

# THE FRUIT OF REVIVAL

## How to Judge a True Revival

### 1. OUR DESIRE FOR REVIVAL.

#### 1. *We are praying and believing God for revival, and we need to prepare ourselves for it.*

1. Recognize it when it comes.
2. Welcome it when it comes.
3. Know the difference between true revival and a distraction.
  1. There can be either a counterfeit, which is revealed in contrast to the true. (If there is a counterfeit, you can rest assured there is a real; otherwise it wouldn't be counterfeit).
  2. Sometimes a true revival can carry a certain amount of carry-along baggage.

#### 2. *The greatest task is to recognize the difference between a genuine move of God and a display of fanaticism or emotionalism.*

1. There is a difference between the manifestation of the power and glory of God and emotionalism.
  1. Revivals are emotional; no doubt about it. But more importantly, revivals are motivated and engendered by the Holy Spirit.
  2. Fanaticism is when emotions take control.
    - (1) not getting too much of God.
    - (2) not being too committed to God.
2. God does nothing without purpose, and He will reveal His purpose if we desire to know.

### 2. REVIVAL COMES BY THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

1. *You can't make it happen, neither would you want to make it happen.*
2. *If you made it happen, it would be by your power and design and wouldn't accomplish what needs to be accomplished.*

1. A true revival comes by the Spirit of the Lord, not by man's hand.
2. If it came by man, man could will revival at any time, any place.
3. Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord.

### 3. REVIVAL COMES AS THE RESULT OF CERTAIN EFFORTS ON MAN'S PART.

#### 1. *Revival comes when people hunger for God.*

1. Comes on the heels of a dry spell; after an empty, void place.
  1. Comes after a time of seemingly separation from the power of His presence.
  2. It's coming out of a desert into a well-watered oasis.
2. Comes when you hunger because there has been little or no manifestation of the power and glory of God. He that hungers and thirsts for righteousness shall be filled.

#### 2. *Revival comes when people begin to pray; when people begin to turn to God.*

1. If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways.
  2. Then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land.
  3. ***There are different levels of revival.***
    1. I believe the church is experiencing revival now.
    2. Yet there is a longing for a greater revelation of Jesus and His glory.
    3. There is yet to be an outpouring of God's Spirit upon this earth unparalleled in history.
4. WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM AN OUTPOURING FROM GOD?
1. ***The intent of the church should be two-fold.***
    1. Ministry to the saints.
    2. Ministry to the sinners.
  2. ***Purpose of revivals, awakenings, renewals should accommodate these ministries.***
  3. ***Revival for the church is designed to:***
    1. Prepare the church for the coming of the Lord and His kingdom.
      1. The church must make herself ready.
      2. Jesus coming to receive unto Himself a church without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing.
    2. Prepare the church for the coming harvest.
    3. Mature the body of Christ.
      1. The purpose of the former rain.
      2. The purpose of the latter rain.
    4. Refresh the body of Christ.
      1. Times of refreshing.
      2. Times of excitement and enthusiasm.
      3. Times of great joy.
        - (1) at completion of temple.
        - (2) after Philip's revival in Samaria.
        - (3) after the day of Pentecost even through persecution.
        - (4) great joy can be a fruit of true revival.
    5. Revival can be a time of great miracles and healings, but revival should not be just for a demonstration of healings, etc.
      1. These should always occur in the congregation of the believers.
      2. Lack of healings and miracles indicate a lack of faith in God's Word.
  4. ***Revival for the sinners.***
    1. Usually something has to happen to get the sinner's attention.
      1. One of purposes of signs and wonders. Miracles more for believers.
      2. The demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit will draw sinners to salvation.

2. A true revival will result in the conviction of sinners.
3. A true revival will result in a great harvest of souls, which should rejoice the hearts of the believers.

5. THE FRUIT OF REVIVAL (YOU JUDGE ANYTHING BY ITS FRUIT).

1. ***Any manifestation of a true revival should be scriptural.***
2. ***A true revival will bring about change; change which can only come from God; God doing what no one else can do.***
  1. A change in the saints; a change in the sinners.
  2. A change in our individual lives; a change in our families.
  3. A change in our church; a change in our community
3. ***A true revival will perform a deep work of the Holy Spirit.***
  1. Performing an inner work in the inner man.
  2. Will bring a spirit of conviction.
    1. Revealing areas in our life which are not pleasing to God.
    2. Search me and know my thoughts, O God. Try me and see if there be any wicked way in me.
  3. Will manifest a spirit of repentance.
  4. Will manifest a spirit of humility, recognizing it is God; not giving any man credit.
4. ***A deeper love and fervency for the Lord.***
  1. A closer, more intimate relationship with the Lord.
  2. A deeper sense of His presence.
  3. A higher level of worship flowing forth out of the love of our heart.
5. ***A greater sense of commitment.***
  1. Commitment to the Lord himself.
    1. a greater yearning to do His will.
    2. a desire to go or to do what He desires.
    3. not my will but thy will be done.
  2. Commitment to his work.
    1. a greater love and commitment to His church.
    2. a greater desire to work for Him (we can just love Him, or we can serve Him).
    3. The eyes of the Lord roam to and fro to strengthen the hearts of those who are fully committed unto Him.
6. ***A greater love for your neighbor.***
  1. Different attitude in the way you relate to others.
    1. won't be quick to judge them.
    2. won't be so ready to condemn, criticize, nor to judge.
    3. a spirit of acceptance and forgiveness.
  2. Make you love everybody!
7. ***A greater sense of the holiness of God.***
  1. A true revival should lead to a deeper realization that God is holy and He

desires a holy people.

2. That awareness requires a keener sense of a lifestyle which is pleasing to God.

## 6. GOD'S CALL TO US.