

Revival Conference 2007 - Part 2

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This sermon emphasizes the need for God's people to experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and return to their first love, highlighting the importance of prayer and revival.

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Scripture: Psalm 80:7

Topics: "Revival Prayer", "Spiritual Renewal"

Description

This sermon focuses on Psalm 80 as a revival prayer, highlighting the cry for revival, the need for a return to God's ways, and the plea for personal deliverance. The psalmist's broken-hearted cries reflect a longing for God's intervention and restoration. The sermon delves into the themes of beautiful memories of revival, the urgency for revival, the enemies of revival, the reality and person of revival, the longevity, and the unchanging nature of revival.

Transcript

And I'm gonna get a hold of you and I'm not gonna let you go until you bless me. Those are the kind of things that'll make it a different kind of revival conference, amen? Well, those are just a few thoughts that I have. Now we're going to pray.

I want you to open your Bibles to Psalm chapter 80. That's where we're going to be looking for our text this evening. But first we're going to pray.

You have that text? Let's bow our heads for prayer. O God, the heathen are coming to thine inheritance, Lord. Thy holy temple have they defiled.

They have laid Jerusalem on heaps, Father. O remember not against us former iniquities, Lord. Let thy tender mercy speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low.

Help us, O God, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name. And deliver us and purge away our sins for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, O Lord, where is their God? Let him be known among the heathen in our sight again.

Father, these words, we find our heart in these words this evening. Yes, the heathen have come into thine inheritance. And God, that's why we're here.

We are not happy, Lord, with the way we find things as we look around us. That's why we're here. O God, I pray that you'll settle down upon us tonight.

Lord, from the beginning, thank you for the sweet, holy, awesome spirit that we sense in this place, Lord. We invite you, Father, to come and sit among us, move among us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us, Lord.

There's nothing we can do except what you give us to do. There's nothing we can say except you say it within us. Father, I pray that you'll anoint us all, the preacher and the people, that we may all have ears to hear what the spirit of God is saying to the church in these last days.

O God, we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen. All right, we're looking at Psalm chapter 80.

I don't know how much you studied this psalm, but this is a revival prayer. There are many revival psalms in the Book of Psalms. This is one of the revival psalms.

It is a revival song, but it is also a revival prayer, and we would like to divide it that way this evening. I want you to notice that before we begin to read this psalm, I want you to notice that eight times in this psalm, we hear the cry of the psalmist's heart rising up. It seems to me to be a broken-hearted cry rising up out of the heart of the psalmist, a cry for revival, a cry for return to reality, a cry to return their hearts back to God and His ways, a cry to bring back former days of blessing, and a cry to save them, to come and personally deliver them.

Four of these eight cries flow together like the refrains of a chorus. You'll see as we read down through there, as I studied this psalm, it reminded me, you know, of that song which we often sing, which is also a revival prayer. Do you know the song? Lord, as of old at Pentecost, thou didst thy power display with cleansing, purifying flame, descend on us today.

That's one of the verses, but then there's a chorus that you sing over and over again. Lord, send thee all-time power, that Pentecostal power, thy floodgates of blessing on us, throw open wide. Lord, send thee all-time power, that Pentecostal power, that sinners be converted, and thy name glorified.

This song is put together just like that one. It is a prayer. Israel was commended by God to sing it as a prayer unto God.

We want to look at it in light of that. I want you to notice eight things in this psalm. First of all, we want to see the beautiful memory of revival.

Secondly, the great need of revival. Thirdly, the strong cry for revival. Fourthly, the angry enemy of revival.

Number five, we want to see the powerful reality of revival. And six, the glorious person of revival. Number seven, we'd like to look at the longevity of revival.

And number eight, the unchanging way of revival. And all of these points are hidden here in this text. Shall we read together? Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock, thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy strength and come and save us. Here's the chorus. Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, and givest them tears to drink in great measure. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors and enemies, and our enemies laugh among themselves. Here's the chorus again.

Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt. Thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it.

Thou preparest room before it, and it caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land, hallelujah. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. She sent out her boughs under the sea, that's the Mediterranean Sea, and her branches under the river, the river Euphrates.

Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. Return, O we beseech thee, O God of hosts. Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine, and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

That's Jesus. It is burned with fire. It is cut down.

They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. Let thy right hand be upon the man, let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the Son of Man whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee? Quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts. Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." Isn't that a beautiful revival prayer? God commanded Israel to sing this song, and they sang it continually, just like we have songs that we sing continually.

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