

WHAT IS REVIVAL?

TEXT: II CHRONICLES 7:14 & PSALM 85:6

I. WHAT IS IT?

- A. Not "getting folks saved".
- B. Not a series of meetings.
- C. Not to promote excitement
- D. It is a "renewing of life" for an individual or a church.

II. HOW DO WE GET IT?

- A. First Requirement - Must Be God's people.
 - See II Chron. 7:14 - "If my people"

1. Only saved people can be revived, by definition of revive.
2. We cannot produce it or bring it about, but until we get it, God's work is impeded.
3. We must all seek our own revival at times when we stray from the will of the Lord.

- B. Second Requirement - Must be humble people.
 - "shall humble themselves"

1. He gives grace to the humble - James 4:6.
2. One must draw nigh to God. - James 4:7.
3. One must purify himself - James 4:8
 - Be not conformed to this world.
 - Renewed your mind
 - Purge out, cast out the unclean things in your life.
 - Be a vessel unto honor.
 - God can't work through a dirty vessel.

① giveth grace to the humble -
 because humble realize can't make without out God - need His grace -
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 ② see Paul's Prayer II Cor 12:7-9 God - gave him "sufficient grace"

③ Luke 18: 9-14 Publican humbled himself received - "saving grace"

God resists the proud.
Luke 18:9-14
Pharisee - prideful
doubt receive God's
save my grace.

4. Pride impairs revival. - James 4:6
5. Mt 23:25-28 - to be great - minister to be chief - servant - humility - Jesus taught

C. Third Requirement - Must be a praying people.

• "and pray, and seek my face"

1. Revival and prayer are closely linked.

2. When one humbles himself, he is in the correct spiritual posture for prayer.

3. "Seek my face" indicates the need for prayer. Because if you are praying like you should, then will be continuously seeking the face of God.

4. For revival, one should first pray for himself, then for others. See Psalm 139: 23-24 - type of prayer -

• Without individual revival, there can be no church revival.

D. Fourth Requirement - "turn from their wicked ways"

• Turn in the Bible means repentance. - See II Cor 7: 9-10
To godly sorrow - sorry for your sin
vs worldly sorrow - "sorry got caught"

1. Repentance is necessary for revival.

• Man looks at the outward appearance of a man but God looks at the heart. - I Sam. 16:7

• Faithfulness is not enough with Lord. - you should be faithful

• Coming to all the services is not enough with Lord. - you should come to service

• SEE Psalm 51: ¹⁵ 25-17.

• God is also interested with the heart. ← "but along with must"

• What is the attitude of the heart?

• Is it contrite? Is it broken? - if it not then God will despise your sacrifice vs 17

• If it is not then, you are just going through the motion.

• There can be no revival in the individual or the church.

2. Every effort should be made to resolve conflicts in the church; if resolution is not made, revival is hindered.

3. Not only is this the last requirement, but it is the first evidence of revival.

III. GOD'S RESPONSE

A. "then will I **hear** from heaven"

- God has turned His back because of sin. - *See Ps. 66: 18.*
- When He sees fruits of repentance, He inclines an ear to His people.

B. "and will **forgive** their sin,"

- He will forgive the sins of His people.
- I John 1:9.
- Forgiveness revives one's attitude and purpose.

C. "and will **heal** their land"

- He will not only heal and forgive the individual but also the land. (Local Church, America)
- When all things are made right in the sight of God, life is joyful.

D. When saved people are revived, the lost will be saved.

IV. RESULTS:

- GREAT REJOICING - PSALM 85:6
- Folks are right with God
- Folks are right with one another - no root of bitterness -
- Conflicts resolved.