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A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/23 23:51

A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida

by Andrew Strom.

Many of you will have already heard about the "Healing Revival" that has purportedly broken out in Lakeland, Florida. Today Charisma Magazine put out a piece on it entitled 'A Holy Ghost Outbreak in Florida' - "...Charismatics are flocking to the sleepy town of Lakeland, Fla. to attend evangelist Todd Bentley's unconventional revival services." Is Charisma preparing to hype this one to the skies like they did with Toronto and Rodney Howard-Browne? It seems perhaps they are.

But why am I opposed to this 'Healing Revival' so soon after it has been announced? -It is because I already know Todd Bentley's ministry all too well, and this whole thing centers around him.

Todd Bentley actually has deep roots in the Prophetic movement, and he is one of the very few ministers that I have ever felt I had to publicly warn people about by name. -His ministry is that bad. False "angel" encounters of the weirdest kind, gold dust, guided visualizations of the "Third Heaven" that are straight out of the New Age, etc. And yet there is a "power" with it that makes it all the more dangerous.

Here is how Charisma describes his Florida meetings-

"His methods are far from polished. When he prayed for people in Lakeland, he usually began by laying his hand on their heads and then yelling, "Bam!"

Often the people fell backward to the floor. After one elderly woman fell, Bentley told the audience: "She doesn't know why she fell down." The woman then laughed and said to him in the microphone: "Because you pushed me!" He prayed for her three more times that night, and she said she could hear better...

During the past three weeks people have testified of being healed from heart conditions, skin rashes and back problems, and many said scars disappeared...

Many charismatics are wondering if the protracted meetings will become a phenomenon similar to what happened in Rodney Howard-Browne's meetings in Lakeland in 1993, at the Toronto Airport Vineyard Church in Canada in 1994 and at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola in 1995..."

Sadly, the Charismatic movement is in such a sick state today that it would not surprise me at all if this happens. (-I say this as a strong Spirit-filled, tongues-speaking believer myself. I am by no means opposed to genuine miracles). Have we completely forgotten the warnings of "Lying signs and wonders" in the Last Days?

Below is a testimony by Lynn Clark who is a Moderator at our website 'RevivalSchool.com'. This is what she wrote about her involvement with Todd Bentley's ministry:

"I decided to check out Patricia King and Todd Bentley and, ignorant of their 'third heaven' guided visualizations, attended a five day conference of Patricia King and then two of Todd Bentley's conferences and began to imagine third heaven visitations - guided visualization - still not realizing that these are actually spirits of darkness - the New Age calls them spirit guides - demons is what they are. And so I bought Todd Bentley's teaching on third heaven visitations and brought it home to listen to.

"I was in my living room laying on the floor listening to the teaching on how to visualize the third heaven and what to say and was getting caught up into his teaching and all of a sudden I began to shake uncontrollably and jerk and groan, and no sooner had this taken place I became frozen stiff - I could not move any part of my body and I knew this was a demon trying to take hold of me, and so with all the effort I could muster I cried out, "God save me - Jesus help me" - and as soon as I cried out to the Lord my body went limp. God spared me that night and I will be forever grateful.

"I spent much of the night in tears asking God to forgive me - and renouncing all the hands layed on me and all the awful deception I had opened myself up to..."

ANDREW AGAIN: I myself have heard the tapes of Todd Bentley's "Third Heaven Visualization" teachings, and I want to tell you - they are straight out of the New Age handbook. -Terrible stuff. And yet so widely accepted by thousands of Christians today.

Do these kinds of practices (above) produce a genuine 'Healing Revival'? -These are the kinds of questions that we need to be asking Charisma Magazine. I leave it for you to decide.

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/24 0:00

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May God speak to us clearly in these days and show us the truth. I believe this is a great deception and is **not true revival** or anything that nearly resembles it. The preaching of the word of God must be in place. God is the Spirit of Truth.

Re: - posted by JKail (), on: 2008/4/24 0:15

I love this website, but I have to say (as i did on the other post about the florida revival)... i feel that many are missing revival because they don't like or understand the package that it is coming in.

I would look into something a little deeper before labeling it a deception. We often judge people (i know that i have been guilty of this) on hearsay, on out of context quotes, and without really ever hearing the teachings of the person.

We label someone a false prophet/teacher because some website (or person) says they are and we have never even heard the person teach etc...again, i say this because i have done this myself.

God Bless

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/24 8:50

Sometimes when I read articles like this, news reports of alleged revivals, I sometimes wonder if we will ever see a "BIG" public revival. Does the kind we hanker for play into big egos? This is the question I wonder about. Yet we want it so badly, we want to see the LORD move and see crowds converted....

