

PRAYER STUDY #108

TRUE REVIVAL: WHEN GOD COMES DOWN

Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Psalm 85:6

FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE

1. The Lost : *But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden to them that are lost, in whom the god of this age hath blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, shall shine upon them. 2nd Corinthians 4:3-4*
2. Carnal, Soulless Christians: *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat, for to this time, ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal, for whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? 1st Corinthians 3:1-3*
3. Spirit Baptized Christians: *Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how He said, "John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Forasmuch then, as God gave them the same gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I, that I could withstand God? Acts 11:16-17*
4. Fire Baptized Christians: *John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But One more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Luke 3:16*

TWO TYPES OF CHURCHES : *Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul, as his manner was, went unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you is Christ. And some of them believed and consorted with Paul and Silas and of the devout Greeks a great multitude and of the chief women not a few. But the Jews who believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the baser sort and gathered a company and set all the city in an uproar and assaulted the*

house of Jason and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come here also, whom Jason hath received, and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had taken security of Jason and of the others, they let them go. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea who, coming there, went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those at Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO. Therefore, many of them believed, also of honorable women who were Greeks and of men, not a few. Acts 17: 1-12

1. The Thessalonians
 - a. They looked to prove Paul wrong and to divide the people.
 - b. This focus closes one down to the Spirit's teaching.
2. The Bereans
 - a. They looked to reconcile what Paul was teaching with the Bible to see if those things were so.
 - b. This focus opens one up to all the Spirit has to say.

THREE TYPES OF EVANGELISM

1. Traditional Evangelism
2. Power Evangelism
3. Presence Evangelism

FOUR RESULTS OF EVANGELISM (Matthew 13)

1. The one who hears the Word but does not understand it and the enemy comes and steals the Word from his heart.
2. The one who hears the Word with joy but gives up because of persecution and tribulation
3. The one who hears the Word and receives it but the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, chokes the Word, and he becomes unfruitful.
4. The one who hears and understands the Word and bears fruit, some an hundred, some sixty, and some thirty fold.

CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE REVIVAL

1. It is almost always preceded by intense prayer by individuals or the corporate body praying for Jesus to come. The New Testament example of this are the prayers of Simeon and Anna, who waited in the temple over a long period of time, fasting, praying, praising and prophesying, for the Christ to come.
2. It is almost always ushered in by confession of sin and repentance.
3. It always focuses on the presence of Jesus and not on men.
4. It bears fruit that remains.
5. It causes believers to become more like the pattern Son.

What are characteristics of the Pattern Son?

The Pattern Son was filled with the Spirit without measure (Galatians 5:22-23) and so exhibits all the fruit of the Spirit.

1. Love: *But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ (by grace ye are saved).* Ephesians 2:4-5
2. Joy: *Then he said unto them, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; Neither be ye grieved; for the JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.* Nehemiah 8:10
3. Peace : *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7
4. Long-suffering (patience): *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.* 2nd Peter 3:9
5. Gentleness: *Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand hath held me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.* Psalm 18:35
6. Goodness : *Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on them who fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.* Romans 11:22

7. Faith: *So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Romans 10:17 & For whatever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, EVEN OUR FAITH. 1st John 5:4*
8. Meekness: *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Galatians 6:1*
9. Self-control: *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 2nd Peter I: 5-8*

The Pattern Son is also the embodiment of all the spirits of God.

Titles of the Spirit

1. The Spirit of Life-Romans 8:2
2. The Spirit of Adoption-Romans 8:15
3. The Spirit of Truth-John 14:17
4. The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation-Ephesians 1:17
5. The Spirit of Holiness-Romans 1:4
6. The Spirit of Power, Love and Discipline-2nd Timothy 1:7
7. The Spirit of Faith-2nd Corinthians 4:13
8. The Spirit of Grace-Hebrews 10:29
9. The Spirit of Glory-1st Peter 4:14

The overwhelming sense of being in the awesome presence, the “shekinah glory” of a holy God, brings agonizing conviction of sin to those whose hearts are not right with Him, but also great rejoicing and true joy to the ones who know they have been washed clean.

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