

An Atmosphere of Genuine Revival
Nehemiah 8

I. *Excited about the Word of God.*

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. - James 1:22-25

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me?’ Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.” Jeremiah 6:9-10

II. *Earnest in Our Worship of God.*

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Revelation 5:11-13; 19:4-6

III. *Eager to do the Will of God.*

“Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart . . . He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of those who seek Him.” - Psalm 24:3,4

When do we need revival?

- When we do not love Christ as we once did.
- When we have little or no desire for prayer.
- When our Christianity is joyless and passionless.
- When God’s people are more concerned about their jobs and their careers, than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.
- When believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation.
- When we aren’t seeing regular evidence of the supernatural power of God.
- When we have ceased to grieve over our own sin and the sin of others.
- When un-believing people around us do not know or care that we exist.
- When we are blind to the extent of our own personal spiritual condition and do not think we need revival!

John Piper:

Revival is the sovereign work of God to awaken His people with fresh intensity to the truth and glory of God, the ugliness of sin, the horror of hell, the preciousness of Christ’s atoning work, the wonder of salvation by grace through faith, the urgency of holiness and witness, and the sweetness of worship with God’s people.