But is God working? Our daughter-in-law just told me of a wealthy man who had died, leaving behind a string of debts he never paid. During his lifetime he filed for bankruptcy three times. Today - as the story goes - his widow (I know these people well) is contacting these people working to repay these long outstanding debts. I do not know how old they may be - I am guessing 35 years old! Anyhow, when I heard this, I felt so blessed in my heart to see how God is bringing conviction and one person is responding to it. This kind of thing will never hit the news media, will it? and I do not think it should...

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/24 11:00

Where is the holy esteem and awe of God in the meetings. They are enraptured by a man. This is a very dangerous event and the ministry of Todd Bentley is not catering to holiness of life but rather to experiencing spiritual manifestations.

Re: - posted by MisterCheez (), on: 2008/4/24 13:18

Yes, please be very careful regarding this man and event... I, for a time, was enthralled by this very ministry due to an extreme desire to see the miraculous.

The teaching coming out of this is mind-numbing - foreign to most Christian thought and heavily influenced by extra-Biblical knowledge/experience/revelation.

I truly believe a demon (or demons) were able to influence me due to my submission to some of these teachings. When one was cast out it said that it came in when I was listening to Todd Bentley.

There is power here but I warn everyone - be sure it is the Holy Spirit.

As Zac Poonen says, "The Holy Spirit produces HOLINESS." The jerking, sputtering, salivating, wild, chaotic, foolishness of these meetings doesn't evidence holiness. Mind you, this is not a warning against genuine revival where joy, dancing, laughter and such are very real...this is a warning against possible deception.

God is available to all of us where we are. May knowing and revering Him as friend and Savior trump fleshly cravings.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/4/24 13:36

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such manifestations are not from God, 2Ti 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and **self-control**.
I. - ESV

Re: TODD BENTLEY, on: 2008/4/24 14:14

All, this is an excerpt of his teaching on the Holy Spirit straight from his website. I had to look into it because my mother-in-law was talking about this 'revival' and my wife and I are concerned about it. Here is the link to the writing below so you know that I'm taking it straight from there. <http://www.freshfire.ca/index.php?Act=read&status=teaching&Id=231&bid=916>

Note: The parentheses with capital letter words are my critiques.

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let me give you a little background. I was impacted years ago, and first introduced to this kind of intimacy, through the ministries of Benny Hinn and Kathryn Kuhlman. They opened the way for me to go beyond the power of God's Spirit, the gifts or any kind of experience like the baptism of the Holy Spirit

At times I may be in prayer saying, "Jesus...precious wonderful Jesus. I love You Jesus." Then all of a sudden, "Father, my Holy Father!" will flow out of me. My whole focus will be on the Father's goodness and that I'm His child. Then I'm back in the presence of Jesus. But all of a sudden I'm trembling and weeping, sensing the Holy Spirit covering me like a blanket. "Wrap me in Your presence Holy Spirit. You are wonderful, I love You." Then I'm back focusing on Jesus once again and after awhile I will be in the presence of the Father. This glorious cycle might last for hours—the visitation of God and understanding the three different personalities.

For instance, there are times when the presence of God will fill my room, and I can tell you which Person is waiting for me at that moment. Yes, it's God and it's the presence of God, but there's always one personality that's exemplified.

In other words, I've come to know which one is pressing Himself out of the presence to me. (NOTICE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESSING INTO HIM, HE'S THE CENTER AND THE 'PERSONALITIES' REVOLVE AROUND HIM AS IF HE'S THE SUN AND GOD, IN THE FORM OF THREE PERSONALITIES REVOLVE AROUND HIM LIKE PLANETS. HE TREATS THE TRINITY AS IF THEY COME IN AND OUT OF HIM FOR HIS EXPERIENCE AND NOT FOR THE WILL OF GOD). I've come to the place where I can discern the personalities (NOT IN THE BIBLE) of the Godhead—if it's the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit—just like I know the distinct personalities of each of my three children.

(THIS IS JUST A SMALL EXERPT OF THE ENTIRE WRITING HE GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT THE 'EMOTIONS' OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ETC.... MOST PEOPLE WITH ANY DISCERNMENT AT ALL CAN SEE THIS GUY FOR WHO HE IS...A FALSE PROPHETEER!!!)

Re:, on: 2008/4/24 14:41

I read it right up to the name Benny Hinn... then stopped. That's all I need to know.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/24 16:39

Hi JKAIL.....you write "I would look into something a little deeper before labeling it a deception." How do you know that those who comment have not? Why would you presume that they speak from a lack of actual experience?

Listen brother, I have been to these meetings. I have had the misfortune to listen to a man from Brownsville speak to our church for over two hours. The entire time he spoke of anecdotal stories of what was happening in other meetings. Then, at the end of his "service," he said it was our church's time. People lined up and he went down the line putting his hand on their heads and shouting "fire."

He pushed the people over. There was no fruit from these meetings at all, in fact our church almost split because of it. On the one hand you had the people who knew the Bible well and called it for what it was, on the other (and I am not saying I have discernment, but I could have told you who would have been on the other side of this, all the people I knew that were discontent with their Christianity, who would run from one meeting to another and so on) you had people seeking experiences.

