



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 be 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."** ~Psalm 66:18.

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? **"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."** ~II Chronicles 7:14

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THOSE DANGEROUS FUNDAMENTALISTS.

Several years ago the following appeared in the *Evangelical Methodist*: "Clergy and world-renowned authors, theologians, scientists, artists and spiritual leaders" met at an international theological conference "to dismantle what they define as religious weapons of mass destruction," The group places "any individual or belief system that proclaims an exclusive path to God" as a weapon of mass destruction. They claim that fundamental Christians are "spiritually violent oppressors who stand in the way of world peace and religious unity if we believe there is but one Savior and one way to Heaven." -Copied

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WHAT MADE BOOTH A SALVATIONIST? Many Christians say with their lips they believe in a day of judgment, but are as silent as the Sphinx when it comes to warning others of the wrath to come, What made Wm. Booth a flaming evangelist was the indicting, taunting statement of an atheist lecturer who said, "If I believed what you Christians say they believe with reference of the coming judgment and day of reckoning with the resultant lostness of the impenitent Christ-rejecters, then I would crawl on my bare knees on crushed glass all over London, night and day telling men and women to flee the wrath to come." If there is one thing every Christian should do it is to get the Gospel to as many sinners as possible. There is no greater need and yet many believers do not earnestly seek to win the lost. "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." ~Acts 1:8.

D.L. MOODY ON MOSES. "Moses spent forty years thinking that he was somebody; then he spent forty years on the back side of the desert realizing he was nobody, finally he spent the last forty years of his life learning what God can do with a nobody. " Want to be used of God? Be a nobody!

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

"Don't approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear, or a fool from any side." -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

"Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?"

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORDAINS LESBIAN COUPLE.

Days after America's largest Presbyterian denomination approved an amendment to its constitution changing its definition of marriage to include same-sex couples, a lesbian couple will be ordained as ministers Sunday at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Kaci Clark-Porter and Holly, who married three years ago, will be the first-ever same-sex couple to be jointly ordained, according to USA Today, which says the denomination couldn't point to other examples. Last year, Presbyterian Church (USA) approved a vote on an amendment to change their official definition of marriage from "a man and a woman" to "two people, traditionally a man and a woman." And on Tuesday, the proposed change to PCUSA's Book of Order got the necessary number of presbytery votes. The ordination service will be held Sunday afternoon... -*Christian Post* (3/24/15)

BILL GATES SAYS WORLD WOULD BE BETTER WITH ONE WORLD GOV'T.

In an interview with the German publication *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, Bill Gates made some disturbing comments in favor of world government. Not only did Gates advocate global government, he spoke favorably of the UN and NATO completely overlooking that they are a major force of oppression in the world. NATO can't even hold a meeting without thousands of people gathering in the streets to protest their actions. During the interview Gates said, "Take the UN, it has been specifically created for the security of the world. We are ready for war because we have taken every precaution. We have NATO, we have divisions, jeeps...trained people. If there were such a thing as world government we would be better prepared." Not long ago, we thought this subject was a total conspiracy theory, but now one of the richest people in the world is openly suggesting that this is a good idea...When a government rules the world there is no telling what kind of atrocities it will be capable of. -TBC (4/15/15). Ed. Bill Gates doesn't have a clue. God's Word says there is a world coming and it will be the worst ever. Thank God there is a wonderful one world government coming when Jesus Christ comes to reign. You'll have to be born again to see it. **"Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."** John 3:3. Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior? If not, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~*Acts 16:31*. Don't put it off! No man knoweth the day nor the hour. When He comes, it will be too late!

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DENIES EXISTENCE OF GOD.

Presbyterian minister declares that he doesn't believe in God, who he says is a figment of one's imagination. John Shuck — who many question why he's a minister in the first place — says God isn't supernatural. "God is a human product as opposed to special revelation from a divine being," the PC (USA) minister wrote on an atheist blog called "The Friendly Atheist's Blog." The headline of his post reads, "I'm a Presbyterian Minister Who Doesn't Believe in God," where he calls himself a "proud minister" of the church. Even though Shuck says he doesn't appreciate "being told I'm not truly a Christian," his heretical statements make such a statement ironic in the eyes of most denominational and non-denominational churches alike. "God is a symbol of myth-making and not credible as a supernatural being or force," Shuck alleges. "Jesus may have been an historical figure, but most of what we know about him is in the form of legend."

