

WE NEED REVIVAL

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“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.” II Chron. 7:14 & 15.

Our nation has reached a new tragic level, as the God hating forces of evil become bolder, every passing day. World powers are stirring and evil leaders are planning to destroy decency, and allow evil to triumph. Dictators are back in vogue as Russia is rebuilding; overflowing its evil designs, ever nearer to our shores. Lies are accepted, while truth is ridiculed, and decency has been banned. Our own nation is in conflict, as morals are ignored, evil actions are accepted, and an anti-God atmosphere prevails. It has become fashionable to sin and laugh about it. The word change is filling the news, but change to what? More and more in these last days, man is turning himself away from God. Sinners scoff against God while Christians are not making much of a stand for God. We have simply lost our cutting edge, our effective relationship, and our desire to be different from the world. I have spent 66 years of my life, traveling the world and crying out for revival, and the return of man to God. We desperately need revival and the need has never been greater. **We Need Revival!** (1). **We Need Revival When The Lives Of Christians Are Not Different From Sinners Around Us.** *“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, sayeth the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you” II Cor. 6:17.* This degree of separation is seldom seen today. Christians listen to the same Rock and Roll, bathe in TV immoral

programming, and are more prone to copy the world than condemn it. The world may be looking for something better, but can't see evidence of change in many believers. As the outsiders examine Christianity, where are the daily lives that prove it has great value? Back yourself in a corner and ask the question, Does my daily life set an example of Christianity to be desired? What does a sinner see when he looks at you? If we do not live Christianity, we certainly are not helping its cause. We must return to such a love for Christ that worldly things will be repulsive to us. Oh, how we need an old time, sin confessing, house cleaning revival. (2) **We Need A Revival When Men Are Getting The Glory In Our Churches.** Jesus said *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* John 14:6. Church attention has focused on the wrong things. Charismatics are perhaps the most guilty, but thousands of churches have substituted the social for the spiritual. Boasts of thousands of members do not signify a Godly church, though they labor to build large ones. Feel good, spineless religion, will do little for the needs of men. Some deny the virgin birth, the efficiency of the Word, and the very blood of Christ. Many ministers write books which deny the great beliefs needed for sacrificial faith and service. Revival will come when man stops trying to help himself, and in prayerful confession gets right with God. We don't need counseling clinics, but rather packed altars of confession and dedication. Wanting the results of revival without seeing the character of revival will never result in revival. We need to turn our gaze back on Jesus. (3). **We Need Revival When The Light In The Church Lighthouse Has Gone Out.** Whatever happened to, *“Go ye unto all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”* Mark 16:15. The first great commission of the church was to reach the world with the news of God's redemptive plan, through Christ. Most churches have barely

touched the world or even their own neighborhoods. Old time religion has been retired like the old model T Ford. Many fields have no missionaries working in them, and parents and youths in the church don't consider the mission field. Many older missionaries must come home and the replacements are few and far between. We cannot escape our responsibility. *"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul"* Ezekiel 33: 8&9. Not only the sinner, but Christians are accountable in the court of the Lord. In the past I have seen thousands led to the altar for redemption and salvation through Christ. Now it has become difficult to stir Christians to come to the altar for any reason. We see little results from the shallow witness which seems to reach none of our neighbors. We like barren fig trees have little fruit to bring to the Master. **(4). We Need Revival When Sinners Revel In Their Sin.** In the Bible the warning is clear. *"Be sure your sin will find you out"* Numbers 32:23. *"The wages of sin is death"* Rom. 6:23. One has only to read books on the past of mankind, to know evil has its payment. The drunkard is a fool to keep drinking, ruining his life and family. The smoker puffs on, destroying personal health and that of others. The immoral laughs at purity and dips his body into untold suffering by his continued immorality. Thanks to ungodly educators, and politicians, there seems to be little restraint and much pressure to let it all hang out. Evil has attacked the sanctity of marriage and lawlessness and greed is destroying our nation. We believers must get on our knees, stop copying the world, and in Godly concern, with example and zeal, take a Biblical stand against all sin. Use your vote,

use your prayers and yes, use your voice to cry out against evil. We must not stand by and watch our world go down the drain. Start figuring ways to show you stand for righteousness. Speak out against evil in every form, and do not allow it to hold you in its power. Help stir the conviction the lost needs, to come to Christ. **(5). We Need Revival When Churches Operate Without The Holy Spirits' Power.** The early church was promised *"Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"* Acts 1:8. It seems to me that most churches speak of revival without meeting the conditions for revival. It has to begin with an honest cry for God to touch us. It must contain a full repentance of compromised believers. An acknowledgment of failure, foolishness, and neglect in this sinful age. We simply are not doing the job. Our hearts are not broken over the needs of mankind. We must be open to the conviction by the Holy Spirit, which will lead us to get right with God ourselves. We don't want a cheap, bargain basement revival, but a sin hating change to come upon our own lives. Oh dear believer, allow the Holy Spirit to show you your true self in the eyes of God. Revival never comes easily, nor accidentally, but must begin with the cry of repentant believers hearts. Get totally right with God, and your neighbor will know you mean business. Right the wrongs in your family and community failures, and God will show you great blessing. Years ago, while preaching in a great camp, I got to know Dr. John Rice. I was a young evangelist, just out of Bob Jones University. Our speaker's cabin had a wall between the bedrooms for privacy, but was open above. John was writing a book, called *We Can Have Revival Now!* I heard the phrase dictated over and over. I agree, **We Can Have Revival Now!** May God help Us,