It has been my experience, as a Pentecostal, for lack of a better phrase, for 18 years that there are three broad groups of people in Christianity today. I came to Christ when I was 26 and have been a Christian for 18 years. I am a Spirit-filled, tongue-speaking Christian who has seen miracles over the years and also experienced miracles in my own life.

I also went to a Baptist seminary and attended a Baptist church for over a year. So, group 1...People who were raised in

the church and have never experienced anything supernatural personally. These people, whether fundamental or pentecostal will then fall into two sub-groups. Sub -group A. Totally deny anything supernatural and are completely dismissive of the possibility of God moving in the gifts as described in Scriptures. They will go to extreme lengths and go out of their way to explain to you why God does not move supernaturally anymore.

Sub-group B. These people were also raised in the church and they too have never experienced anything supernatural personally. This group wants to though and are attracted to the Benny Hinn and the false teachers of the day. They will run to and fro seeking out signs and wonders and they want it so bad, that they will fall for anything. The mere fact that it is supernatural is good enough for them, they never consider the possibility that the power comes from a source other than God.

Group 2. Those who came to Christ as adults(to me meaning over 21)They are solid Christians and exercise much discernment, they are not easily led astray and generally they are good witnesses for Christ. Yet, because of Toronto and Brownsville and other such movements, shy away from seeking out the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. They do not deny it, they simply think that it is rare and not normative.

Group 3. People who came to Christ as adults, recognize the truth of God's word and his Spirit and are totally transformed in Spirit and body. They do not fall for the Benny's of this world, for they have experienced what the true presence of God is. They are reverential and in awe of God and of Calvary and there is nothing more for this group than to simply come into the presence of God and be humbled and refined and be changed and take that change to the world.

These are broad categories and of course not exhaustive, many cross-overs and other sub categories, but it is a snapshot of the Church as a whole.....Frank

Re: - posted by poet (), on: 2008/4/24 21:56

when we say revival I wish we would mean actual revival where the Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin and draws them to church to hear the gospel and get saved like the Scotland Hebrides. in 1949

Or even like the Asbury College revival...

People say revival, and what's actually happening is a bunch of non-discerning Christians flocking to a church to get hands laid on them and get a special anointing from the Man or woman of God...little good for sure.... It makes me sick!!!!

they get their answer according to their idols.

Please Jesus send true revival...

Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/4/24 22:20

Yes, Amen. It's amazing the stark difference between the real and the counterfeit when you put them side by side. After all these years how anyone can still believe Hinn, Copeland and countless others like them is mind boggling.

2 Peter 2:1-3 "But there were false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them- bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up."

If I didn't know and you had told me that this was printed in a Christian commentary on some of these people this morning it would fit perfectly.

Re: - posted by RevJoel, on: 2008/4/24 23:34

Blessing to all of you. Yes, of course, we are to be discerning in our assessment of "revivals". That goes without question. If you will indulge me, I will share with you my experience and understanding of the likes of Todd Bentley and Benny Hinn.

I had attended a Benny Hinn crusade just over 2 years ago singing in the choir. Having attended an Evangelical Free Church for over 18 years, I am accustomed to "conservative" Christianity. During the last 5 years, I have had a migraine that my doctors could not cure. Living on the likes of hydrocodone, percocet, dilantin, and other medicines, nothing was able to eliminate the headaches. I went through three brain surgeries during this time because I do suffer from Hydrocephalus. (Look it up). The doctors thought this was causing the migraines. Well, nothing worked until I went to the crusade weekend in Denver.

The second night, we were leading the crowd in prayer and worship when my migraines vanished. At that very point, I heard God confirm in me that I would never have migraines again. No, Benny did not "push me over" as you may think. I was in the choir behind the stage. From that day forward, I have been free from migraines. Of course, I am fully aware that Benny did not cure me, but the Holy Spirit.

Whether you believe in what he is doing or not, the evidence for his ministry is well documented. Personally, during the healing revival in Florida, I have prayed for and been prayed over many people. One such lady in Oregon was being prayed over by me and a friend of mine 3 nights ago. She has been on morphine and morphine patches for 5 years for lower back pain. She felt heat pass through her body as we prayed for her. She woke up the next morning and did not take her morphine pills but has been free of pain ever since.

Obviously, I am not a healer, just obedient to the Holy Spirit (most of the time). All we did was pray for her that by the power of the Holy Spirit (our helper) that she would be healed of her back pain.

The point of this conference, if you had looked into it, was physical healing, signs and wonders. There is not one shred of evidence in the Scriptures that shows that these kinds of things passed after the apostles died. Some claim 1 Cor 13:8-10 as evidence that tongues and the like have passed away. However, if you read it in context it is saying that those things will pass away when "the perfect comes". What does that phrase mean other than when Jesus returns? It is extremely obvious if you read the context of the passage. If it was referring to when the apostles died, surely it would have said such.

