

Revival is Not Had Revival is Sought

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us forever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

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7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is good*; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

- Next Sunday we start our Spring Revival Meeting
 - Yes we do this every year
 - No, we do not have an actual revival every year
 - You might ask, “So Larry, why do we keep having the meeting?”
 - The answer is simple...I love you
 - I want God to do something in my heart
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 - Your response might be, “Well, I don’t think I need revival, I’m doing fine where I am”
 - Or you might say, “I don’t want revival, my life is too hectic”.
 - Or you might ask, “Larry, what is revival?”
- Let me ask a few questions before we break into this Psalm and see what it may take to have real revival
 - When’s the last time you were so excited about church that Sunday couldn’t come fast enough?
 - When’s the last time your heart hurt so badly for someone that you know needs Jesus that it caused you to weep for them as you pray?
 - When’s the last time a song of praise made you want to jump out of your skin and just praise Jesus with all you are?
 - When’s the last time you spent more than 2 minutes in your prayer closet?
 - When’s the last time you allowed yourself to be so moved by the Word of God that you changed your whole life to please Him?
- You might think, “Well I am just waiting on God to give me revival.”
 - Revival is not something that we get or that God is waiting to give us...

- Revival is something that is going to cost us
- Revival is not purchased, but it does have a cost
- The reason we never see revival is that we never seek it...because we know it will cost us

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- God is Good!
 - God has blessed us with prosperity
 - God has delivered us from our ever-present enemy
 - God has forgiven every sin in Christ!
 - Amen! These things cannot be disputed
 - If you disagree with these things, your perspective needs changed...you need revival
 - God WILL NOT make a saved sinner pay for their sins!
 - This is fact...we will never know the wrath of His fierce anger towards sin...but

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- We can face His anger when we live as the dead do
 - The Child of God has been given life IN Christ
 - John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;

and that believing ye might have life through his name.

- We **“WERE”** dead in our sin...
 - **Colossians 2:13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- When we don't make things right, we **MAKE** God set things right
 - **1Corinthians 11:28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.
29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.
 - **Hebrews 12:5** My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

- **Notice that our Psalm is making a request that God turn His anger**

- This means they have examined themselves and judged themselves...this is called conviction or godly sorrow
 - **2Corinthians 7:10** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of
- We will never find revival if we aren't broken over our own personal sin

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

- Broken over our sin we can cry out for life!
- Why? That our REJOICE might be REAL
 - Real life in Christ will produce REAL JOY
 - Real Joy will produce REAL Worship
 - Real Worship will produce REAL Fruit
 - Real Fruit will glorify Christ and draw others to Him

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- The Revived Christian will...
 - Know God's mercy and praise Him or it
 - This means that when it is time to praise God...you will want to
 - Hear God's Word and obey it
 - This means that our Bible is more than a dust collector
 - That we open and seek Christ
 - That we then allow it to change our lives
 - Flee from temptation and lusts
 - This doesn't mean we won't face temptations
 - But the revived Christian will recognize the temptation and run to salvation
 - Walk in God's Grace in the newness of Life IN Christ
 - We will never have life outside of Christ
 - Real life is only found IN Christ
 - Desire that their life bring Glory to God
 - Every choice we make will either bring us glory or bring God glory
 - The revived Christian won't want any glory
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- **Revival is not up to God...He already Gave us Life...revival is up to us**