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YOUR SHINING HOUR

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Recent years have seen a falling away from church- going and increasing signs of pluralism – "all roads lead to God."
But, there is always a faithful remnant who have stood in the gap for a restoration of God's presence to be in the land again. (Ezekiel 22:30, Romans 11:5)

What difference will it make to have the presence of God tangibly with us?
Stories from the Bible and from history can help us here. And - God responds to faith.#
God responds to sincere prayer.

See inside for more detail of the incidences and effects of revivals in the past to encourage you to pray that God would do it again in our day!
Some things are common to all revivals:

- Much Prayer
- A great need felt in the community
- People standing in the gap, believing for a visitation of God.
- God's sovereign time.

We need to get ready!
God is about to visit us again.
Hebrews 11:1

Special points of interest:

- God spoke in prophecy in Dundee, Scotland between 1957 –1963.
- It was of a revival where He would come in His Covenant power.
- It would be a 'shining hour' for God's faithful people.
- It was linked with the glory of the Lord coming upon the land.

LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN

In her book 'Heaven here I come', (1974), American bible teacher, Jean Darnall, shared her amazing vision, repeated 3 times, of twinkling pockets of light on the British Isles. (1961) God told her these lights were actually fires.
(People meeting together, seeking His presence.).

She also saw lightning come from Heaven, which set these fires moving like lava as an unstoppable flow of God's power. The lightning was a sovereign act of God. These people moving with God would be part of a 'great end-time revival.' to Europe and beyond.

THE LEWIS REVIVAL

'A Covenant engagement' - that is how Duncan Campbell described the awakening in the island of Lewis in the Scottish Hebrides. (1949-52)

In his book, 'The Price and Power of Revival' #, Campbell acknowledges that the revival there did not start with him.

Yes, he was a vessel, consecrated and gifted, but there were a few on the island that had entered into a commitment to pray and hold God to His covenant promises in scripture until He came in a visitation.

God did come in power and the ripples of that work are still being felt today. The question must be asked, 'Was the revival at Lewis a pattern for a future greater revival, a precursor of it?

Andrew Woolsey's biography of Campbell # will show the preparation of a person or persons God can use in a revival.

One separated from sin and consecrated to God, fearing God and knowing the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus.

Persistent intercession was a lead-up to the outpouring on Lewis. There were those who had seen their home area as *'their Jerusalem'*

They had seen in Isaiah 62 vs 6-12 and in other scriptures, that God had sworn to do certain things. They proved that if we fulfil our part of God's conditions, He will fulfil His.

The Faith Mission

'Revival is a community saturated with the presence of God'

Duncan Campbell

The Welsh Revival

'Wales was ablaze with revival. A hundred thousand people were converted within nine months....but the Revival ended as suddenly as it had begun.' So wrote John Peters in CWR's *Revival World Report* issue 7 in 2004.*

Peters believes that if the 1904-5 Welsh Revival has one lesson for today it is that, *during and after revival*, strong foundations should be built so that converts and those restored are not left 'floundering.'

He suggests prayer, sound biblical preaching and wise counselling as the necessary foundations.

Evan Roberts urged four things: to confess Christ publically, to give full obedience to the Holy Spirit, to confess known sins, and to put away all doubtful things.

The strong church in S.Korea today is attributed to the fire from Wales.

The power of worship and praising God was restored with this revival.

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The Early Church

The Early Church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell on 120 waiting people. (Acts 2: 1-12)

Christ had fulfilled the Law, and the Day of Grace began, the Church Age.

The fire fell from heaven as it did at the dedication of Solomon's temple. (2 Chronicles 7:1) People spoke with new tongues and declared the marvellous works of God.

Jesus had risen from the dead and instructed them for forty days. (Acts 1v3)

Their subsequent action was to continue daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house with joy and singleness of heart.

They continued steadfastly 1) in the apostles' doctrine, 2) in fellowship, 3) in breaking of bread and 4) In prayers. (Acts 2 v42, 46)

These four things done and adherence to Evan Roberts 'four things' would surely help bring and sustain a revival.

AZUSA STREET

"In 1906 an earthquake nearly leveled San Francisco. That same month, a Pentecostal revival shook Los Angeles and the rumblings from Azusa St are still being felt today."