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Again, I bless you all and pray that we all will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth. Blessings.

Re:, on: 2008/4/25 0:03

Hi Revjoel....Can I just say that you made my earlier point perfectly. Is it possible that you have never experienced anything supernatural before? Did you read that I, and many others who would comment here are Spirit filled, tongue speaking, words of knowledge speaking, believers in healing?

Here is what I will say, the fact that you were healed has nothing whatsoever to do with Benny Hinn. If God decides to heal a man, He does not care where he is. So praise God for your healing, it is not necessarily counterfeit just because it happened at a Benny Hinn healing conference. It in no way legitimizes the man or his movement. At Benny's conferences the focus is always on Benny. That's why he always makes a grand entrance, usually dressed in a white coat, swinging over his head.

When I went to his healing conference in Kansas city, he came on stage after a big build up, spotlight, literally, on him, swinging his coat above his head. Then he shouted to a group that obviously follow him all over the country "Do you want it?" I had no idea what he was talking about. Then he said it four or five more times each time getting louder and the crowd screaming "yes we want it." Then, finally, he ran at them and threw his hands up, like a magician, and they all fell back on their seats. Then he told them to stand up, and they could not, they were "stuck," to their seats, and they just went wild.

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The worse part of my attendance was that I had taken my unsaved wife with me, I deeply regretted that.

Revjoel, one second in the true presence of God and you would never waste your time chasing these experiences again. It is awesome and reverential, and majestic, simply to bask in His presence, and in that there is fullness of Joy.....Frank

Re:, on: 2008/4/25 2:30

*Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear: Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD. "Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it. But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away. They do not say to themselves, 'Let us **FEAR** the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.' Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good. "Among my people are wicked men who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch men. Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor. Should I not punish them for this?" declares the LORD. "Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this? "A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land: The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end? (Jeremiah 5:21-31).*

Indeed, would Jeremiah's words be any less severe today, in the midst of such great apostasy passing off as acceptable, nothing less than demonic spirits at work in the mask of Christianity? I sometimes think that the mass of American Christianity has utterly forgotten what was written by the Apostle Paul for our admonition and warning:

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

Assuredly, the true Apostle of Jesus Christ, Paul, when saying farewell to the Ephesian elders who were so dear to his heart, had many things he wished to say to them, but having only a short time before his immediate departure, said only what was most urgent:

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. (Acts 20:29-31).

And we know, by the word of the Lord, that these "wolves" who creep in and spare not the flock of God but devour withal through shrewd methods of demonically-inspired deception and hypnotic manipulation don't blatantly manifest themselves as wolves, but they appear to be 'angels of light', 'ministers of righteousness', 'wolves in sheep's clothing':

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. (Matthew 7:15).

"But this prophet does miracles!", says one. "Therefore he MUST be of God", they maintain. Yet the Lord Jesus Himself corrects such erroneous thinking several sentences later:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' (Matthew 7:21-23).

The true prophet of God will be a preacher of true righteousness, of holiness and grace in truth. He will not merely 'read people's mail' but will bear about in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus, if not physically, then emotionally, because he will be burdened and anguished under the burden of the Lord and his godly sorrow will be evident to all in this evil age, at least in America in the midst of the End-time apostate lukewarm church. His aim will be to turn people from their wicked ways and to trust in the Lord, to glorify His name, not only with their words, but with their hearts and lives.

A prophet will have an unction from the Holy One, a holy burden and anguish of heart. And he will consistently abase and humble himself, and glorify the Lord in his public ministry. The last thing he will do is glorify himself, and his own anointing, and his own ability to do miracles. Jesus Himself dared not glorify Himself while on this earth in the days of his humanity, his "Kenosis", like these false prophets do.

Reading through Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Nahum, and Malachi, etc. gives me the impression that a true prophet of God is manifestly the EXACT OPPOSITE of what Todd Bentley is.

'The Picture of a True Prophet' by Leonard Ravenhill:
<http://www.ravenhill.org/prophet.htm>

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by KathiSharpe, on: 2008/4/26 17:26

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Re: Benny and Florida - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/4/26 19:41

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Unfortunately they fail to do this whatsoever. Here is another thread that sheds a lot of light on all this;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id23211&forum35&77) Revival in Florida??

If anything at least read through the extra-biblical 'revelations' that surpass even the apostle Paul who dared not utter what he had seen, but this fellow has no qualms or misgivings whatsoever;

(<http://www.freshfire.ca/index.php?Actread&statusteaching&Id218>) Face to Face Encounter, part 1.

