

Message 1 by Joy Dawson at Faith Bible College, Tauranga, New Zealand, January 2005

Revival is the awesome, sustained, manifest presence of God that changes the moral and spiritual life of a community and culture.

Revival is the fire of God invading the affairs of men so that they see and experience the amplified presence of God. *Ps 50:2,3*.

Revival is God greatly shaking, stirring and changing His people from apathy and self centredness, to desperate, praying, humble, honest, contrite people with a passion for God and his glory and a deep burden for the lost.

Revival is the fullest expression of the Lord Jesus Christ in every believer and a great awakening among the lost when many repent and get saved.

Revival of righteousness is the basis of revival. *Heb 12:14, 1Pet 1:15,16*.

Purposes for revival

1. **Preparation for inevitable persecution.** As in the books: **“This is That” WEC, Congo. 2Tim 3:12,13.**
“Anointed for Burial” Todd Burke. To be able to stand against persecution with a victorious overcoming life.
2. **Course of history in any nation is changed by a revived church and a spiritual awakening.** See books by Edwin Orr such as, “**Evangelical Awakenings 1900 f**” Edwin Orr, on the Welsh Revival. Seth Joshua and many prayed for years and the Lord raised up Evan Roberts from the coal mines to lead the revival.
3. **To promote missions. “Restudy of revival and revivalism” UK 1791-1798. Edwin Orr.**
Many missionary organisations started at this time.
4. **To enable the church to live in the light of eternity and not time. Ecc 3:11. To live for the nations. Rev 2:26.**
“**The Awakening that Must Come**” Lewis Drummond. “**Reviving Revivals**”. Eve Fisher.
5. **To prepare the church for the judgment seat of God. Ps 50:3,4. Rom 14:10.**
What have we done with Jesus’ salvation?
What have we done to be conformed to His image?
What have we done to obey the Word and the Holy Spirit immediately?
What have we done with the sole motivation to bring glory to God?
What have we done to win the lost?
6. **Prepare the church to be the Bride of Christ. “The Revival We Need” Oswald J. Smith .** Revival cleanses the church and prepares the Bride of Christ. Revival gets rid of sin from God’s people. Sin is confessed. Sin leaves by the mouth confession. *1Jn 1:9, Prov 8:13*, Two main sins: Pride and Unbelief. *2Chron 6:30*, Only God knows the hearts of men. Pride stops confession of sin. When the Holy Spirit convicts of sin people are oblivious of others and they confess their sins to God. Sin is not wrong doing but it is wrong being, first and foremost.
7. **To speed up the Lord’s return. 2Pet 3:10-15.** Unrepentant believers hinder the Lord’s return.
8. **Revival in the church brings a spiritual awakening among the lost.** And multitudes of the unsaved come to Christ as the believers reach out with the Gospel.

Message 2 by John Dawson at Faith Bible College, Tauranga, New Zealand, January 2005**Hindrances to Revival.**

1. **Unbelief. What do you expect God to do next?** Keep vision big. Expect God to do mighty things now. Repent of low expectation of God. Stir yourself to take hold of the promises of God.
2. **Alignment. Ezekiel 37 and the bones coming together with ligaments, flesh, skin and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.** Heart relationships. Families. *Ps 68*. Generational alignment. Alignment of movements and ministries under the Lordship of Christ. Alignment and covenant yet freedom in Christ as He directs.
“Who are you submitted to?” is a ridiculous question. We are in submission to Christ.
Release one another from presumptuous vows and come into relationship with Christ.
3. **Relinquishment issues.** Release your children to be as reckless as you were in the work of following Christ. Do not try and protect them from all the evil things that might attack them as they serve the Lord.
4. **Intensity, endurance and desire.** Travail to bring forth. Cry out to the Lord day and night, don’t stop, Lk 18:7.
5. **Repentance and restitution, tithes and offerings, and righteousness.** Pay back what you owe to God and man.
6. **Joining up with others.** Be part of a team. Get over past hurts. Revoke inner vows. Forgive and bless others.
7. **Renewal of devotional habit.** Seek the Lord daily in His Word and prayer. Use a spiritual diary. Confess the Word.
8. **Repent of wrong done to others. Mat 5:23,24.** Go and say, “I’m sorry I did that, it was wrong, please forgive me.
9. **Withdraw judgments.** Release others from your condemning judgments. *Mat 7:1,2, Rom 2:1,2, Jam 4:11,12*.
10. **Weeping through the land. Ezekiel 9:4.** Reconciliation. Godly sorrow. We are a wicked nation. Cry out for mercy.
11. **Forgiving resentments and disappointments towards others.** These are really towards God. *Mk 11:25,26*.
12. **Availability to love strangers and disciple others.** Be free to witness to strangers everywhere you go, at all times and in all places as you are led by the Holy Spirit. Carry tracts and offer the Word of salvation to others you meet.
13. **Pleasure issues.** Take pleasure in the Lord before all else. “Here I am Lord, what are we doing today?” *Psalms 21*.

