



The Need of this Hour

Let's read Psalm 85:1-7 and Revelation 3:15-17.

The general state of the church in this generation is that of deadness and confusion. Lukewarmness is the outstanding trait from coast to coast, and border to border.

The Apostle Paul properly describes it in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

[1] This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

[2] For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

[3] Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

[4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

[5] Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

Paul points out to us that we have **many problems**, but we deny the very power that can lift us up out of having a form only. We like the faith, we love the feel-good blessings, but we are not very interested in coming out from the world, and the worldliness with which it renders us helpless to live a holy, separated life.

Let us remind ourselves that while there can be such a thing as a **carnal** Christian, it is impossible to be a **worldly** Christian. The two are diametrically opposed to each other.

[14] Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

[15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

[16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

[17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

[18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 7:1

[15] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

[16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

[17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. **1 John 2:15-17**

So now, we need to ask ourselves the question, do we really want revival? Revival will not come to us accidentally. Neither will God force it on us.

Let's look at three things that happen when revival comes.

1. A whole family, community, or nation can become spiritually awakened and morally transformed.
2. Even though the revival may last only a day or two, God is so powerfully present that more spiritual transformation can take place than in years of ordinary Christian living.
3. Revival can, should and will change the spiritual, moral, and even physical condition of those impacted and affected.

Now, let's look at what the lack of revival can do.

1. Without Revival, our land will continue to slide toward a state that would be very much like Sodom and Gomorrah.
2. Without Revival, the church will continue to move toward a state of anarchy and corruption such as was recorded in the days of the Judges of Israel.

And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel. **Judges 2:7**

In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6

3. Without Revival, the church, the ministry, and the people become corrupt.
4. Without Revival, a floodtide of evil can overwhelm the church.

[11] And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

[12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

[13] But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:11-13

Where and how is iniquity abounding today?

1. In the world
2. In the church
3. Through television
4. Through the internet (pornography and chat rooms)
5. Through Satanic organizations
6. Through world governments controlled by Satan.

And because Christians live in the world, iniquity is rapidly spilling into the church.

Tares outnumber the wheat in many churches. Revival is the need of the church in our time.

Do you sense a need of personal revival? Will you prepare yourself for Revival?