(<http://www.freshfire.ca/index.php?Actread&statusteaching&Id219>) Face To Face Encounter, part 2.Paul and Abraham wrote Hebrews... 7 heavens, the fifth(above God's throne) not as peaceful.... Hidden mysteries and revelation..etc

Re: Circus - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/4/26 20:33

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Circus. Have had the same word and thoughts ever since I first heard of this. Was once a devotee of Benny Hinn along with my wife and we were greatly enamored of him and the whole constructs that surrounded it all. I know it is very redundant for anyone who has been around these parts, but there are others as well, Krispy always comes to mind, both of us having much more experience than some who may have attended a conference or two. Besides those conferences we also drove 600 miles to attend a private, members only type conference that was held in a hotel ball room. Recall it cost us a couple hundred bucks and it might have held maybe 200 to 300 people. It was such a cult like atmosphere that it struck me as so even as such a great fan and follower of the man. The things that went on there were freakish and at times

downright scary. The calling forth "that the Holy Spirit has arrived" and the confusion that ensued where they had us line up against a wall, (facing it for a time) and then systematically moved down the line so we could be manipulated, brainwashed that is into believing we were about to experience the great 'slain in the spirit' phenomenon. Even leaving my seat I hesitated and was very reluctant, something was amiss, but like other times was still able to suppress it and go along with the whole falsity of it all.

The money thing was also very grievous, besides the usual twisting and contortions in general there was something said to the effect that "God told him" that there were, I forget how many, say 5 people that can write checks for \$1000.00 "right now" and I watched a gentleman in front of me do just that. One Hispanic brother so overcome with emotion and certainly earnest and sincere gave up his gold watch that might have been a gift he had received from someone else, but he had given something of a testimony at Benny's urging and all I recall was that he was just a simple brother who loved the Lord, he was in tears. Benny still took the watch however and then a number of others came up offering theirs to the same brother. It was the one touching moment but paradoxically in the middle of all this manipulation and incredible suggestive ... brainwashing. There is just no getting around these things as Frank points out, it is incredibly grievous. Christian millionaires on the backs of their followers, from that which they have fleeced from them, conned out of them, suggested and coerced from them, all of it painted up and dressed with the language of scripture.

But it is more than the money being parted, the spiritual ramifications can go on for years. Think it was brother Clint who mentioned how these circus acts can come to town, blow through and then leave the repercussions to the local pastors and churches ... there is so much more that could be said. It is all very grievous.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 2Ti 4:3, 4

May the Lord spare the sincere sheep and may we ever continue to warn them, I am indebted to the ones that had the courage to warn me.

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by Rhys (), on: 2008/4/27 10:08

Why is it the same people that fell for Toronto, Brownsville, Holy Trinity Brompton, Hinn, Copeland, Hagin, Colin Dye, etc will fall for this? It breaks my heart to see yet another wave of deception take the church by storm. However, I am made glad in my spirit that these things are foretold, 2 Thess. 2:11, God will send the delusion, (Greek: ERROR) that they might believe a lie! Why does He do this? because He is as sick of it as we are.

We are looking for revival and all along the Lord has responded. He has caused many within the house of faith to acknowledge that what has been foretold is coming to pass. Warn the saints for sure, and take comfort that our hearts have been warmed to the Word of God, not forsaking his command, that we "love one another". That does not mean we have to love error, delusion or deception. It is because we love the brethren that we cry in the midnight hour. Have no pity for such ministry or ministers, preach to the flock that some might be saved from the spell of satan. Can he, satan, be worshiped in the temple of God? You bet! he already is when he has replace truth with lies, light for darkness, Christ with man.

Thank you for posting this warning. No doubt this pernicious doctrine will make its way to Wales. When it does, we shall be ready!

Thank you Andrew, and those who will stand in the day of need.

God bless

Rhys

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by tinluke (), on: 2008/4/30 19:55

Last week my family and I were visiting my husband's father in Clearmont Florida. We drove by this church that had a big red banner out front that said "healing service", instantly I got a sick feeling in my stomach. My husband and I both noticed it and just looked at each other and rolled our eyes. We didn't want to say anything with the kids in the car, but we both seemed to know instantly that it was a fraud.

Then I came home and started reading my emails and checking out the posts on this site when I realized that the "revival" church was the same one we drove by on our visit to Florida. It can't just be a coincidence that we just happened to drive by the most talked about church in America at the height of its success.

I believe the Lord allowed my husband and I to experience the "drive by" to show us something about discernment. I believe the Holy Spirit can let us know in an instant if it is from the Lord or not. We don't have to check it out and research something to know whether or not it truly represents Christ.

I get so upset when I think of thousands upon thousands of people being deceived by such foolishness. I've talked to many who seem so genuine, who love the Lord with all their heart, mind and soul, but they have no problem accepting all this garbage. I talked to one woman today who was boasting about the "big revival" in FL. When I told her about my "drive by" experience she came back with "well they're preaching the name of Christ. Can the devil preach Christ?" I quoted Zac Poonen from his "Escape Deception" sermon. She really seemed open to truth and said that she would check out the sermon for herself. I know she loves the Lord, I just pray that the Lord will open her eyes to the truth.

