

REVIVAL AND BEYOND

(Psa 85:6 KJV) Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? (Psa 85:7 KJV) Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. (Psa 85:8 KJV) I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. (Psa 85:9 KJV) Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. (Psa 85:10 KJV) Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Psa 85:11 KJV) Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. (Psa 85:12 KJV) Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. (Psa 85:13 KJV) Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

I. WHAT IS REVIVAL?

A. **Webster.**

1. A bringing or coming back into use, attention, or being, after a decline.
2. A restoration to vigor or activity.
3. A stirring up of religious faith among those who have been indifferent, usually by fervid evangelistic preaching at public meetings, characterized by public confession of sins, professions of renewed faith, etc.

B. **Vine's.** (Revive).

1. To flourish anew.
2. To live again, to regain life.
3. To spring back into activity.

C. **The Hebrew word for revive.** 2421. *chayah, khaw-yaw'*; a prim. root [comp. H2331, H2424]; to live whether lit. or fig.; causat, to revive:--keep (leave, make) alive, X certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (X God) save (alive, life, lives), X surely, be whole.

D. **To bring us back to the state where we once were.**

II. BEYOND REVIVAL--EMBRACING A MOVE OF GOD.

A. **We are moving from glory to glory; from faith to faith.**

1. (Rom 1:17 KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
2. (2 Cor 3:18 KJV) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

B. **We are pressing ever upward into new dimensions; higher heights.**

C. **There should be continuous spiritual growth.**

D. **We are being taken where we've never been before.**

1. A new thing. (Isa 43:19 KJV) Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.
2. Have not passed this way before. (Josh 3:4 KJV) Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. (Josh 3:5 KJV) And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

III. SOME SYNONYMS OF REVIVAL.

A. **Renew.** 2318. *chadash, khaw-dash'*; a prim. root; to be new; caus. to

rebuild:--renew, repair.

1. Renewed spirit. (Psa 51:10 KJV) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
2. Renewed strength. (Isa 40:31 KJV) But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
3. Renewed days. (Lam 5:21 KJV) Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.
4. Renewed mind. (Rom 12:2 KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
5. Renewed by the Holy Ghost. (Titus 3:5 KJV) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

B. *Return.*

1. (Isa 44:22 KJV) I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
2. (Mal 3:7 KJV) Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

C. *Stir up.*

1. (2 Tim 1:6 KJV) Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
2. (2 Pet 3:1 KJV) This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

D. *Restore.* 7725. shuwb, shoob; a prim. root; to turn back (hence, away) trans. or intrans., lit. or fig. (not necessarily with the idea of return to the starting point);

1. Get [oneself] (back) again,
2. Recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), X repent, requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse,

IV. FRUIT OF REVIVAL.

A. *Conviction and repentance.*

1. Try me and see if there be any wicked way in me.
2. He that looks into the perfect law of liberty...sees what manner of person.

B. *Heightened awareness of God.*

1. More fervent love for God.
2. More fervent love for others.
3. Greater sense of His righteousness and holiness.

C. *Greater spirit of excitement.*

1. Enthusiasm.
2. Greater anticipation of spiritual things.
3. Increased and broadened vision.

D. *More fruit of the Spirit.*

1. Embracing the kingdom of God: Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
2. Joy.

(Neh 8:10 KJV) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

(Psa 30:5 KJV) For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

3. Increased faith.
4. Peace.
5. Rest.

(Mat 11:29 KJV) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Mat 11:30 KJV) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Heb 4:1 KJV) Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. (Heb 4:2 KJV) For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it (Heb 4:6 KJV) Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: (Heb 4:9 KJV) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (Heb 4:10 KJV) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. (Heb 4:11 KJV) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

E. ***Greater commitment.***

1. Prayer.
2. The Word of God.
3. The House of God.
4. The Will of God.

V. WHAT ELSE HAPPENS WHEN THE SAINTS ARE REVIVED?

A. ***Greater sensitivity to societal needs; greater motivation toward societal changes.***

B. ***Greater state of being. Happy is the people whose God is the Lord.***

1. **King James Version.** (Psa 144:12 KJV) That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: (Psa 144:13 KJV) That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: (Psa 144:14 KJV) That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. (Psa 144:15 KJV) Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.
2. **New International Version (NIV).** (Psa 144:12 NIV) Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace. (Psa 144:13 NIV) Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; (Psa 144:14 NIV) our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets. (Psa 144:15 NIV) Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.
3. ***New Revised Standard Version. (NRSV).*** (Psa 144:12 NRSV) May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace. (Psa 144:13 NRSV) May our barns be filled, with produce of every kind; may our sheep increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields, (Psa 144:14 NRSV) and may our cattle be heavy with young. May there be no breach in the walls, no

exile, and no cry of distress in our streets. (Psa 144:15 NRSV) Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall; happy are the people whose God is the LORD.

IF MY PEOPLE...(2 Chr 7:14 KJV)

- A. ***If my people, which are called by my name,***
1. Shall humble themselves, and
 2. Pray, and
 3. Seek my face, and
 4. Turn from their wicked ways;

Then will I

Hear from heaven, and will
Forgive their sin, and will
Heal their land.