Exuberant camp meetings throughout America in the 1800's shocked some religious leaders. They moved to bring order. Order brought control. Religion became rigid and stifling and a desire for a new move built up slowly over the years. When it came it was through people that society discounted as *nobodies* from *nowhere* with *nothing.*

William Seymour, a young, black, holiness preacher brought back the message of 'speaking in tongues' to a small mission in Los Angeles. A 'tumbledown shack' at 312 Azusa Street became a centre for Revival.

Seymour rode out the persecution and became the primary leader in the Azusa outpouring.

He urged people to 'lift up Jesus.'

'Don't go out of here talking in tongues; talk about Jesus', he said.

Thousands came to Christ,. Others were changed to influence nations. Racial segregation was done away with.

Fire from Azusa spread around the world though reports given by Frank Bartleman.

Unity of the brethren, and the need to be filled with the Spirit of God, and the Holy Spirit being allowed to have His way were lessons learned from the outpouring.

The church of Jesus had advanced again.

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HEZEKIAH'S REVIVAL

The story of Hezekiah, king of Judah, is found in 2 Chronicles c29-32.

A repeated phrase is that he 'did what was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Chron 29:2, 31:20)

He cleansed the House of God from idolatry and uncleanness. (c29 v5,16)

He renewed Israel to her covenant with God, and restored worship and praise acceptable to God (v25-30).

Also, he restored the Passover to Judah and included all Israel too. (c30 v5-27)

(The Lord's table helps bring unity)

Revival followed, and order. Idols were broken up; teaching was organised; people gave freely. He had prepared his heart and was zealous. (C31) It was doing the right thing and the good thing that inspired the people under him.

Revival needs godly leadership who follow through with what God wants.

'It was doing the right thing and the good thing that inspired the people under him.' (Hezekiah)

The Ulster Revival of 1859

In 1855, a small prayer meeting in Connor, Northern Ireland, developed as four young men were strongly bound together in the spirit of prayer. News of the 1858 Third Great Awakening in America encouraged them to cry, like Jacob, "We will not let Thee go unless Thou bless us." (Gen 32:26)
The answer was not delayed. Prayer meetings multiplied all around them.
In 1859, the heavenly fire was leaping up and spreading in all directions. There was a wonderful work among the children, and in Colerine school children cried out bitterly in prayer. Neighbours and passers-by were affected , and crossing the threshold, came under the same conviction power.
Every room was filled with men, women and children seeking God. That school proved to be for many the house of God and the very gate of heaven. (Genesis 28:17)
Through them the revival reached the capital, and Belfast became like a city of God.

Don't despise small beginnings. Keep on persisting in prayer. Listen to the children and the young, these ardent soldiers for Christ might advise us today.

'Revival Days are coming.... His glory will Cover the earth.' Habakkuk 2:14

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How can we see Revival?

What do we need to do for *our city or town* to 'be a praise in the earth' and see Revival.?

We, the saints, ought to pray always, 24/7, because our Adversary, the devil, is always active, accusing the believers day and night.

In Revelation 12 is a picture of a woman in travail who gives birth to a 'manchild'. The child escapes the devouring dragon and is caught up to God's throne.

Michael and his angels fight and defeat the dragon and his angels. The manchild company overcome and the devil (dragon) is cast down to earth. Their victory is through their faith in the blood of the Lamb, their witness and testimony and their yielding of their lives to God as a living sacrifice.

The kingdom of God then comes in power.

How, then, can we know this overcoming life, and see a great revival in the land, in our cities?

Perhaps

- If we return to daily communion in our gathering together, praying more like the Early Church?
- If we walk with the Lord as Evan Roberts exhorted and praised Him more as in the Welsh Revival?
- If we know God as a 'covenant keeping and covenant-making God' as Duncan Campbell and the people of Lewis did?
- If we become as little children and be pure and without guile as those that led prayer in the Ulster Revival of 1859? (Matt 18:3)
- If we seek God as one and rediscover the power and sovereignity of the Holy Spirit in our gatherings as at Azusa Street?
- If we 'taste and see that the Lord is good' as Hezekiah did and serve Him with zeal and love and restore pure worship and order in our lives? (Ps 34:8)
- If we test everything, and then we believe the prophets that have gone before us, and pray out the words God has given? (2 Chron 20:20)

The promise of God in Revelation 21 v7 is that If we overcome, we inherit all things: He will be our God and we will be His sons. Because of Calvary

- we ***can be*** more than conquerors.
- God's law ***can be*** written in our hearts.

(Roman 8, Hebrews 10)

God offers us the living waters, sure bread, sure mercies of David, an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure. (Isa 55:1-3, 33:16, 2 Sam 23:5)

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