In HIM,

Tina

Re: - posted by Zionshield (), on: 2008/4/30 21:44

I went to church with an older lady back in the 90's that was a remarkable saint. The type that when you get on the phone with them you can feel His presence and when you shake their hand you feel like you just got bathed in the Spirit of God. Nonetheless she watched TBN and liked some questionable folks on there (not the obvious ones). I gave her a copy of "Christianity in Crisis" by Hank Hanegraaff. Well, when I was in church next Sunday I turned around to where she sits and she was looking at me, she mouthed "I love you" because the Lord showed her through that tape the lies those people are involved in and the spirit they are of.

Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2008/4/30 22:31

Zionshield,

Thanks you for sharing this. It's really very encouraging to me. I was thinking of making some copies of Zac Poonen's sermon, but I'm going to have to check out "Christianity in Crisis" also.

I just watched about 1/2 hour of live broadcast from the Lakeland revival... very disturbing to say the least. They kept repeating things like "open portals" "visitations from angels" "healing impartations" and of course lots of personal "prophecy." People were shaking and jerking out of control in the audience. Then the pastor started screaming "fire, fire, fire" and it reminded me of a sermon Pastor Carter Conlon preached called "Beware Of The Angry Watchmen" in which he talks about another false revival that is going to sweep the country like a wild fire.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/4/30 22:37

I have watched the so called "revival" for a few nights and God's word is NOT PREACHED. CHRIST IS NOT EMPHASIZED... its all about what you can get from God.

Very Saddening.

Matthew 24 and Christ's warnings are still true. Oh may we have a revival of preaching and conviction of the spirit, a "baptism of holiness is the great need of our day" -duncan campbell.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/4/30 23:23

Brethren, the day is soon coming when this deception will no longer be tolerated and God lifts the mask from the serpent behind these counterfeit revivals. People will look and see that the diamonds and emeralds and sapphires they have carefully tucked beneath their pillows are really nothing but pretty glass. To think that multitudes have been bewitched into hoarding worthless objects for years and years when they instead could have been laying up the real treasure...well, it's truly sad, and unfortunate; how bequiling and masterful the plan of the enemy is! Feigned revivals operating under a feigned faith, an eggshell-white color that seems virgin-white to everyone except the ones who know both and can differentiate between the two.

I recall while I was living in Russia how literally *overnight* peoples' life savings and bank accounts utterly vanished as the economy imploded. You went to bed with 10,000 rubles to your name, and in a few hours you woke up with absolutely nothing, the ruble having depreciated overnight to zilch. People were frantic, in panic, storming the banks, and with futile efforts demanding their money. Of course, it was too late to get anything back. Years and years worth of savings and investments were instantly vaporized, and there were riots all throughout the country.

We need to be ready and keeping our Christ-magnifying vessels clean and pure and blood-washed. The bankrupt poor will see in that day the real diamonds shining through us, the ingrafted Word, Christ our life; a quiet, sober, clean, humble, studious life hid with Christ in God. And though at one time they spoke sneeringly of us for not chasing after the extra-biblical visions and soul-miracles and glitter and flash as they do, they will at once forget the glass they gloated over when they finally see the inimitable sparkle of the true diamond, of the pearl of great price through the eyes of their own poverty.

The problem is, many yet do not know that they are poor, and that they have their boast in plastic. God must first remove the mask for them to see it. Websites like this are integral in communicating this truth, in exposing the plastic as plastic and the glass as glass, and offering glimpses and tastes of the true fruit, the true riches of God which are able to foster a hunger in others to be likewise filled and robed and washed in the way of God's school.

Re: - posted by Baohongen (), on: 2008/5/1 2:24

I haven't looked into this revival and its effects, but I have noticed a few people mention Brownsville. I was blessed to attend those meetings on a couple of occasions and I saw the Lord do an incredible work there. Many committed their lives to Christ. My life was forever impacted. My brother surrendered to God and now serves him full time overseas. I have personally witnessed the fruit of that move of God and can testify that Christ was exalted in those meetings I attended and many repented of sin. Let us pray for discernment before we too quickly judge a work to be of God or not. We may need to take warning, but we may also see the Holy Spirit at work. We do not however want to find ourselves guilty of the sin of the religious leaders in Jesus' day: calling a work of the Holy Spirit a work of the devil (Matthew 12). He doesn't always work in the ways we assume. Just look at the Old Testament prophets. Some of those guys we would have kicked out of our churches. I am making no judgements, just encouraging caution.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/5/1 3:19

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Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/5/1 3:57

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Events prior to the Lords Second Coming

And now, brothers and sisters, let us tell you about the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered together to meet him. Please don't be so easily shaken and troubled by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Even if they claim to have had a vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us, don't believe them. Don't be fooled by what they say.

For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed--the one who brings destruction. He will exalt himself and defy every god there is and tear down every object of adoration and worship. He will position himself in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. Don't you remember that I told you this is when I was with you? And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. For the man of lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will consume with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. **This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. He will use every kind of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would save them. So God will send great deception upon them, and they will believe all these lies.** Then they will be condemned for not believing the truth and for enjoying the evil they do.

