

“A FOCUS ON TRUE REVIVAL”
PSALM 85:1-7

INTRO: Next week we are planning to have a week of **REVIVAL MEETINGS**. The purpose of such meetings is not necessarily to see people come to Christ, but rather to **SEE CHRISTIANS GET “CHARGED UP” IN THEIR PERSONAL WALK WITH THE LORD**.

OBSERVATION: God has used **REVIVAL MEETINGS** down through the years to awaken individuals, churches and communities.

NOTE: In Psalm 85, we have a description of the Jews who returned back to Jerusalem after the **BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY**. Though they were thankful for the restoration to their home land, they were disappointed as what they saw did not measure up to the “pre-captivity” situation in Jerusalem. So, they were asking God to **REVIVE THEM AGAIN**.

THE APPLICATION: Though the text has a “physical connotation,” for the Jews who returned to their land...**IT HAS A SPIRITUAL APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIANS who want to see God work in their lives**.

QUESTION: ***DO YOU REALLY WANT REVIVAL?*** Dr. R.A. Torrey once said: ***“IF MOST CHRISTIANS KNEW WHAT A REVIVAL IS, THEY WOULD PRAY, LORD DO NOT SEND ME A REVIVAL.”***

ILLUSTRATION: The Song: ***“DO YOU REALLY WANT REVIVAL”***

I. THE MEANING OF REVIVAL

A. From the “Secular” Perspective

1. “An improvement in the condition or strength of something.”
2. “A restoration to life.”
3. “A reawakening of religious fervor.”

B. From the “Spiritual” Perspective”

-THE CONDITION WHEN CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD, OR IN A STALE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, OR WITH UNCONFESSED SIN IN THEIR LIVES, CONFESS SUCH SIN, REPENT OF THAT SIN AND THUS GET RIGHT WITH GOD ACCORDING TO HIS WILL AND WAY.

II. THE MOTIVATION OF REVIVAL

A. From the Divine Perspective

-God wants Christians to live in a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP with Him so that He can honor them and be glorified through them.

B. From the Personal Perspective

-Each Christian should desire to have a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP with God so as to be blessed of God now on earth and rewarded by God later in Heaven.

C. From the Ecclesiastical Perspective

-Each Local Church should desire to have a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP with God so as to be what He wants them to be in the world.

III. THE MEANS OF REVIVAL

NOTE: TRUE REVIVAL ALWAYS COMES FROM GOD WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN RESPONDS TO THE WORKING OF GOD IN HIS LIFE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. Through Personal Examination – Psalm 139:23,24
- B. Through Personal Confession – 1 John 1:9
- C. Through Personal Repentance – Revelation 2:5
- D. Through Personal Yielding – Galatians 5:16

LESSON/.APPLICATION

Some Indications that YOU might need REVIVAL TODAY

- 1) You have little interest in the Word of God.
- 2) You have little interest in Fleeing (Repenting) from Sin.
- 3) You have little interest in Doing the Will of God
- 4) You have little interest in Prayer
- 5) You have little interest in Church Ministry
- 6) You have little interest in Personal Evangelism
- 7) You have little interest in Holy Living

DO YOU REALLY WANT REVIVAL

IF NOT – WHY NOT?