, that I am a child of God; that Jesus Christ hath loved me, and given himself for me; that all my sins are blotted out, and I, even I, am reconciled to God."



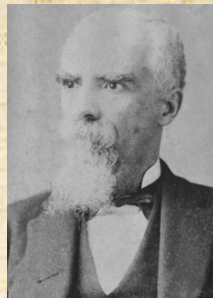
## Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Charles G. Finney

"But as I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me, without any recollection that I had ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Spirit descended upon me in a manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love, for I could not express it in any other way. It seemed like the very breath of God. I can recollect distinctly that it seemed to fan me, like immense wings. No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept aloud with joy and love; and I do not know but I should say, I literally bellowed out the unutterable gushings of my heart. These waves came over me, and over me, and over me, one after the other, until I recollect I cried out,"  
"But now after receiving these baptisms of the Spirit I was quite willing to preach the Gospel. Nay, I found that I was unwilling to do anything else."



## Christianity Today - A. W. Tozer

"Christianity today is man-centered, not God-centered. God is made to wait patiently, even respectfully, on the whims of men. The image of God currently popular is that of a distracted Father, struggling in heartbroken desperation to get people to accept a Saviour of whom they feel no need and in whom they have very little interest. To persuade these self-sufficient souls to respond to His generous offers God will do almost anything, even using salesmanship methods and talking down to them in the chummiest way imaginable. This view of things is, of course, a kind of religious romanticism which, while it often uses flattering and sometimes embarrassing terms in praise of God, manages nevertheless to make man the star of the show."



## Prayer - E. M. Bounds

"What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer."  
"True prayers are born of present trials and present needs. Bread for today is bread enough. Bread given for today is the strongest sort of pledge that there will be bread tomorrow. Victory today is the assurance of victory tomorrow. Our prayers need to be focused upon the present. We must trust God today, and leave the morrow entirely with Him. The present is ours; the future belongs to God. Prayer is the task and duty of each recurring day -- daily prayer for daily needs."  
"Short devotions are the bane of deep piety. Calmness, grasp, strength, are never the companions of hurry."  
"The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men."

*As Christ was born of the Virgin's womb, so must He be spiritually formed in our hearts. As He died for sin, so must we die to sin. And as He rose again from the dead, so must we also rise to a divine life. - George Whitefield*

# Repentance

REPENT'ANCE, n.

1. Sorrow for any thing done or said; the pain or grief which a person experiences in consequence of the injury or inconvenience produced by his own conduct.
2. In theology, the pain, regret or affliction which a person feels on account of his past conduct, because it exposes him to punishment. This sorrow proceeding merely from the fear of punishment, is called legal repentance, as being excited by the terrors of legal penalties, and it may exist without an amendment of life.
3. Real penitence; sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God, a violation of his holy law, and the basest ingratitude towards a Being of infinite benevolence. This is called evangelical repentance, and is accompanied and followed by amendment of life.

Repentance is a change of mind, or a conversion from sin to God. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. 2 Cor. 7. Matt. 3. Repentance is the relinquishment of any practice, from conviction that it has offended God.

## Evolutionists Still Clueless on the Origin of Life



How good are evolutionists at explaining the origin of life? Not very! Listen to what some have written and said. First up is professor Paul Davies from the University of Arizona. In his book *The Fifth Miracle: The Search for the Origin and Meaning of Life*, he wrote, "Obviously, Darwinian evolution can operate only if life of some sort already exists." He continued: "Darwinism can offer absolutely no help in explaining that all-important first step: the origin of life."

Consider what evolutionist science writer Gordy Slack wrote in *The Scientist*: "Evolution should be able to explain, in theory at least, all the way back to the very first organism that could replicate itself through biological or chemical processes ... and what came before it... Right now, we are nowhere close."

Here's another honest statement – this one from Simon Morris, professor of evolutionary biology at Cambridge University: "Despite decades of experimentation, with accompanying shouts of 'breakthrough' or 'almost there,' we are still paddling on the edges of an ocean of ignorance."

Our last quote is from Henry Lipson, physics professor at the University of Manchester: "I think we must admit that the only acceptable explanation is creation. I know that this is anathema to physicists, as indeed it is to me, but we must not reject a theory that we do not like if the experimental evidence supports it."

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

# The Ark of the Covenant

The items in the Ark of the covenant symbolized God's covenant with His people.

**The 10 Commandments** - The Law of God

**Aaron's Rod that budded** - The Assurance of God

**Manna** - The Provision of God

**Angels shadowing the Mercy seat** - The Messengers of God speaking to sinful man

**Blood Sacrifice** - The Mercy and Path of God

But the Ark had to have one key supernatural element - **The Fire of God** - The Presence and Power of God. You could have all the rest quite easily, but to have the fire there was a price you had to pay. Without that supernatural burning and illuminating essence, it was a superficial object. Similar to what happened in 1 Samuel 4, It is easy to have "Church" and the "Bible" but not so easy to have God and His Holy Spirit in supernatural burning and illuminating essence.

