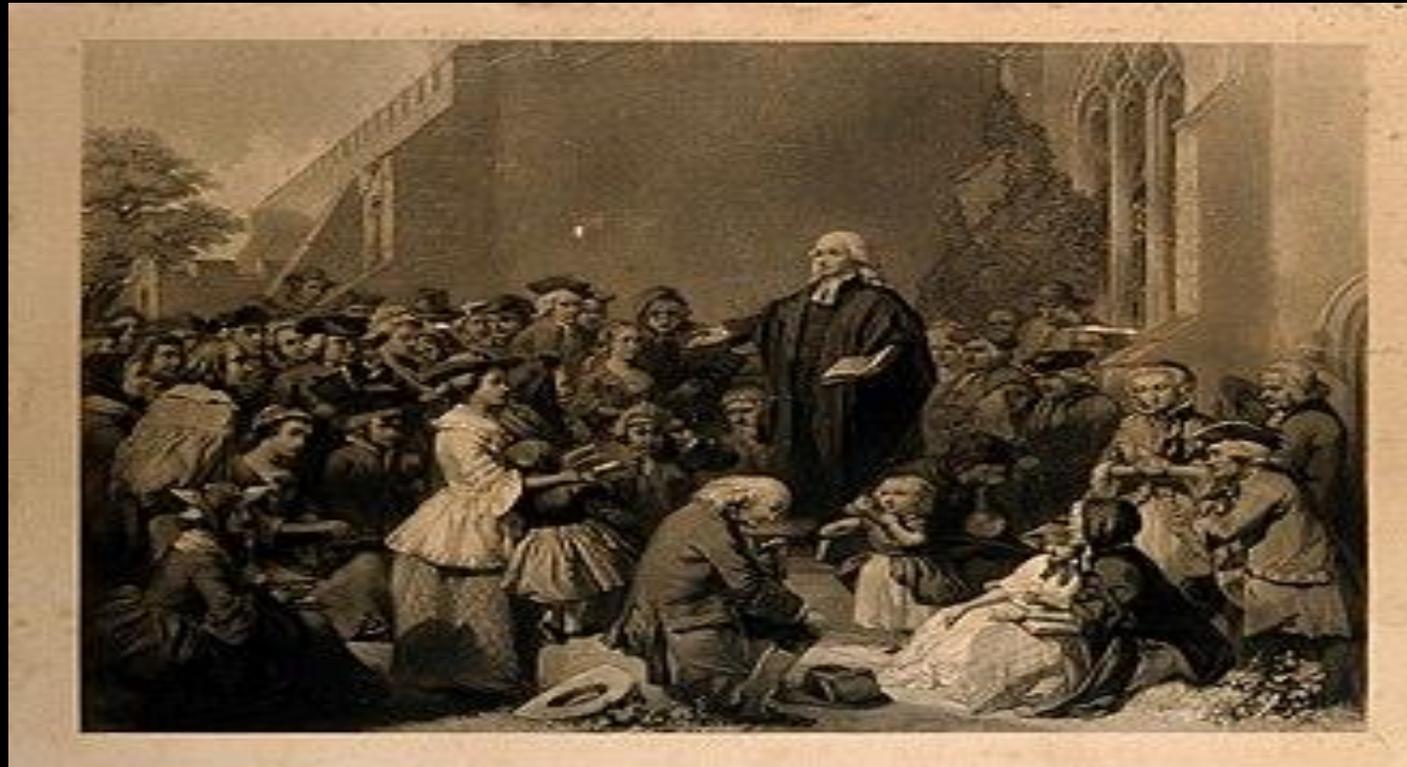


# I Kings 18:20-40

## 3 Realizations Of Experiencing The Meaningful Presence Of Jesus



# Welsh Revival (1904 – 1906)

- Approx. 70,000 to 100,000 people received Jesus' free gift of eternal life
- Alcoholism and Crime decreased dramatically; Courts often had no cases to process, Police had increased free time
- Children preached to other groups of children
- Revival instituted; testimony of young girl, Florrie Evans; "I love the Lord Jesus with all my heart."

# Background/Context

- Author: Prophet Jeremiah (560-540 BC)
- Audience: Written to Jewish people as history and spiritual explanation for Israel being a divided nation (Ultimately why Israel became a conquered nation)
- Verses: N. Kingdom suffering with extensive drought (3 years); This was due to extreme idol worship of Baal
- God reached out to people through a “truth” test
- 2 Weeks ago: Acknowledging the priority of His presence
- Last Week: Not confusing external activity with His presence

# Expectantly Preparing For Jesus' Presence His Way

- (vv. 30-37) See God didn't force people to follow Him, He gave them a choice
- Each person had to decide and come to God His way. No one is forced to follow God
- Elijah moved according to faith and obedience to God's plan
- He repaired broken altar, used 12 stones to make a separate altar, filled waterpots with water and poured on altar, prepared sacrifice; "burnt offering" and prayed
- Elijah obeyed and prayed, and at time of evening sacrifice (3pm), the fire of God fell powerfully!

- Luke 18:13, “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”
- Psalm 80:19, “Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!”

