

Next Steps

Lesson 1: "The Path to the Power of Revival"

There are those who give little thought to the matter of revival. Others deny the possibility of revival. It's clear, however, that when we read the Bible we see many different examples of revival. II Chronicles has been called by many "The Revival _____ of the Old Testament." It contains the records of revivals under the leadership of five different kings.

- _____ (chapters 14-16)
- Jehoshaphat (chapters 17-20)
- _____ (chapter 23)
- _____ (chapters 29-32)
- Josiah (chapters 34-35)

II Chronicles not only contains the records of revivals but also the promise that God can bring revival to His people (II Chron. 7:14). This promise of revival was clarified and given to the New Testament church in James 4:8. The prophets were so familiar with the pattern and promise of revival that Habbakuk cried out - "Oh Lord, wilt thou revive thy work!"

A.W. Tozer said this of revival, "Revival is that power of God that changes the moral climate of a community." Revival is not special meetings or emotional extravaganza or even church growth. It is the working of God in the lives of Christians to awaken them from their spiritual slumber and it starts with _____.

We must discover three coordinates on our path to the power of revival.

You Need to Realize Your Condition (Isa. 1:15-16, 18)

A. Is your condition marked by having _____ your way (1 John 1:6-7)?

Are you in powerful personal revival with God at this moment? If not you aren't in the place where God wants you to be in.

B. Is your condition marked by _____ (Rev. 3:15-16)?

You Need to _____ The Solution (Jer. 29:13-14)

Too many Christians today have lost their zeal. God wants you to renew your vigor. Stop playing around in the world. Your complacency has made Him sick and like the prodigal son He calls you home.

A. Step 1: Seek God's _____ (James 4:8)

Make God the #1 priority in your life. Personal revival begins when the believer faces his sin honestly. Only honest between God and others will enable the Christian to walk in purity and power.

B. Step 2: Stand on God's _____ (Hosea 6:1)

You return to God, He will heal you of your sin. There is a God on the page of the OT and the same is on the page of the NT that is abandoning a people. Why? Because they would not have Him.

You Need to _____ God's Provision (Luke 3:5-6)

A. Divine Provision Brings _____ (Psalm 24:4-5)

God wants to refine your life in order to display His glory. To be an effective minister of Christ you must take no part in the world but grasp the purity that only God can give you. Only the believer whose life is pure before God and man will be able to reflect His Maker's glory and not his own.

B. Divine Provision Brings _____ (Acts 1:8)

Any believer minus the power of God is worthless in the Lord's work. God's power gives you the ability to do His work.

Conclusion:

Let us cry with the Psalmist, "Wilt thou not _____ us again?" and with the prophets, "Oh Lord, revive thy work." And when the song writer asks, "Do you really want _____?" Let us answer with a wholehearted "YES!"

Revival will come, but it must first take place in the heart of the _____. Are you revived today?