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Price and preparation for revival

1. **Study revivals in the Word.** Also accounts of revivals in history. For example *2Kings 22:1-23:25*.
2. **Commit ourselves to God to bring revival to pass at any cost.** *2Chron 7:14, Mic 6:8, Hos 10:12, Joel 1:13, 2:17*.
3. **Total dependence on the Holy Spirit to conceive in us the burden for revival.** Ask God for a burden for revival. Revival is not the end, it is to get us ready for the end. To be like Him and to fulfil His will is to be ready. Revival is the great need to change the church and society and to be ready for, and hasten His coming.
4. **To know that the greatest need of the church is for revival. Jer 14:7.**
Revival is messy. Pray for rain and you get mud. Weeping, wailing etc. Use our children in revival, O God.
Is 59:19, Lam 5:21, Ps 85:6, Joel 2:12,13, 1:14.
God has often shaped history around the church, not governments, so pray for revival so that history will be changed by the church. Pray for the nations. See “**Intercession**” Joy Dawson. *Is 64:7, Ezra 9:5,6.*
International Reconciliation Coalition, John Dawson, identificational repentance. *Ps 119:126, Lam 2:11.* Crisis gives you an opportunity to work.
5. **Pray with diligence and determination for revival until it comes.** *Is 62:6,7.* “**The Awakening**” China 1927-1937. Maree Monson . 23 years of prayer for revival. Hebrides revival, 2 ladies 80 and 90 yr old and a deacon prayed. (ignore the intimidation, domination and manipulation.)
Elijah prayed a one sentence prayer and the fire fell, but prayed long and hard for the rain.
Is 64:1-4, note His “presence” 3times. v1,v2,v3. Miracles are borne on the wings of worship. *Is 45:8, Ps 45:3,4, Hab 3:7, Is 24.* 1922 Smith Wigglesworth in Wellington NZ.
6. **Humility is more important than prayer.** *2Chron 7:14, 2Chron 6:30.* Willingness to be identified with all of God’s people in revival in their reactions and manifestations. Choose to be of no reputation to be apart of revival. Unity is essential. *1Cor 1:2, Phil 2:2, Ac 2:1.* There will be the unusual, the unexpected, the unprepared for. This is normal in revival. The predictable is not God’s way. When the Holy Spirit is in charge every situation is different and He moves differently each time. That which is controlled by man is not the way of the Holy Spirit. He does not have everything “cut and dried”.
Deal firmly and gently with manifestations of the flesh and with demonic manifestations. “I’m only impressed with God’s reactions to my actions, not mans’”. This is the fear of the Lord.
7. **Biblical unity is essential. Ps 133. For God’s approving manifest presence.**
Refuse unchecked reserve as it leads to coldness. *1Pet 1:22, Mat 18:15.* Without unity revival is destroyed. No revival until unity, and revival will not continue if there is not ongoing unity and oneness. Reconciled functioning unity of gender, race, denominations, generational levels and social class. Unity needs a clear vision for all to see, ministry teams need to be called together by God, each needs to be functioning in their own gift, not volunteers, living in Biblical unity.
8. **Know the ways of the Holy Spirit in revival.** Joy prayed for years for the Communist wall to collapse and nothing happened. **When she asked the Lord why not, He said when My Body gets the burden for this then I will answer. Joy prayed for this and in a few years the wall was removed and the gospel went throughout the communist block.** If prayers are not answered then ask why? For years prayed for unjust judges to be removed in the USA and nothing happened.
When she asked why the answer was the same. The body of Christ has to become desperate. In revival holiness is necessary, there will be conviction of sin, wailings, confessions, joy, singing, the Word preached, fear of God.
9. **Be prepared for the influx of thousands of converts. Jer 12:5**
Maintain daily spiritual priorities. Worship, intercession, Word, listening, personal witnessing, Q.T., prayer etc.
“**In Pursuit of His Glory**” Gerald Fry. For 10 yrs had 24/7 prayer room, praying for God’s glory, revival, awakening, and for 16 weeks had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He lists 4 things they did right and 12 things they did wrong.
10. **Revival bypasses the normal programmes. “Evangelical Awakenings 1900s”** Edwin Orr.
11. **Faith, belief, trust.** God’s work done God’s way will never lack God’s provision.

Prayers

1. **O Lord give me your prayer burden and vision for revival in NZ.**
2. **Prepare me for the increasing out pouring of the Holy Spirit.**
3. **Reveal any sins in me that hinder You coming in revival, and enable me to repent.**
4. **Give me a greater burden for the lost.**
5. **Prepare us for the influx of non christians and new converts.**
6. **Teach me the ways of the Spirit.**
7. **May the fear of the Lord come on me to hate sin and desire holiness.**
8. **Give me sensitivity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.**
9. **Use me in revival.**
10. **Give me an undivided heart in obedience and devotion to You always.**