Rewriting the Good Book

According to Shuck's statements, he has rewritten the book on Christianity, insisting that belief in Jesus Christ as one's savior and asking God's forgiveness for one's sins are mere technicalities that can be overlooked or worked past. "I believe one of the newer religious paths could be a 'belief-less' Christianity," Shuck expressed. "In this 'sect,' one is not required to believe things." The atheist "minister" declares that in his sect of Christianity, societal mores and conventions trump God's written Word in the Bible — and that heaven and hell are mere figments of one's imagination. "One learns and draws upon practices and products of our cultural tradition to create meaning in the present," Shuck explains, clarifying his new philosophical worldview. "Human consciousness is the result of natural selection, so there's no afterlife." After establishing the tenets of his new atheistic beliefs, Shuck goes on to attack traditional Bible-believing Christians, implying that born-again believers have it all wrong and are antiquated in their belief system. He says Christians on the Left, who discount the Bible and buy into the latest cultural conventions, have graduated to some kind of a higher understanding of the world. *News With Views* (4/24/15) Ed. One wonders what the Presbyterians are up to. Are they trying to be the most apostate "church" in the world? (Note previous article also). An atheist minister? God, Yes, there is a God, said, **"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."** Psalm 14:1 and 53:1. One wonders why the leadership of the Presbyterian church would allow such foolishness.

WHAT GOD IS LOOKING FOR

Some years ago, a young man went to Mr. Ridgeway, a business acquaintance, looking for a job. However, the business man said that they had no openings, but that he would recommend him to a friend. The friend had said to the other that he was having difficulty getting a young man who would do just what he told him to do. So, Mr. Ridgeway said, "When you apply for the job, tell him I sent you, and you do whatever he tells you to do. Don't put up any argument but jump into the Brandywine (creek, stream) if he tells you to." He took the advice and later when Mr. Ridgeway saw the other business man, the man said, "Bill, I have got a fellow at last who will do whatever I tell him to do." The young man advanced with the company and went on to do very well for himself in the business world. My friend, that is exactly what God is looking for: individuals who will just do what He tells them to do. It is said of Noah, "**Thus did Noah; according to ALL that God commanded him, so did he.**" ~Genesis 6:22. The same was true of Moses, Joshua and others. However, I am afraid God too has a problem finding believers like that. Many will obey some of the Word but not all of it. Others will obey most of it, but they cut corners here and there. Remember: "**It is the little foxes that spoil the vine.**" As I have often said, there are no short cuts to spirituality! If you want to be used of God you are going to have to be *fully surrendered*. *God is looking for some Christians who will do whatever He tells them!* Will you be one?

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THE BIBLE STILL GOES ON

It seems to me that atheism is getting more of a hearing these days than in recent years. I am reminded of Voltaire, one of the most noted atheists who ever lived. Over two hundred years ago he said, "Within 100 years the Bible and all Christianity will be forgotten." Well, very rarely does one see Voltaire's name these days, but the Bible is everywhere. When I was in Europe about 40 years ago, among other places, I visited Voltaire's old house. Do you know what they were doing there? A Bible Society had bought it and at that time had been printing Bibles for close to one hundred years. So much for Voltaire and other atheists. Incidentally, when he was dying, Voltaire offered his doctor half of all he had if the doctor could give him six more months to live. The nurse who attended him in his last illness said that she never wanted to see another atheist die. Yes, Voltaire, Robert Ingersoll and others like them are gone, but the Word of God still goes on! Jesus said, "**Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**" ~Luke 21:33. Oh, by the way, I read a couple of years ago that a complete set of Voltaire's works, 92 volumes, were auctioned off. They were purchased for the grand sum of \$2.00. Yes, that's right, 92 books for just \$2.00! And that will be the end of such atheistic boasters as Richard Dawkins, etc. God's Word has His guarantee: "**The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**" ~Psalm 12:6,7.