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ANOTHER MESSAGE ON REVIVAL!

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You have no doubt heard and read many sermons on revival. There has been a lot of talk and prayers for revival the past few years, but we just don't see it! What is wrong? Why don't we have revival with all this attention being given to it? Because sermons on revival (though good and proper) do not produce revival. The proper response to a sermon on revival may produce the desired effect, but not the sermon per se. There will no revival (in the local Church or anywhere else) until God's people repent of their sins and fully obey His Word. There is no magic formula for revival or anything else! I believe the plain truth is God's people do not really want revival! Any individual Christian can have it, if he wants it; if he will pay the price. God tells us what is needed: **"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that he will not hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."** ~Isaiah 59:1,2. You can preach and pray all you want to, but unless there is honest heartfelt repentance and forsaking of known sins, there will be no answer. The problem is, we are carnal, worldly, self willed, gossipy, deceitful, prayerless, ease loving, self satisfied, etc., but we are not about to acknowledge it or change. There will be no revival without *absolute* obedience to God and His Word! *Prayer is no substitute for obedience!* God says, **"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."**

I don't see how one can have revival without being filled with the Holy Spirit. Anyone with a little discernment can see that Christians who are filled with the Spirit are few and far between, if you can find one! Is a Spirit filled Christian going to look at TV? Will he gossip? Will he absent himself from Church for some worldly pleasure or some personal end? Will he be easily offended? Will he insist on having his own way? Tozer said words to the effect he did not think there were very many Christians who wanted to be Spirit filled - to be controlled absolutely by God. He also said, *"Our mistake is that we want God to send revival on our terms... We are calling on God to send fire on our altars ignoring the fact that they are our altars and not God's."* I agree! You can have revival if you want it; if you pay the price, humble yourself and truly confess and forsake your sins. We talk about revival but we don't really want it! I have said it literally hundreds of times: There are no short-cuts to spirituality! One of the greatest problems in our Fundamental Baptist churches is the people have a head knowledge of much Bible truth, but it has not gripped and changed them. Vance Havner said, *"The times are desperate but the saints are not!"* Someone asked Gypsy Smith, "How can we have revival?" The wise old preacher replied, "Take a piece of chalk and draw a circle on the floor. Then, step inside the circle and pray: 'Lord, send a revival inside this circle.' Don't get out until He sends it!" It was times much as we face today, days of apostasy and defeat when Habakkuk prayed: **"O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years..."** Child of God, do you really want revival? Why not get alone with God right now and pursue it on His terms?

YOUTH CORNER

WHAT DID YOU DO? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT WILL YOU DO?

-By Pastor Bruce Oyen.

What did you do to get others saved
In the days and years gone by?
Did you witness and give out tracts?
Or didn't you even try?

Awake to righteousness,
and sin not; for some
have not the knowledge
of God: I speak *this* to
your shame.
1 Corinthians 15:34

What are you doing to get others saved
Right now with the time that you have?
You're either trying to win the lost,
You're trying or you are not.

What will you do to get others saved
In the days ahead?
Will you make the Gospel known to those
Who need the Living Bread?

It's up to you to reach the lost
Before it is too late.
The days go quickly by,
And there's no more time to wait.

So make the Light of the world known
To those in the darkness of sin.
Don't wait until tomorrow,
For now is the time to begin.

As we have therefore
opportunity, let us **do good**
to all *men*, especially to
them who are of the
household of faith.
Galatians 6:10

WE ARE CALLED TO DO GOOD - ANYWAY!

- ◆ People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. Love them anyway.
- ◆ If you do good, you may be accused of selfish or ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
- ◆ If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
- ◆ Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
- ◆ The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
- ◆ The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women. Think big anyway.
- ◆ What you spend years building may be torn down overnight. Build anyway.
- ◆ People really need help but may attack you after you have helped them. Help them anyway.
- ◆ Give the world the best you have and you will get kicked in the teeth. Give your best anyway. - Copied.

LET'S HAVE SOME GOOD SENSE

Do you have as much sense as a goose? When you see geese heading south for the winter flying in a "V" formation, you might be interested to know that science has discovered why they fly that way. Research has revealed that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately behind it. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. (People who share a common direction and sense of community get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on one another's thrust.) Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone. It quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the other birds. (If we Christians had as much sense as a goose, we would stay in formation for our own benefit as well as for others of our flock.) The reason the geese honk is to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we start honking, is it to encourage or discourage? Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gun fire and falls out, two other geese fall out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the goose until it is either able to fly again or is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group. Many Christians don't have the sense of a goose! If God's people had any brains, we'd stick together and help ourselves and the Church. -Adapted

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HELL: IS IT A REAL PLACE?

When I was growing up (1930's), though I knew nothing of the Bible, I believed in a real, fiery Hell! Most people did! Not today: Billy Graham, the Pope and hosts of other religious leaders have told us that Hell is a state of mind, a condition, not a real place. Let's face it, most people would be a lot more comfortable if they could just be sure Hell was not real. But what did Jesus say? He told us of a man who said, "**I am tormented in this flame.**" ~*Luke 16:24*. It's in the Old Testament: "**The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.**" Psalm 19:7 (Beware America). It is in the New Testament: "**But the fearful, and unbelieving...shall have their part in the lake of fire...**" Rev.21:8. The Lake of Fire is another fire into which Hell is cast! The Bible speaks of Hell and the Lake of Fire 100's of times as real places of torment forever. Scripture is very clear - regardless of what men want to believe - Hell is a real place of fire and torment! The fires of Hell are eternal - "**Where their worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched.**" Mark 9:47. You can believe man or you can believe God! Do you think God is kidding? Is He just trying to scare you? Do you think you will escape apart from obeying God? You may argue with God. You may take your chances. A far safer course would be to read the Bible asking God to show you the truth. God says, "**Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.**" "**Christ died for our sins.**" "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"