

God Loves You

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life

He gave the life of His one and only Son. He is "*the God of love*" (2 Cor. 13:11) whose love for us is "*an everlasting love*" (Jer. 31:3). He loves us freely (Hos. 14:4) and lavishes His great love on us (1 John 3:1). He is the source of love (1 John 4:7) and we are able to love "*because He first loved us*" (1 John 4:19).

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). On the Cross He gave the greatest and most costly gift His precious Son. What a glorious truth: Jesus Christ died for us!

GOD'S LOVE IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE

As a child of God, dearly loved by your Heavenly Father, draw near to Him, and because of God's love towards you, you have every reason to be filled with hope, to feel secure, to expect His help and blessings, to enjoy salvation and abundant life, to live a life of love, to become more like Him, to live a life of victory over sin and evil, to enjoy His Presence and to be filled with joy and encouragement.

Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:5)

In adoring love, the soul basks in His light, smiles at His favor, sweetly trembles at His majesty, is charmed with His beauty, drinks in His sweetness, and finds no words adequate for praise, but just to look and wonder and hold its breath and admire and love and love and wish for ten thousand hearts to love Him more and more..

We Need the Fire of a Genuine Revival to love Him more and more

How does such a revival come into our hearts?

God is looking for such men and women today through whom He can work wonders, move mountains and do exploits. Are you ready to present your bodies as a living sacrifice unto Christ (Rom. 12:1). The dynamic power of God can pour through our lives if we surrender our all to Him to bless a needy world.

Revival brings such a visitation in our lives

Oh! Christian believer, we must get out of our chairs and get on our knees before God. Revival has always been, and still remains, God's essential tool for moving the hearts of

men. Revival changes lives; it changes history. It is the *vision* without which *the people perish* (Proverbs 29:18).

Revival brings, first, a new love for God and people's hearts are purified, their consciences are cleared, and their innermost beings are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Be on your faces before God! Spend as much time as you must there. "*Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you*" (Hos. 10:12).

Revival through Repentance and Confession.

What we want these days is a true and deep revival in the church of God which comes by repentance and confession of sins.

The men who lived nearest to God and had most power with Him were those who confessed their sins and failures.

Daniel confessed his sins and those of his people.

Job was blameless and upright he feared God and shunned evil, yet he had to fall in the dust and confess his sins (Job 42:6).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

"He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

If this confession of sin is deep among believers, it will be so among the ungodly also. God looks at the thoughts. Are our thoughts pure? The church of God will have to confess her own sins, It is no longer a question of right or wrong. Is it Christ-like?

Christian life as an imitation of Christ **"For we are made partakers of Christ" (Heb. 3:14). "I am the Vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5).**

Revival through the message of the Cross

The power of God is in the message of the cross. In 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul writes: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us who are saved, it is the *dunamis* of God." It is the very power of God. I have watched something take place in this country and around the world over the past ten or fifteen years, and that is, we have ceased to believe that the power of God is in the preaching of the message of the cross. It is the cross that transforms lives. It is what Jesus Christ did on the cross that is the very power of God. When we

proclaim the message of what He did and how it affects the lives of men and women, it is the very power of God released.

The message of the cross is the message that is going to bring revival to our churches. Our churches are filled with sin and with self, and the cross deals with sin and with self. Our people need to fall in love with Jesus again--not the things of Jesus, not the power of Jesus, but with Jesus and what He did on the cross, understanding that my sin put Christ on the cross! Not Jews, not Romans, The message of the cross brings revival. The message of the cross sets the captive free. The message of the cross brings forgiveness. The message of the cross brings reconciliation. The message of the cross transforms lives. It is the power of God. Paul said, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

The power of God is in a life wholly yielded to the Holy Spirit

Might we come to the cross. Might the Lord break us, bend us and strip us. Might everything that is of the self life be exposed by the light of the cross.

***Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow?***

***Cry out to Jesus!!!
"Wash me by the blood of the Lamb and I shall be whiter than snow"***

The Holy Bible and Meditation of His Holy Word

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me" (Psalm 119:133). Holy God, I want to obey Your Word, so would You cause Your Word to be a light to my feet and a light for my path as I walk through each day?

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers" (Psalm 1:1-3).

"It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

"Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow" (Isaiah 55:11-13).

God's Word entering our hearts, occupying our minds, and replacing our ways and our thoughts with God's ways and God's thoughts. God's Word brings His ways and thoughts down to our hearts and lives. As our minds are filled with the Word of God, we begin to think the thoughts of God. Our whole thought life is completely changed.

"It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

God's clear call to the Church is to be doers of His Word. To follow the LORD and keep His commands. The Word of God has power to take impurity out of the heart.