NLT 2 Th 2:1-

Re: A fake?? - posted by Banjoe, on: 2008/5/1 22:54

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Re: Pharisees and Sadducee's - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/5/1 23:34

Quote:

-----I have never commented on Sermon Index but I am sorry I could not hold this back.

Quote:

-----They were not like these super heroes we see on TBN raking in millions yearly. They weren't rolling in \$\$\$\$.

Art and Inger were and are the real deal.

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id22630&forum48#178567) Art Katz wife

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/5/2 4:48

The "revival" has spread to Charlotte.

<http://www.morningstarministries.org/Group/Group.aspx?id=1000029627>

narrowpath

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/5/2 5:02

i watched some of the videos, there is no difference from those videos and to some of the rock/hip hop concerts i went to as unsaved. None, nada nothing. Just some people working up emotions and saying that fuzzy/happy feeling is God.

I will be so bold to say that i suspect the a very large group of "Christians" have no, absolute no understanding of what Christianity actually is in reality.

i will recommend this series to you all, especially you who feel this might be of God.

T.A Sparks

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid1632>) The spiritual and natural man part 1

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid1633>) Part 2

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid1634>) Part 3

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(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid1636>) Part 5

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid1637>) Part 6

Caution - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/5/2 9:42

While I'm not a judge of such things as to , "is this from God or is it New Age or even of the devil", I do approach the people of the Lord with a simplicity of scriptural understanding so that what "SOME" of them have recieved is not lost. When a person is sincere and seeks the Lord for some real need of healing, deliverence, or you fill in the blank, in the midst of even what "MIGHT" be false, that sincere believer will recieve a "REAL" touch from a loving God and Father, rember Jesus said that if we ask of Him bread will He give us a stone...etc....how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask. So God responds to the heart of the individual and is well able to circumvent the "wrong spirits" that may be present and at the same time protect the blameless from decieving spirits. As to Lynn Clark ? My guess is that if you asked her she would confess that at the out set she knew that those teachings were false and decided to expose herself to them anyway and got in over her head and had to cry out to Jesus for help. She wouldn't have needed repentance at all if her conscience would have been clear, but because it was not clear she repented, so her testimony on this matter is somewhat flawed.

Having said what I have here I do always caution following experiences and signs and wonders. Even when they are present in my own life, here's an example: resently I was traveling from Minn. back home to Ohio, a 16 hr trip, I had finished up in Minn. sunday nite and decided to drive straight home, so I drove through the night, while I was on the Ohio turnpike I stopped at a rest area to refresh my self, I had drove from sunday nite through to monday at around 11:45, I was tired, so while in side I closed my eyes for just a brief moment, it was during that brief moment I had a vision of an elderly man , his face clear in my mind, as I left the rest area this same man was standing at one of the 5 differnt exits, I was to tired to really want to stop, so after I was about 30 feet past this man the Lord spoke to my disobedient heart, I threw out a fleece, if that's you Lord bring him to me, and Jesus did, I turned and that man was headed straight for me, so I meet him halfway and told him that Jesus Christ who is God wanted me to pray for him, I asked if he was a christian, he was not, I told briefly about Jesus, and asked him what was wrong with him? He was in the last stages of a lung ailment and was just waiting really to die, I noticed he couldn't breath. So I prayed and the Lord healed him there on the spot, it surprised us both, praise the Lord! That said, as I drove off from the encounter I did not embrace that manifestation of God's healing power as something to follow, it was not the norm, and neither are these visitations in Florida. Experiences come and go but the Word of the Lord abides forever. I think really those who will come to the river of God's Word will find all that they desire. But as humans we like the entertainment value of a manifestation like the one in Florida.

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 12:13

False signs and wonders are spreading everywhere and the Rick Joyner's, Todd Bentley's, Benny Hinn's et al are, and have been, spearheading these false movements. Run from Florida and run from Charlotte..run ..run.. run

It doesn't surprise me at all that this has spread to Joyner's back yard. Woe to those who lead God's sheep astray...WOE TO THEM!

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 12:40

The Prophet Bob Jones said that an angel spoke to him about this movement and said it was the 'Spirit of The Wind of Change'. Where in the Bible does God talk of this particular Spirit and what does it do?

I don't doubt Bob Jones heard this voice and there certainly is a wind of change..... A CHANGE FROM WHAT IS PURE, HOLY, AND TRUE TO WHAT IS DEPRAVED, DELUDED, AND FALSE.

Ecclesiastes 4:6

Better one handful with tranquillity than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.

Run from such men!!!!

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 14:25

Bob Jones "prophecied" over me a few years ago in Charlotte back before I wisened up and left this movement.

