

Transcript of video from Tom Wheeler, dated March 3, 2023

Well, greetings and salutations from South Wales! Another week or two of winter weather and we can begin looking forward to spring. During the late autumn/winter months visitors have come and visitors have gone. It would seem that taste buds have found the savour of this world preferable to the taste of the Saviour of the world. It is like the appeal I made in closing last Sunday: "Who is your King?...Who will reign in your life?" The masses here are choosing a usurper over the rightful King. Pray with us that people will take to heart the claims of the King of kings and Lord of Lords that we present to them time and again at every opportunity. We have faithful people at every prayer meeting crying out to God to give fruit for our labours. Lord, give us souls, or else we die!

And visitors we *do* get tend to be older rather than younger. So, I'm ready to try just about any kind of outreach that is not in violation of Scripture. What we are going to try, on the 18th of March, is a board game afternoon at the community centre where we meet. Games seem to be growing in interest among younger people these days and if we can engage them at a table, I'll gladly play a game I don't even like in order to talk about the Saviour. Third Saturday of the month: Games for the Glory of God! Think I Corinthians 10:31. Give it a slot on your prayer list, *please!*

And next month, Lord willing, we will be having a pastor and his beloved come from America to visit us here in Wales. It will be at my birthday, so we are looking forward to a time of fellowship and encouragement. We haven't had any visitors from stateside churches in over a decade, so, in my humble opinion, we are overdue. And we have a few churches that have contacted us about having people come over this year to help out, so pray that we will be able to put our heads together to decide just how to best utilize everybody in the limited time that they will be here.

One more thing before I go - we are in desperate need of another Welsh revival. God gave them in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. We need a 21st century manifestation; and I'm not talking about some overly dramatic, emotionally worked-up variety. I mean the kind with large scale repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ that produces obedience to the gospel and finds ungodliness repulsive. I'm talking about the real deal. I've read the Welsh revival books there on my shelf. You would have to go back right at four hundred years ago to find a time when Wales had gone this long without a revival. It has been too long. God have mercy on us.

Would you pray with me in closing?

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that, as a nation, we have gone away from You. But You have told us in Your Word that, if we humble ourselves, and pray, and seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways, that You will hear us from heaven, and You'll forgive us our sins, and heal our land. So, today, we humble ourselves on behalf of this once great nation of God, whose forefathers were renowned for walking with the Lord; heal this nation; restore this people to Yourself and revive us here again. Forgive our abject failures to obey You and pardon our shortcomings as a country. We know the nation has ignorantly turned away from You to chase other gods. But today, as Daniel did for his people, we want to stand in the gap for the entire nation. We ask that You forgive us and bring us back to Yourself.

Faithful God, Your people are in need of revival and spiritual awakening to survive these spiritually oppressive times. Father, the love of many is waxing cold; some are wont to become lovers of themselves and other things. Let it not be so! Those who are called by Your name seek Your mercy, healing, and revival. Revive every good thing that has become dormant in us. And make us effective witnesses and abounding in grace. And above all, keep every one of Your saints alert and ready for the trumpet blast from on high, and the appearance of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Thank you for being our prayer partners and co-labourers in the Lord's work here in Wales. Grace and peace to you all. And I'll let you know how it goes.