THE WHY OF REVIVAL

Psalm 85
“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation
8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land
Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.” Psalm 85:4-13
I. REVIVAL WILL RESTRRAIN THE RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF GOD

“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will You not revive us again, That Your people may” rejoice in You? Psalm 85:4-6
A. GOD’S ANGER IS AGAINST AN UNREVIVED PEOPLE

1. WICKEDNESS

“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.” 1 Thessalonians 4:7
3. CARELESSNESS

17 For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?” 1 Peter 4:17

Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.” Psalm 93:5

16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16
B. GOD’S ANGER IS AGAINST A UNREPENTANT HEART

“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.” Psalm 85:4

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.” Revelation 2:5
“Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.” Revelation 2:16

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.” Revelation 3:3
“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.”
Revelation 3:19
II. REVIVAL WILL RESTORE THE CONSCIOUS AWARENESS OF GOD

“Will You not revive us again?” Vs. 6a

A. SPEAKS OF HIS SMILING FACE

“The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-25
And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king’s face.”
2 Samuel 14:28

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
2 Corinthians 4:6
“Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.” Psalm 85:7

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” Romans 6:14
“I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly.”
Psalm 85:8
III. REVIVAL WILL RESTORE THE GRACIOUS ACTIVITIES OF GOD

17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” John 5:17

A. HIS SAVING ACTIVITY

Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.” Psalm 85:10
B. HIS SANCTIFYING ACTIVITY

1. DEMONSTRATED IN PERSONAL LIFE Vs. 10

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17

2. DEMONSTRATED IN SOCIAL LIFE

“Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.” Psalm 85:11
3. DEMONSTRATED IN MATERIAL LIFE

“Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34

“Where there is no revelation, [a] the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law” Proverbs 29:18
Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full..” John 16:24
WILT THOU REVIVE US AGAIN?”