

REVIVAL

Praying It Down and Working It Out

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

A **revived** church is a **militant** church, always on the offensive, against sin and Satan; and all their allies.

Who is responsible for revival—God or man?

When God gives revival, when revival comes, it is in answer to prayer, either of an **individual** or a **group of individuals**. There is no true revival which was not preceded by mighty praying.

However, we cannot pray for too long for revival before the **Holy Spirit** will call **us** to the responsibility for revival. Our **first** responsibility is the purging of our own hearts and lives. The **second** responsibility is calling others to do the same. Sin must be **confessed and put away**.

The altar of the Lord must be rebuilt. Concern with only that which appears on the surface must be eliminated. Revival goes deep as we wait upon the Lord.

Revival comes when a **person, group, or church**, pray **desperately**, with deep devotion and a close walk with Him, wanting Him to move in their hearts and lives.

Jesus gives us the pattern of prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. For our prayer to precipitate revival, it must be scriptural. We must have prayer to begin and maintain a healthy relationship with God. We need to have a **place** and **time** when we **meet** with God, not impressing anyone but just being in His presence.

Prayer that brings down revival must have the principles of **thanksgiving** and **worship** (verse 9), intercession (verse 10), supplication (verse 11), forgiveness (verses 12, 14, 15), divine guidance and deliverance (verse 13).

The purpose of prayer that brings revival is God's glory.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. **Revelation 4:11**

Revival is the manifestation of God's glory among His people. We must pray down revival (Acts 1:12-14, 4:29-32).

We need to immerse ourselves, our communities, cities, nation and world in an ocean of intercession and prayer. We **must** pray down a soul saving revival.

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. **2 Chronicles 7:14**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. **James 5:16**

In addition to prayer, we must take practical steps for God to visit us with revival. Consider the Apostles and their preparation for revival in Acts 1:14-2:1.

1. We must be honest with God and honest with ourselves as we pray. (Isaiah 6:5)
2. We must humble ourselves, recognizing that outside of Christ we have absolutely no hope of satisfying God. (Romans 1:18, I John 1:7)
3. All sin must be admitted and confessed. God does not accept partial confession. Note also that the passage of time does not erase sin. (1John 1:8-10)
4. There must be full restitution of goods stolen; or materials defrauded, or somebody's reputation we damaged. (Exodus 22:1 -13; Romans 13:8; Ephesians 4:28)
5. Wrongs must be made right. This includes lies, deceit, immorality, ruining another's reputation, cheating, etc. (James 5:16)
6. Full obedience, unconditionally to the voice of the Holy Spirit must become the rule of our lives. (Acts 5:29-32)
7. We must be immersed in God's Word, daily reading it that God may reveal Himself to us. (Acts 8:21 -31)
8. We must forgive completely, putting away all grudges and bitterness. (Hebrews 12:14, 15; James 3:14-16)
9. We must pray with faith for revival (Acts 6:4; Hebrews 11:6)

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13