



From Desiring Revival

When we talk about the topic of revival or of God answering our prayers, often we find that faith is the hub by which the wheel of providence turns. God said "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

But many times I have wondered "what is faith?" Though we cannot put a definition to faith that is of human understanding, since faith is from God who is supernatural, I believe faith has these 3 qualities. In Hebrews 11 verse 1 we read "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,

the evidence of things not seen." Faith has substance, hope and evidence. Substance is God Himself that "God can", hope is that "God will" and evidence is that "God did". We can see it again and again in the many acts of faith that God is pleased with. Noah when God spoke realized that God can destroy the whole world, and knew that God will do as He has said and saw that God did when the rains came and did what God told He would do.

Dear men and women of God, let us have confidence that "God can" revive us, that "God will" do as He has said and say "God did" when it comes. Pray ye therefore in faith for revival.



A Quote to Ponder

"If you want revival, get right with God. If you are not prepared to bring the 'last piece,' for God's sake stop talking about revival, your talking and praying is but the laughing-stock of devils."

- Duncan Campbell



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Evan Roberts Testimony

"For thirteen years I had prayed for the Spirit, and this is the way I was led to pray. William Davies, the deacon, said one night in the society:- 'Remember to be faithful. What if the Spirit descended and you absent? Remember Thomas! What a loss he had!'"

"I said then to myself: 'I will have the Spirit.' And through all weather, and in spite of all difficulties, I went to the meetings. Many times, on seeing other boys with the boats on the tide, I was tempted to turn back and join them. But, no. Then I said to myself: 'Remember your resolve to be faithful,' and on I went. Prayer meeting Monday evening at the chapel; prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Pisgah (Sunday School branch); Church meeting Wednesday evening; Band of Hope Thursday; class Friday evening-to these I went faithfully throughout the years. For ten or eleven years I have prayed for a revival. I could sit up all night to read or talk about revivals. It was the Spirit that moved me to think about a revival.

"One Friday night last spring, when praying by my bedside before retiring, I was taken up to a great expanse - with out time and space. It was communion with God. Before this a far-off God I had. I was frightened that night, but never since. So great was my shivering that I rocked the bed, and my brother, being awakened, took hold of me, thinking I was ill.

"After that experience I was awakened every night a little after one o'clock. This was most strange, for through the years I slept like a rock, and no disturbance in my room would awaken me. From that hour I was taken up into the Divine Fellowship for about four hours. What it was I cannot tell you; except that it was Divine. About five o'clock I was again allowed to sleep on till about nine. At this time I was again taken up into the same experience as in the earlier hours of the morning until about twelve or one o'clock. They questioned me at home. Why didn't I get up earlier, &c., &c.

But it was too Divine to say anything about it. This went on for about three months. When I went to school, to Newcastle-Emlyn - oh! I was afraid that I would lose the communion. I had set aside half an hour daily for it. And for the first week I did the school work very well. But after that all the time was taken up. I had four days in bed with a severe cold, but day and night there was nothing but prayer. The last night of the four I was bathed in perspiration - the result of the cold and communion with God.

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God makes all His best people in loneliness. Do you know what the secret of praying is? Praying in secret. "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door..." (Matt. 6:6). You can't show off when the door's shut and nobody's there. You can't display your gifts. You can impress others, but you can't impress God. - Leonard Ravenhill

Need for Holiness

"Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth."

- John Wesley

"What has the church gained if it is popular but there is no conviction, no repentance, no power" - A.W. Tozer



Have thine own way Lord - Adelaide A. Pollard

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Prayer and Fasting - Robert Murray McChesney

Whatever I see to be sin, I ought to set my whole soul against it, using all Scriptural methods to mortify it, as confession, contrition of soul, special prayer for the Spirit, fasting, watching...I ought to mark strictly the occasions when I have fallen, and avoid the occasion as much as the sin itself. Satan often tempts me to go as near to temptations as possible without committing the sin. This is fearful, tempting God and grieving the Holy Ghost. It is a deep-laid plot of Satan.

I ought to flee temptation, according to Proverbs 4:15, "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." I ought constantly to pour out my heart to God, praying for entire conformity to Christ, for the whole law to be written on my heart.

I ought statedly and solemnly to give my heart to God, to surrender my all into His everlasting arms according to the prayer, "Into Thine hand I commit my spirit" (Psa. 31:5), beseeching Him not to let any iniquity, secret or presumptuous, have dominion over me, and to fill me with every grace that is in Christ in the highest degree that it is possible for a redeemed sinner to receive it, and at all times, till death.

I ought to meditate often on Heaven as a world of holiness, where all are holy, where the joy is holy joy, the work holy work, so that without personal holiness I can never be there. I ought to avoid the appearance of evil. I find that speaking of some sins defiles my mind and leads me into temptation, and I find that God declares it is a shame to speak of things that are done of them in secret. I ought to avoid this.

Eve, Achan, David, all fell through the lust of the eye. I should pray, "Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity" (Psa. 119:37). I am persuaded that nothing is thriving in my soul unless it is growing. "Grow in grace" (2 Pet. 3:18). "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). "Forgetting those things which are behind" (Phil. 3:13).

I am persuaded that I ought to be inquiring of God how I may overcome self and become more like Christ. I ought to strive for more purity, humility, meekness, patience under suffering, love. "Make me Christ-like in all things," should be my constant prayer, and "Fill me with Thy Holy Spirit."

The Fullness of the Spirit - John R. Rice

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." - Luke 24:46-49

Before Pentecost Jesus told His disciples, 'Do not start any revivals yet. Do not begin to preach yet. Do not try to win souls yet. You are not ready. You tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high!'

Now the above Scripture is all the more remarkable when you consider that Jesus had taught these men for three and a half years. No preacher ever got as good seminary training as these apostles got under the personal teaching of Jesus. Remember also that Jesus had already risen from the dead, and for forty days had been teaching them concerning the kingdom of God.

Remember, too, that the day He rose from the dead, He breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22), and they did receive the Holy Spirit to dwell in their bodies. You recall that Jesus had promised them in John 14:17 that the Holy Ghost "dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Then when Jesus rose from the dead, He breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," and they did. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit began the day Jesus was glorified, the day He was raised from the dead. Yet Jesus said to these people who were saved, who were taught in the Scriptures, who were happy, whose faith was restored, these people who had the Holy Spirit dwelling in their bodies, "'tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.'" He said, 'I have a job for you to do. I want repentance and remission of sins preached in My Name in all the world. You are the ones to go to all nations. You are My witnesses of these things. But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.'

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For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. - 2 Chronicles 16:9