

One Pursuit – No Imitations!

Psalm 85
2 Chronicles 7

When Solomon finished praying, fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. The priests were not able to enter the LORD's temple because the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD. All the Israelites were watching when the fire descended and the glory of the LORD came on the temple. They bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement. They worshiped and praised the LORD: For He is good, for His faithful love endures forever.

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a temple of sacrifice. If I close the sky so there is no rain, or if I command the grasshopper to consume the land, or if I send pestilence on My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 12-14

I. One Person to be Encountered

"I had a view that for me was extraordinary, of the glory of the Son of God as Mediator between God and man, and His wonderful, great, full, pure and sweet grace and love, and meek and gentle condescension. The person of Christ appeared ineffably excellent with an excellency great enough to swallow up all thought and conception - which continued, as near as I can judge, about an hour..." - Jonathan Edwards - 1737

"Revival begins with a vision, and the vision begins with a new sense of Jesus Christ. Revival does not begin in a theology, but in a revelation of Jesus Christ Himself and a sense of the nearness of the Master. It is the humbling of self before the ...majesty of that consciously present Jesus." - Douglas Brown

II. One Product to be Enjoyed

All the people went away to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them. . . . The entire assembly made booths and lived in them. And there was great rejoicing. Nehemiah 8:12,17

And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away. - Nehemiah 12:43

III. One Path to be Embraced

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14

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How to have personal revival:

1. **Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself.**
2. **Set your face like a flint toward a sweeping transformation of your life.**
3. **Put yourself in the way of blessing.**
4. **Do a good job of repenting.**
5. **Make restitution wherever possible.**
6. **Deliberately narrow your interests.**
7. **Have faith in God.**