

## Studies on Revival

## Personal and Corporate Revival

## I. Introduction

- We will look at two levels of Revival: Personal and Corporate
  - Personal is within each individual's heart
  - Corporate is a collection of individuals in one group, ministry, church, or region
- Revivals usually begin in individuals before spreading to others
  - Example – Samuel
    1. As an individual he had a revival like experience in I Samuel 3
    2. Then leads the nation of Israel in revival in I Samuel 7
- Christians often overlook the personal responsibility of Revival to seek the corporate result of Revival
  - We often pray that “they” (the world, sinners, apostates, etc.) would get right with God
  - However, the language of Scripture is pointedly personal
    1. David's personal language in Psalm 51
    2. Daniel prays as “we” in Daniel 9
- It is evident that Personal Revival is practically ready and available for us today, while the Corporate Revivals that we focus on are epochal in nature.
  - Both critics that attack revivalism and Christians discouraged by the lack of large revivals make this mistake.

## II. Steps toward Personal Revival

- Set your heart wholly on God – Matthew 22:37, Colossians 3:2
- Let God examine your heart and life – Psalm 139:23-24
- Pray fervently and confess your sins before God – I John 1:9, 5:14-15
- Fast – Matthew 6:16-18
- Fill you mind with Bible, sermons, sacred music, etc. – Colossians 3:16
- Remove both gross sin and spiritual hindrances – I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 12:1
- Be active in service towards God and others, especially evangelism – James 1:27, Mark 16:15

## III. Steps toward Corporate Revival

- Begin at the personal level
- Unite in concerted prayer – Matthew 18:19-20
  - Pray more specifically than generally
  - Focus at least in part on specific events or needs
- Support one another's spiritual walk – Proverbs 27:17
- Promote the need of Revival
- Be engaged in evangelism – Matthew 28:19-20

- Revival and evangelism are intrinsically linked – Acts 1:8

Lord, send a revival! Lord, send a revival!  
Lord, send a revival, and let it begin with me!

- to the tune of “Oh, How I Love Jesus”

“One consequence of our failure to see clearly the true nature of revival is that we wait for years for some supernatural manifestation that never comes, overlooking completely our own individual place in the desired awakening. Whatever God may do for a church must be done in the single unit, the one certain man or woman.” – A.W. Tozer