



Revival Praying

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"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy." Acts 2:17-18

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19-20

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky." Psalm 85:6,10-11

God calls every follower of Christ to not only pray, but to revival-pray. There is a radical difference between revival-praying and simply praying for revival. Revival-prayer receives a portion of that toward which you are praying; praying for revival can pray and pray and never receive anything. When praying for revival, you can potentially pray yourself into unbelief.

REVIVAL-PRAYER PRINCIPLES I HAVE LEARNED

1. The only way to revival-pray is to pray with certainty that revival is coming.
 - The Scriptures promise it. *Acts 2:17-18*
 - The nature of the Church demands it. *John 15:1-9*
 - The mission of the Church deserves it. *Acts 1:8*
 - The nature of God supplies it. *"I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25*
2. The only way to revival-pray is to pray in hope. *"O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me." Psalm 25:2*
3. The only way to revival-pray is to understand that there are many good reasons why revival does not come immediately.
 - The longer we wait, the stronger we get.
"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31
 - The longer we wait, the more people are waiting with us.
"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.' Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. Thus says

the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zechariah 8:20-23

- The longer we wait, the bigger the revival is getting.
- The longer we wait, when revival does come, the more convinced we will be that it is of God and only God. (Consider the ten plagues Exodus 4-13.)

4. All revival-prayer is ultimately leading toward the second coming of Christ.

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done."

Revelation 22:12

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20

"Our Lord come! (Maranatha)" 1 Corinthians 16:22

REVIVAL-PRAYER PRACTICES I HAVE LEARNED

1. Receive now a portion of what you are praying toward.
2. Pray the Word.
3. Fast.
4. Pray with people who know how to revival-pray.
5. Gather others.
6. Read revival-prayer books, both contemporary books and classics.
7. Keep record of answers to prayer.

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