

RECIPE FOR REVIVAL

2 Chron 7:14 / 9-9-18 / AM

I. FIRST, THERE ARE THE PEOPLE OF REVIVAL (“IF MY PEOPLE...”).

- A. What does this imply?
 1. Revival begins with God’s people.
 2. Revival is a grass roots’ movement.
- B. A spiritual awakening involves large numbers of people coming to God during a rather brief time.
- C. Revival, however, occurs when the personal experience of Christians is renewed and revived.

II. SECOND, THERE IS THE PRICE OF REVIVAL.

- A. The first price of revival is our **pride** (“will humble themselves”).
 1. Pride has always been the enemy of an encounter with God.
 2. Humility is the opposite of pride.
 3. Humility involves confessing our needs before God.
- B. The second price of revival is **prayer** (“and pray”).
 1. Prayerlessness is the first cousin of pride.
 2. Most of the great revivals of the past were preceded by prayer.
 3. This requirement for revival has not changed today--**Matthew 21:22**
If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”
 4. How much have you and I prayed for revival?
- C. The third price of revival is **perseverance** (“and seek my face”).
 1. Revival doesn’t happen by seeking revival but by seeking God.
 2. What does it mean to seek God’s face? It means to cultivate a love relationship with God.
 3. Further, it means we must make the first move--**James 4:8--...Come near to God and he will come near to you & Isa. 55:6-- Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.**
 4. If you seek Him you’ll find Him--**Prov. 8:17**

- D. The fourth price of revival is **purging** (“and turn from your wicked ways”).
1. The words of Rudolph Hess are a stark example of a refusal to repent—
 2. Repentance is always a requirement of revival.

III. THE PROMISE OF REVIVAL.

A. **“I will hear from heaven”.**

1. Sin hinders our prayers—**Ps. 66:18-- If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**
2. Sin also alienates us from God—**Isa. 59:1-- But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear**

B. **“I will forgive their sins”**--I John 1:9.

C. **“I will heal their land”**—2 Chronicles 7:15.