## <u>THE NEED OF NATIONAL REVIVAL</u> JONAH 3:1-10

<u>INTRO</u>: Down through the years there have been great revivals. One of the greatest national revivals in the history of the world is the one that took place in Nineveh under the preaching of Jonah in about 862 BC. Different revivals worked out differently. But there are some interesting observations we can observe from the revival in Nineveh from Jonah 3. Let's observe:

IN THIS MESSAGE WE SHALL OBSERVE HOW GOD WORKED OUT THE REVIVAL IN NINEVEH AND THEN CONSIDER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF REVIVAL NEEDED IN AMERICA TODAY.

## I. REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

A. The Message of Revival Began with the Word of Lord calling a person, Jonah, to Deliver God's Message - Vs. 1

-The Word of God always calls for Revival

- B. The Message of Revival Focused on Nineveh, the Capitol City of the Assyrian Empire Vss. 2-4 -We should pray for Revival in Washington, DC
- C. The Message of Revival Came through God's Man, Jonah -Vss. 2,3

-God always uses certain men to bring Revival

- D. The Message of Revival Was Urgent Vs. 4 -Nineveh had a limited time to Revive. That is an indication that other nations may have the same.
- E. The Message of Revival Was Believed Vs. 5 -When God's Message is believed, God works.
- F. The Message of Revival Was Received by the King Vss. 6-9 -We should pray that national leaders get Revived
- G. The Message of Revival Moved God Vs. 10 -God always brings Revival to those who Repent

ILLUSTRATION:

## II. REVIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES

## AREAS IN NEED OF REVIVAL IN AMERICA

A. A Revival of the Judeo-Christian Ethic

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

-This involves the belief in One God Who is to be loved and Whose Law is to be obeyed and Communicated to Future Generations.

B. A Revival of Spiritual Values

2 Chronicles 7:14

-This involves God's people getting right with God in Humility, Prayer, Doing His Will and Repenting from Sin.

C. A Revival of National Patriotism

Psalm 33:12

-This involves Trusting God, Loving God, Loving God's Word, Loving the American Nation God has Established, and being willing to Stand for and Fight for the Biblical Principles upon which America was established.

D. A Revival of a Strong Church

1 Timothy 3:15

-This involves the Church being and doing what God has called it to be and do on earth...the Pillar and Ground of the Truth.

E. A Revival of the Biblical Family Genesis 2:15-24 -This involves practicing, supporting and upholding the Family as God has ordained it to be as His personal institution.

F. A Revival of Biblical Government Romans 13:4

-This involves a Government that restricts Evil and promotes Good in the eyes of God.

G. A Revival of Personal Evangelism

Mark 15:15

-This involves taking the Gospel to all people

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CONCLUSION/APPLICATION: America needs revival. But it starts with each of us individually.