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What a Revival is and how to have it

The United States of America has experienced in its history great revival that has profoundly affected our country’s culture and history. A nation-wide revival called “The Great Awakening” laid the foundation for our independence. Of this period, Benjamin Franklin wrote, “It seemed as if all the world were growing religious.” A second “Great Awakening” in the early eighteen-hundreds held our society under its influence for forty years and brought about the end of slavery. Revivals have spread out to be national events. Some revivals have shaken whole cities and counties, but have not spread further. Many revivals have taken place within a single local church. Regardless of its size or influence, a real revival is a powerful and wonderful experience.

Revival is not just special series of services at a church, under a tent, or in a big public building. Revival *campaigns* have been held in these places, but the special services themselves do not constitute a revival. A real revival is the reviving of the Christians’ love for God.

A great American named Charles Finney said,

*“A Revival is. . .the renewal of the first love of Christians, resulting in the awakening and conversion of sinners to God.”*

Mr. Finney knew what he was talking about. He took part in some of the greatest revivals of all time, in which thousands became Christians, morality came back to communities, and the churches grew in number and in holiness.

The great need of America in 2011 is a revival. Our area needs a revival; our churches need revival; our *country* needs a great revival of true Christianity!

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They are taught how to address themselves to God.

1. Acknowledge with thankfulness the great things God has done. (6 x’s “thou hast” - 6 x’s “us”)

Ezr 9:8 And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

Hab 3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

Ps 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Ps 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Ps 65:11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

1. Live your whole life in the fear of God

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* 1. The Fear of God Results in True Revival
     1. Rejoicing in the Lord
        1. There is rejoicing in souls Phil. 4:1

1Th 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

* + - 1. There is rejoicing in the Truth

1Cor. 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

* + - 1. There is rejoicing in Him. Is.43:22-44:8

Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

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1. Set in the way of His steps

Ps 85:13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall **set us in the way of his steps**.

* 1. There is Searching
  2. There is finding Him
  3. There is suffering
  4. There is obedience.

Isa 30:20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Job 23:11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Ps 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. Pr 16:9 ¶ A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Da 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

* 1. There is Crowned with Him
     1. Mercy and Truth… - Glory Ps. 85:10; 21:3

Mat.27:29; ICor. 9:25; IITim.4:8; Ja.1:12; IPt.5:4; Rev.2:10;3:11

Ps 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Our Experience with God and our Growth in the Spirit is contingent upon our Revelation of Him.

A Question and in the form of a Plea

Request for Revival

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

Ask your question, make your plea. Be Not afraid to ask for Revival, be not proud of the way things are going.

Oh, that we knew how to pray! I fear we do not know how to pray. We are missing the mark on praying in the Holy Ghost, because of a lack of faith, lack of right knowledge and we lack utter dependence on God.

The sacred art of prayer is not learned, it is always dependant on the help of the Holy Ghost, we are losing the heavenly mystery—we are but apprentice hands in prayer. Compared with such a man as John Knox, whose prayers were worth more than an army of ten thousand men, or compared with the prayers of Luther, how few can really pray and not faint!

Let them not turn again to **folly**.

Ps 85:8 ¶ 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. 49:13 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Pr 26:4 ¶ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Pr 26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. Pr 26:11 ¶ As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

Beware that you return not to the same offences. Idolatry and its vices.

Ps 80:18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Ps 80:3,7,19 Ps 4:3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

Ro 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2Ti 2:9 ¶ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 26 ¶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 ¶ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1Ti 4:1 ¶ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2Ti 3:1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2Pe 3:3 ¶ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

The Absolute right prayer for the occasion

It is time for such a prayer as this.

Ps. 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Es 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom **for such a time as this**?

Mercy drops round us are falling

But for the Showers of blessing we plea Rom. 15:29

Fullness of Faith

Fullness of the Anointing

Fullness of Power

Fullness of Mercy

Fullness of Salvation

Fullness of Glory

Fullness of God

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ps. 85: 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? 6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Ps 79:5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? Ps 80:4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Ps 89:46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

The doctrine of human responsibility, and the doctrine of human inability. - "You tell the sinner that he cannot believe and repent without the help of the Holy Spirit, and yet you tell him that it is his duty to believe and repent.

Mt 17:22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Mr 9:31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. 32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Lu 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

John 16:6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

THE CROWN OF REVIVAL

* 1. Mercy and Truth 85:7,10-11
  2. Salvation 85:7,9
  3. Righteousness and Peace 85:8,10,11,13
  4. Sanctification 85:8
  5. The Fear of God 85:9
  6. Good 85:12
  7. Glory 85:9

A Full and Plentiful Harvest of the fruit of the Spirit and souls.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

**BONDAGE TO LIBERTY**

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Apart from revival and reformation, America as a nation is destined to decline.

The political, economic, and social problems we encounter are symptoms of **spiritual** deterioration.

**Israel was 400 years in Egypt**

**Israel was 70 years in Babylon**

Mark 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

There are spiritual principles that influence the life of an individual, so there are political-spiritual principles that govern the life of a nation.

There are ten stages great Nations go through. There is progression from bondage to liberty then digression back to bondage.

1. Bondage to Spiritual faith.
2. Spiritual faith to great courage.
3. Great courage to liberty.
4. Liberty to abundance.
5. Abundance to selfishness.
6. Selfishness to complacency.
7. Complacency to apathy.
8. Apathy to moral decay.
9. Moral decay to dependence on things, people and government .
10. Dependence to bondage.

**The Decline of the Family -** As families go, so goes the nation.

Families decline

1. When men cease to lead their families in worship.
2. When Spiritual and moral development becomes secondary and the view of God becomes naturalistic, men selfishly neglect their wives and children to pursue material wealth, political and military power, Material values begin to dominate thought, and the man exalts his own role as an individual.
3. Men who are preoccupied with business and war neglect their wives and become involved with lower-class women or with homosexuality. Ultimately, a double standard of morality develops.
4. The role of women at home with children loses value and status. When women are neglected and their roles devalued they revolt to gain access to material wealth and also freedom from loneliness. Women begin to minimize lust. Marriage laws are changed to make divorce easy.
5. Husbands and wives compete against each other for money, home leadership, and the affection of their children. This results in hostility and frustration and possible homosexuality in the children. Many marriages end in separation and divorce.
6. Many children are a mistake or the results of lust and are unwanted, aborted, abandoned, molested, and undisciplined. The more undisciplined children become, the more social pressure there is to not have children. The breakdown of the home produces anarchy.
7. Then selfish individualism grows and carries over into society, fragmenting it into smaller and smaller group loyalties. The nation is weakened by internal conflict. The decrease in the birthrate produces an older population that has less ability to defend itself and less will to do so, making the nation more vulnerable to its enemies.
8. Unbelief in God spreads when parental authority diminishes, and ethical and moral principles disappear,

When the family falls, the nation falls because nations are built upon the family. The family is the true driving social force. A nation will not be strong unless the family is strong.