"Is not My Word like as a fire? and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23:29).

In Psalm 119:11 we read: "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." The man who feeds daily on the Word of God will have the strength to resist the temptations of the devil. Any day we neglect to feed on the Word of God, we leave an open door through which Satan is sure to enter into our hearts and lives. We should practice of meditating on God's Word day and night. Meditating on God's Word is learning to think God's thoughts by receiving His Word into our hearts and minds.

We must feed constantly upon the Word of God. "the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16-18).

A victorious life with the power of the Holy Spirit

The message and challenge of revival which is coming is to have victorious relationship with God and his being filled with the Holy Spirit. We are to be over comers – more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37. Let us be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. As we have received of the Lord Jesus, we ought to walk and please God.

"Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).

"Let the children first be filled" (Mark 7:27). We should be filled with the Holy Spirit all the time. It is a command of God's Word (Eph. 5:18).

The price we must pay individually for revival is BROKENNESS!... "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word" (Isaiah 66:2). "For thus says the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15)

"A Gracious Manifestation of God's Glory and His presence

Revival is literally "GOD in the midst of His people." His manifest presence produces all that is desirable in revival. Revival is a time when heaven comes closer to earth than at any other time in the lives of men and women. The concept of "Glory in the Church" beautifully portrays the manifest presence of Christ among His people in revival.

In Exodus 33, verses 13-17 "The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'" Then Moses said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" The Lord replied, "I will do the very thing *you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.*"

When the Church today grabs hold to stay with the Presence of God. to make everyone aware of His Presence we will see revival.

"The Baptism of Fire," "Fire from Heaven," "Fire on the Earth," and "Flames of Fire." Persons touched by revival have been spoken of as "Ablaze for God," and in reporting the coming of Christ His mighty Presence among His people. Clearly, the purging that occurs during seasons of

revival is most excellently represented by this term fire and His holy Presence. Do you have an increased hunger for His Presence in your personal life, your family, and your church? Humility and uncommon zeal characterize people of the Presence of God. In the Presence, many call on the name of Jesus and are saved and the powers of darkness are forced to retreat.

God's Power and purity is displayed.

A wayward church is a powerless church. Paul informed Timothy that some in his day were with "a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5). A season of revival is a time when power is gloriously renewed. We need not be surprised then that such seasons have been described as "Power from on High," and "Miraculous Power in the Church."

A revived church is a pure church. The unrevived church is a powerless church. "In the unrevived state of the church, saints go racing to find sinners. But in the revived state of the church, sinners will come racing to find the Savior.

"When the agony of conviction, the awful sense of being abandoned, the grief and terror of sin are replaced with the blessed peace of forgiveness it is hard to find a worthy way of expressing it. Jesus warned of three primary hindrances to the Gospel taking root and being successful in thorny ground of lives: "The cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things" (Mark 4:19).

Latter Rain Outpouring.

The days preceding revival are often pictured as dry and parched. God Himself speaks of withholding the rain (Amos 4:7) and sending the drought to a stiff-necked people who have turned away from Him (Hag. 1:11). Thus, expressions suggesting rain are very popular during seasons of revival. Think of the lovely prospect of "Heavenly Showers." It's not the concepts of "Mercy Drops" but with "Showers of Blessing."

What could be more delightful than the outlook of "Rain from Heaven"? Especially meaningful is Joel's term, "The Latter Rain" (Joel 2:23). Having passed through the most wretched plague of locusts accompanied by a terrible drought, the prospect of God Himself advancing the rainy season so that the crops are plentiful enough to make up for the years the locusts have eaten is lovely indeed.

Revival Church is a High Way of Holiness

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away" (Isaiah 35).

The present-day secret sins of Christians will be brought into the open in revival, or at least into the mind of the Christian, and there will be no peace until all is confessed and put right.

Revival is always a revival of holiness. It begins with a terrible conviction of sin. It is often the form that this conviction of sin takes that troubles those who read of revival.

His Second Coming

Jesus Says, "Behold, I Come Quickly!"

"Take ye heed, watch and pray...lest coming suddenly He finds you sleeping. What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!" (Mark 13:33,36,37).

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom...

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him" (Matt. 25:1,6).

Keep *"looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ"* (Titus 2:13).

... *"Abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming"* (1 John 2:28). *"This same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11); *"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God"* (1 Thessalonians 4:16); *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh"* (Matthew 24:44).

A Glorious Eternity Awaits Us!

"Behold, I am coming soon!" (Rev. 22:12).

Jesus is Coming Again!

Are You Ready?

"...look for Him" (Heb. 9:28)

"This same Jesus...shall so come..." (Acts 1:11).

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

AMEN!

