

When Revival Happens

Isaiah 64:1-8

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might shake at Your presence,

2 as when the melting fire burns, as the fire causes the waters to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!

3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down; the mountains quaked at Your presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by ear, neither has the eye seen a God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.

5 You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Indeed, You were angry, for we had sinned; in our sins we remained a long time, and shall we be saved?

6 But we all are as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as filthy rags; and we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 There is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; and we all are the work of Your hand.

I. What is revival?

Vs. 1a - " Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down"

II. What does revival look like?

1). There is a Shaking!

Vs. 1b - "the mountains would tremble before you".

2) There is fire!

Vs. 2a - " as when the melting fire burns, as the fire causes the waters to boil."

A) Fire can be *Judgment*.

B) Fire can be used for *Refining*.

C) Fire can represent *The Holy Spirit*.

3) There is the Fear of God!

Vs. 2b - come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the **fear of God.**"

Proverbs 14:27 - The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Proverbs 16:6 - Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided.

Proverbs 19:23 - The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 22:4 - Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life

III. What is our part in bringing revival?

1) We must have Effective, Fervent prayer!

James 4:3 - When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James also says in...

James 5:16b - The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.

2) We must Stir ourselves up!

3) We must Take Hold of God!

Vs.7 - There is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You

4) We must embrace true repentance from all known sin!

Vs. 7b - "for You have hidden Your face from us and have consumed us because of our iniquities"

James 4:8a - draw near to God, He will draw near to you says if you "draw near to God, He will draw near to you."

Vs. 8 - But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; and we all are the work of Your hand.