

Revival

Heaven's Viewpoint

Thus Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; **if my people, who 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.** Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place.

II Chronicles 7:11-15 (ASV)

Revival

- Man's viewpoint
 - Man-centered
- God's viewpoint
 - God's desire
 - God's design
 - God's demand
 - God's delight

God's
Desire
“...if my
people
...then”

- God is waiting, willing, and longing to send a new spirit
 - II Peter 3:9
- Revival is not a miracle – rather God's promised response to conditions met
 - God will impose revival against our will

God's Design “...if **my** people...”

- God's problem today is not with the lost but with **His people**
 - **History teaches us that restoration begins when God's own people become convicted of their neglect and wish for fresh eyes**
 - Our culture is indeed godless, and our moral fabric is destroyed.
- God wants to **begin with christians**

“And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.”

Matthew 7:3-5 (ASV)

God's Demand

“...humble yourselves, and pray,
and seek my face, and turn
from their wicked ways”

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Hast thou found honey? eat so much as
is sufficient for thee, Lest thou be filled
therewith, and vomit it.

Proverbs 25:16 (ASV)

It is not good to eat much honey: So *for
men to search out their own glory is
grievous.*

Proverbs 25:27 (ASV)

“...humble
yourselves,
and **pray**,
and seek
my face,
and turn
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wicked
ways”

- Many christians never “**wrestle**”

“For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against the powers,
against the world-rulers of this darkness, against
the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the
heavenly *places*.”

Ephesians 6:12

- Pray like **believers** did, Acts 4:23-31

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and pray,
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my face,
and turn
from their
wicked
ways”

“You will seek Me and find Me, when
you search for Me with all your
heart”

Jeremiah 29:13

- Too much seeking something from
Him – not enough seeking His face

“...humble
yourselves,
and pray,
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my face,
and **turn
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wicked
ways**”

- Sin that is unfaced, unconfessed, and therefore unforgiven is the great obstacle to revival

“He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

- It is not enough to be sorry and to confess – we must **forsake (turn from) our transgressions (evil ways)**

God's Delight

“... then will I **hear** from
heaven, and will **forgive** their
sin, and will **heal** their
land...”