

Studies on Revival

When Revival is Needed

“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?” – Psalm 85:6

I. Seeing the Need

- As previously discussed, reviving means to bring life back when it has gone or faded.
- Therefore, true revival comes where spiritual life has faded or stopped.
- The first step toward revival is when we realize the need for it and turn towards God for the solution
 - The restoration of the prodigal son began when he saw his sad condition and turned his heart back to his father – Luke 15:17-18
 - Similarly, the first steps of revival are when we see its need and seek God as the answer.

II. Some Signs Revival is Needed

- When our hearts are cold or apathetic – Revelation 3:15-16
- When we challenge the conviction of the Spirit – Malachi 2:17, 3:8-9
- When brotherly love is absent – I John 4:7-8
- When our service to God is void of passion – Psalm 51:16-17
- When we love the things of the world over the things of God – I John 2:15-17
- When we cannot rejoice in others' spiritual successes – Philippians 1:12-18
- When we are divided by the inconsequential – I Corinthians 1:10-13
- When there is gross sin in our midst – I Corinthians 5:1
- When we are not concerned about the lost – Luke 15
- When we neglect church gatherings – Hebrews 10:24-25

III. Litmus test questions:

- *Do I want to see revival?*
- *Am I concerned with reaching the lost?*
- *How do I react to others' spiritual victories?*
- *How are my personal prayers and Bible study?*

“Study the history of revival. God has always sent revival in the darkest days. Oh, for a mighty, sweeping revival today!” – Adrian Rogers

“If revival is being withheld from us it is because some idol remains still enthroned; because we still insist in placing our reliance in human schemes; because we still refuse to face the unchangeable truth that, 'It is not by might, but by My Spirit.'” – Jonathan Goforth