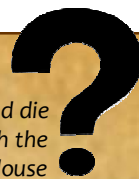


**And when he is come,  
he will reprove the  
world of sin, and of  
righteousness, and of  
judgment: - John 16:8**

It is not your job to convince someone about the gospel, it is power of God unto salvation which is God's work, to convict and bring forth fruit from the seed. Just as you can only plant, water and do the weeding but God has to give the increase, plant through prayer and Holy Ghost Bible preaching, water through tears and do the weeding through laboring and perseverance in prayer with obedience and God will give the increase.



### The Aftermath of Revival - Leonard Ravenhill



Repeatedly the question has been asked, "Why does revival come in a blaze, but to the delight of the critics soon sputter and die out?" The answer to that question could be one or two of these things (at times maybe both): First: Ignorance could quench the Spirit - an inability to hear the voice of the Lord for the next move. Second: Disobedience - this seems the most likely thing to douse the flame that seeks to consume all the dross. There might be other causes such as laziness to follow the close schedule that the Spirit demands, or there might be smug satisfaction that there is now some "life."

Let us remind ourselves again that the early church "moved." In moving, something or somebody must be left behind. The modern Ananias and Sapphira will find the pace too hot and the price too high. To keep the fire of revival burning, we would have to meet together

- daily for prayer and praise. This is what the church in Acts did (Acts 2:42-46).
- daily for breaking of bread. This the early church did.
- daily for prayer. This was their pattern in the early church.
- in the harmony of the Spirit. This was the glow of the first church.

This stringent schedule would be the death of many of our flimsy and unproductive patterns of life. How easily we Christians move along in the light of the lostness of men and their gambling with the certainty of eternal destruction unless they hear and believe. Sloth has seeped into our endeavors. The mesmerism of materialism has almost completely clogged the channel of blessing. We stand condemned.



### The Shantung Revival - Mary K. Crawford

#### INCIDENTS OF THE REVIVAL IN THE CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE NORTH CHINA MISSION.

Chefoo, Shantung, China, July 15, 1932.

DEAR BROTHER PASTOR, BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

You who pray for the work out here and contribute of your funds for saving of the Chinese will be interested to receive another letter giving a few incidents in this great revival movement, where God is blessing so many. Please accept this as a personal letter from the one whose name the envelope bears, and pray that the revival will not only spread throughout China, but that God will also revive His people in the homeland and increase their interest in foreign Missions.

In the densely populated county of Pingtu, Shantung, where the revival began and the churches have been greatly revived, there are now villages in which every family has one or more saved persons, and in some villages nearly every one has accepted the Lord. Is this not glorious news to all who love God our Saviour!? Even during wheat harvest meetings went right on. Some coming into the meetings at night fell asleep from sheer exhaustion, desiring rather to pray than to rest.

At one of these villages a Missionary dared not sleep a few years ago, for local bandits were expected to attack at any time, which meant looting and burning of the village and possible carrying away of Missionary and leading Chinese for ransom or death. But since the revival began that whole community is different. Recently this same Missionary slept there safely with doors open and walls down. One could not ask for more peace than now reigns in that region. Forty odd were baptized in the village this spring.

Another story is told of a gospel tent which was not being used for lack of funds and workers, now repaired and being used by laymen in Pingtu county, as at Tsinan. An organized band of desperate robbers planned to break up the meetings and take the tent. The brethren were advised to move elsewhere in order to save the tent, but replied, "No," preferring to pray earnestly for salvation of these robbers. The result was that the young bandit leader was stricken blind and a swelling came upon his face. This frightened him greatly. He realised it was from the Lord, and came to the tent confessing his sins and asking for prayer. Converted, his sight was restored and the swelling left. Later he went to Pingtu city and joined a Bible class. His life has been wonderfully transformed. This man had heard the gospel in a Christian day school when a child, but resisted and has served the devil rather than God. Those who know him believe that now he will give the remainder of his life to preaching. There have been between two and three thousand conversions in Pingtu county this year. No less than one thousand have been baptized!

It rejoices one to hear also of how God is now graciously and marvelously blessing His work in the Laichow fu field. We were permitted to labour there before moving to Harbin. A man who went home from up our way and was converted in the Laichow fu meetings was met by his brother in the fields with a shovel ready to fight, for they had been enemies for eight years. But the meeting turned into one of confession of sins, forgiveness and salvation of both. Then the two sisters also became Christians. This prodigal brother from Manchuria is now so enthusiastic in preaching that many of the heathen think him crazy.

In an adjoining county a leading church member who for twenty years was careless about paying his debts, has now received a new Christian experience and is advertising for creditors to present old accounts, and his son is now supporting two evangelists. A Christian man at Hwanghsien brought forward \$500.00 of tithes due the Lord since he became a Christian years ago. Another who owed money to a Missionary now in America but did not intend paying it has sent the money to him. Others are making restitution and paying back tithes due the Lord.

