

Revival – It's God's Will, Is It Yours?

In talking and praying about revival, people have various ideas and concepts of what revival is. I want to look at the Biblical concepts of what revival is:

Revival is NOT:

1. Revival is not locked up in the heavens, waiting for enough desperate cries and persistent prayers to pull it down. Jesus declared upon His arrival that the Kingdom had come. He did not take it back to heaven at His Ascension but left it in the hands of His followers.
Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age."
Psalms 85:6 Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in YOU?"
Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
2. Revival is not an event, church service, conference or special gathering.
3. Revival is not simply a season of heightened spiritual activity.
4. Revival is not just a time of visitation of Holy Spirit then getting back to business – **BUSINESS** as usual.

Revival IS:

1. Revival is meant to redefine business as usual.
2. Revival is the dynamic demonstration of New Testament Christianity.
3. It is without hype, pollution, or compromise; it is pure, simple humility recognizing we need to revive our first love for Him.
4. It is Jesus Christ unveiled and revealed in and through His people by the power of Holy Spirit.
5. Revival involves a divine manifestation of God's presence that produces a sustained habitation of His glory within and upon His people.
Acts 3:19-20 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before..."

6. Revival is meant to confront old wineskins – obsolete traditions and outdated methods. The message never changes, but the methods need to adapt to reach the newer generations.
Mark 2:22 Jesus gave insight about the new move needing room: And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.
7. Revival calls the congregation of God to have their minds on Christ and not the things of this world.
Colossians 3:2-7 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.
8. Revival compels us to be hungrier than we've been in the past.
Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Psalm 107:9 For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, 'It is written Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'
Isaiah 55:1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
9. Revival is a continuous river of Holy Spirit outpouring that has flowed since the Day of Pentecost.
John 7: 37-39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. ³⁸He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
³⁹(But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.
10. Revival is NORMAL, SUPERNATURAL Christianity in action and demonstration.
11. Revival is EVERY Christ-follower walking in the fullness of Holy Spirit's power.
Galatians 5:16-18 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;

and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

12. Revival involves entire households, cities and regions being shaken by an overwhelming awareness of the manifest Presence of God.

George Otis researched cities, regions and nations that grew weary of the power of sin robbing them of their young ones, life, decency and they began to cry out to God for forgiveness, revival, transformation.

- The devastation wrought by decades of violence, witchcraft, rebellion, civil war, and drug abuse had left a terrible mark on the indigenous people in northeastern Canada, scores of communities are experiencing transformation in their families, schools, society and government.
 - **Uganda** was crippled by unending war, AIDS, and economic doom. Suffering under violent dictators, believers left their devastated church buildings behind and moved into the swamps and forests to cry out to God for help - which brought from the ashes her people returning to the Lord. Now there are testimonies of astonishing church and economic growth; the Health Minister verifies the "mystery" of the country's plummeting AIDS rate; their current president **Yoweri Museveni** and his First Lady publicly rededicated the nation to God for 1,000 years on May 19th, 2025.
 - **Scotland's** Outer Hebrides and the remote islands where God's transforming presence has returned repeatedly down through the generations. First-hand accounts of how houses shook with prayer, pubs emptied and sailors traveling past the islands on warships fell to their knees under the convicting power of God's presence.
13. Revival calls the backslider out of their spiritual wilderness, bringing them home to the Father's love for which they are desperate.
 14. Revival opens eyes to the supreme limitless reality that Gods' Kingdom can come upon the earth as it is in Heaven.
 15. Revival reminds and reinvigorates God's people that we have the keys of the Kingdom and authority to exercise God's will in circumstances and situations.
 16. Revival is not us waiting on God for something to happen, revival is waiting on the whosoever will. You can live in & have revival even if no one around you wants it.
 17. Revival waits for the one who stops praying "Lord, rend the heavens," and starts praying and living as though Heaven has been open for business since the Day of Pentecost.
 18. Revival waits for the individual or community whose hunger is greater than their sinful history, regardless of where they've come from, what they've been taught, or their spiritual context – waits until they are desperate enough to press beyond

the past and move toward the fullness of what Scripture promises and the Spirit makes available, even at the risk of discomfort and rejection.

- George Whitefield was kicked out of the church of England and England itself when he preached the need for revival.
- William Seymore was run out of Kansas and went to California on his journey to preach the baptism of Holy Spirit message. Upon his arrival at a holiness church in CA, his message was rejected and he ended up in a barn holding services for those hungry for the Lord – the Azusa Street Revival of 1906 that affected the world.

The Last Great Days of Revival began more than 2,000 years ago on the Day of Pentecost when heaven opened. And the River of God has been flowing ever since.

- We are not waiting for the rain of heaven.
- We are living in the time of rain.

**So, why are we not seeing this revival rain
in greater demonstration or outpouring?**

The answer is simple:

- We are asking God to send what He has already sent!
- We are begging God to do what He has already done!
- We are spending our lives, energy, and efforts contending and asking Him to send Holy Spirit rain when He already released Him.

We're asking God to send *down* what He wants to send *out*!

Yes, we should persistently ask God to send the rain of revival. But now, it's not from a place of lack; it should be from a hunger for an increase to fulfill Kingdom mandates to reach the lost.

It is not asking God to send more Holy Spirit; we're asking God to help us live our lives in partnership with Holy Spirit, that His power and manifestation is released in a greater demonstration.

It is not more of God coming down from Heaven; it is our increased partnership with Holy Spirit to manifest in and through us bringing a visible manifestation in the earth.

**His kingdom come – His will be done
on and in earth as it is being done in Heaven.**