



Preparing for Declaration

Philemon 1:6

We must acknowledge, recognize as truth, every good thing we have in Christ. Our fellowship with one another is made effective, fruitful and productive when we look at what we have in Christ.

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The Pursuit of Revival

Part 5 in the series on Revivals, Visitations and Moves of God

This entire series will become available in print form shortly.

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

A revival is a sovereign work of God and we cannot manufacture it. What we can do is to prepare and pray for revival. This is what we wish to impress on our hearts.

We wish to focus on two important aspects of pursuing revival:

A, having the right heart condition

B, praying for revival

Heart Condition For Revival Praying

REFORMATION prepares the way for REVIVAL. REVIVAL results in the RESTORATION of the Church and spurs MISSIONS and CHURCH GROWTH. Reformation is aligning to truth and removing what is wrong. Revival begins with personal reformation. Revival begins with me. We need to ask God to create in us a heart that is needed to pray for revival and pursue Him for a great outpouring of His Spirit

#1, A heart that is repentant, humble, dependant

2 Chronicles 7:14 repentance, cleansing from sin, humility, seek Him, pray.

Matthew 5: 1-13 Nine blessed heart attitudes Jesus calls us to walk in.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



#2, A heart that is desperate, longing, full of 'hunger and thirst'

Matthew 5:6

Hosea 6:1-3

1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

#3, A heart that is sincere, earnest

James 5:16-18

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

#4, A heart that is fervent, passionate, consumed

A heart that is on fire, burning with passion, zeal and completely gripped with a passion for revival.

#5, A heart that is persistent, consistent

Luke 18:1-8

A heart that remains consistent in its request, unwilling to let go until the answer has been received.

#6, A heart that mourns, labors and travails

Galatians 4:13

A heart that feel the pain, agony and anguish of sin, weakness, powerlessness in the church and also the hopelessness of those who are lost.

What To Pray For When Praying For Revival

#1, Prayers of repentance and consecration

We repent of personal sin as well as for the sins of the church and the community we are praying for. We consecrate our lives to the Lord.



#2, Prayers of yielding and surrender

We pray yielding and surrendering ourselves, our lives to the Lord. We empty ourselves, let go of our personal agendas and make ourselves available to the Lord.

#3, Prayers for more of God

These are prayers where we express our personal hunger and longing for more of God. We desire to know and experience God more than ever before.

#4, Prayers for greater outpouring of the Spirit

God has promised to pour out His Spirit on all in the last days, according to Acts 2:17-18. He has told us to ask for 'rain' in the time of the latter rain (Zechariah 10:1). So we pray and ask God to pour out His Spirit in an ever increasing measure. We need more of the latter rain.

#5, Prayers for the glory of God to fill the house of God

God desires for His House to be filled with His glory. God desires for His glory to be seen upon His people. We pray in line with His desire for more of the glory of God to be seen upon His people.

#6, Prayers for the manifestations of God's power for Jesus to be glorified

Just as the disciples prayed in Acts 4:29-31, we also pray and ask the Lord to do mighty signs and wonders.

Isaiah's prayer in Isaiah 64 has been often used when praying for revival:

Isaiah 64:1-3

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—

2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence.

#7, Prayers for the salvation of the lost

We cry out to God for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among our community bringing conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11) so that souls can be saved and brought into the Kingdom.

#8, Prayers for the transformation of the community

Pray for God's Kingdom to be released in our community. Similar to what Isaiah described, *"With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will*



seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9)

#9, Exercising Kingdom authority and dominion

Matthew 16:18-19

Declare the advancement of the Kingdom of God over the works of darkness, calling people into God's marvelous light.

We Can All Engage In Our Pursuit For Revival

We realize that each of us may respond differently to this call to pursue revival. Some of us are ready - completely sold out to praying for revival and seeing revival in our day and time. Some of us may not be familiar with this and may be a little apprehensive. Sometimes we can feel overwhelmed by this challenge, thinking we are not ready to enter into such a call.

But each of us can start where we are.

Ask God to create to create the right heart condition in you. Ask the Lord to increase what He has already started doing in your heart in developing the necessary heart condition for revival praying.

Get together with one or more people and start praying simple prayers for revival. We can ignite each other's heart into greater passion when we pray together. Hence we need to step into fellowship with other believers and engage together in our pursuit for revival.

Remember what Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 teaches us: *"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

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