



A WHISPER REVIVAL

Our Only Option

TOO LATE FOR AMERICA

There will be no revival for America. Anyone telling you that America will experience revival, declares a false prophecy. There are two reasons for this.

1. Point of No Return

The sin of the American church is so great that God could not find enough individuals to work revival. No amount of prayer will bring a large scale revival. In fact, it is a sin to pray for America's blessing. Such prayers are not the will of God and do not flow from the Holy Spirit.

So the Lord said to me, "Do not pray for the welfare of this people. "When they fast, I am not going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to make an end of them by the sword, famine and pestilence." (Jeremiah 14:11–12)

2. This Time Era

The time period we live in does not allow for the kind of revival we expect. We will look at this in greater depth, but the birth pangs are coming closer together and every true Christian should sense and understand the meaning of this.

But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. (Matthew 24:8)

HYPOCRITES

"You hypocrites!" Jesus exclaimed because the people did not understand the time in which they lived. God uniquely designed every generation before the world began. Each time period in history poses its

own problems and holds its own promises. God did this so that each generation will cry out to Him rather than make the repeat of history their idol (Ecclesiastes 7:10). Indeed, as you read the New Testament, notice how Jesus healed the same illnesses but used different methods. God works differently in each generation so we will look to Him.

So too, we must understand the time period in which we live so that we are not taken in by false doctrine. We must understand God's last call to revival before all of hell breaks loose.

And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way. You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?" (Luke 12:54–56)

We cannot gain the blessing of revival unless we realize how Jesus wants to come to each of us. Failure to realize what will bring us peace today ensures the destruction of our religious world. Our Jerusalem will be torn down brick by brick.

When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because

you did not recognize the time of your visitation." (Luke 19:41–44)

THE WHISPER REVIVAL

If you want revival, true revival in your life, there is hope. A whisper revival is possible. You will have to become very quiet to experience and hold onto it. If you want the Holy Spirit to work this revival in you, then quietly surrender all to God in simple humility. You must not look for revival in large groups, but in each individual. And you must know the one thing to look for that shows true revival.

True revival will not be advertised, promoted, or shouted. It will not come with or because of grand works, loud prayers, and zealous applications of rules and principles. The very minute you do that, the Holy Spirit will stop the work. God wants to lead us to the "quiet waters." Don't fight the Lord as He tries to lead you to the "quiet waters" where you might honestly find revival.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters . . .
(Psalm 23:2)

A quiet revival shatters, blesses, and changes one's whole life, but it begins and ends with a whisper. The whisper will totally lay bare all of your church worship, your good deeds, and Christian walk. This same kind of revival took place in the book of Kings. Though you think yourself an Elijah, you too will hide your face. Even if your ministry is known as one of those tough talking ministries, you will discover you have left out the nails that come with the cross. For after the "fire" of Pentecost,

at the start of the new church, comes the “gentle whisper.”

The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19:11–13)

For too long the church has deluded itself into thinking it stands on holy ground. Everything around us is so wicked. Therefore it is easy to look holy in Sodom or compared to Jezebel appear pure.

Like Elijah, people in the church look for God in earthquakes, fire, wind, and the shattering of rocks. They believe themselves to be the only ones not defiled, because they cannot see the hidden servants of God. Like Elijah, they stay too busy looking at the loud and flashy things in the church to notice the 7,000 that have not bowed the knee to self. Like Elijah, they feel so correct, so on fire in the Lord, that they do not realize they stand where they should not be. They are blind to the fact that they too have fallen prey to the loud works and strivings of the flesh. Like Elijah, God asks the church how it arrived



where it is at today. In other words, “What are you doing here. . . ?”

If you want your eyes opened to see those hidden in God, then you must listen for the whisper of God. If you want to fellowship with true followers of God in our time, then you must sit down and become quiet with them as they worship the Lord, for whisper revival brings quiet and sober worship. Again, the times in which we live do not permit God to bring any other kind of revival.

OUR TIME PERIOD

It takes wisdom to understand the making of a whisper revival—wisdom about the times we live in. We must become men who know “what Israel should do” from understanding “the times” in which we live.

. . . men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; . . . (1 Chronicles 12:32)

We cannot change the times we live in, but we can understand them by God’s grace. We cannot force God to do anything, but we can understand what He will do in our time.

So many people want revival and seek, with great zeal, to achieve it. The hunger for revival is so great that men will claim anything as revival. Year after year something new comes along that the church places the stamp of revival on. Churches use the term revival to increase attendance, and ministries use it to promote

their agendas. Indeed, the great contest between men today is who can top the other “Christian” with tales of victory and miracles. After all, when was the last time you heard someone share how the cross humbled him and took more of his life away? We are bored with stories of escapes in a basket (2 Corinthians 11:33).

Everywhere today men talk and hope for revival but refuse the only kind of revival that God offers in our time. How few people understood what Israel should do in order to receive revival and overcome sin. God warned us false revivals would take place in the last days (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

NOT POSSIBLE

We must come to understand that, because of the times we live in, a large scale, emotionally charged revival is not possible. We live in the last days when the love of most will grow cold. We live on the verge of total world breakdown and the coming of the anti-Christ, and so the kind of revival that men look for cannot happen. Wickedness has increased in the church to such a degree that a fiery, wind-like, earth shattering revival is not in God’s will. Just look at the fruit of all the fiery “revivals” and self-promoted statements of “revival” with God’s eyes and you will understand why.

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Matthew 24:12–13)

Indeed, God is about to let Satan loose on earth to break the church’s power (Daniel 12:7). Therefore, the style of revival everyone looks for is just not in God’s plan

and the wise will understand. If you understand the times in which we live, then you know that we cannot claim the following Scripture.

. . . if my people, who are called by my name, will 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)

If you hear any ministry, preacher, or book claim this promise, then you know they do not speak by the power of the Holy Spirit. They prophesy their own desires, not God’s will and plan. Indeed, they are unwise and have no clue about the times in which we live. For such a revival of the people and the land is not possible until Jesus returns.

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