Bob Jones is a false prophet in the first degree... and his moral failures should have disqualified him from the ministry years ago. Instead they were covered up and he was "restored".

Beware of this guy...

Krispy

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/5/2 14:43

Krispy,

Bob Jones moral failures DID disqualify him from the ministry for a few years actually. One of the staff pastors where I also serve on staff lived in Kansas City at the time he was under discipline. He said he was indeed disciplined and restricted from ministry. The Bible tells us that if a minister fails he is not disqualified from ministry, but needs to be restored by mature and spiritual brethren. To disagree with his "revelations" is one thing, to say that moral failure which was disciplined, and repented of publicly disqualifies one for ministry is quite another.

And to the rest . . . I have always appreciated your desire for the genuine. I still do to this day. We clearly do not agree on many subjects . . . for instance I am a graduate of the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. I know that this in and of itself would disqualify anything that I have to say as being genuine in many of your eyes. While I certainly do not claim to be an expert on this subject I would caution all to be careful and not to label someone as a false prophet (scripturally this would put the person in a hellbound state). Perhaps you believe that they are in error, but to call them false is far different.

I would simply encourage you to watch what is happening and see if fruit comes from it. We'll see right?

God bless,
Jeff

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 15:26

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I have to disagree with this. Where in scripture do we see in NT teaching where a pastor or preacher being restored to the ministry after moral failings? We don't... because it isn't there.

Paul makes it clear to both Timothy and Titus what the qualifications are. Once a man fails morally (sexually, to be specific)... he can certainly be restored before God, can be restored to the church... but not the ministry. He no longer meets the requirements put forth by Paul.

And when you consider that Mr. Jones was using his so-called "prophetic gifting" in order to coerce women sexually... It's not like he just cheated on his wife. He abused his position in order to do it.

Show me where, in the NT, it is taught that a minister can be restored to his position after sexual immorality.

Even David, according to what Paul teaches, would have been disqualified from the ministry... permanently.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 15:27

By the way... for those who are confused... we are definitely **NOT** talking about Bob Jones as in Bob Jones University. Totally different guy.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/5/2 16:08

I have to say... I really don't like to bring up this thing with Bob Jones. I don't get any joy out of mentioning what needed to be mentioned here.

Unfortunately, there is a tremendous amount of ignorance in the church when it comes to scripture. I don't claim to have the corner on all truth, the Lord knows I have a long ways to go.

When I see people referring to people like Bob Jones in a favorable way on this forum I have to speak up. To not say anything is to risk seeing people follow someone like him.

If Jones had simply had an affair, I would not mention it... probably. But in his case he used his position in the ministry to coerce women in a sexual way. That's a double "whammy" against him being in the ministry at all at this point.

And people need to know that because you certainly won't be told that by the churches and ministries in which he moves.

I truly hope that he has repented, and that he and his wife have mended the marriage. But that does not mean that he can be restored to ministry. Scripture NEVER once even suggests that.

Oh sure, ignorant Christians will point to David and say "God restored him!". News flash... David was not a minister or a priest! Let's keep things in context.

So what does scripture say? Read 1 Timothy 3, and Titus 1. It is very explicit about the qualifications for pastors and ministers.

Ask yourself... is Bob Jones blameless? Does he have a good report? etc etc...? He may have been at one time, but once

e he crossed that line he threw it away.

The office of pastor/ministry is a sacred one. Paul cherished the purity of the office of pastor/ministry... and thru his writings the Holy Spirit is showing us that very few men are really called to the ministry... because very few can live up to the qualifications.

And to me, it says something about the pride of a man who commits such acts (especially using his position in the church in order to commit those acts)... and wont step down voluntarily, and is in fact "restored" to the same position.

I believe a humble and godly man would walk away from the ministry for fear of a Holy God. For fear of making a mockery of the ministry.

And it's interesting that someone else in that whole Kansas City prophecy thing was found out to be a practicing homosexual. We really need to be careful who we're following. So many follow this minister or that minister... how about just following Jesus?

Just a few thoughts.

Krispy

Re:? - posted by Banjoe, on: 2008/5/2 19:22

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/5/2 20:35

Quote:

-----With that much time on your hands I see why you had the deep insight.Maybe your name should be eagle eye!

Friend, leave the sarcasm at the door. The truth is, your first "subject" in these forums was public plea for money to be sent to Inger Katz. This is an embarrassment to the Katz family, and it dishonors Art. It was posted without discretion, without wisdom (as your last two posts also indicate), and it went absolutely nowhere and died quickly for a reason. And now you would show us all your wit...and we are still not impressed.

Banjoe, we ask that you pray before posting. This site is not a "preacher hall of fame"; it is a collection of outstanding resources for God's children to grow by and fellowship, but contention will not be tolerated.

If you have further questions or concerns, contact one of us privately.

Thank you,

Paul

Re:? - posted by Banjoe, on: 2008/5/2 21:34

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Re: Patience - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/5/2 22:02

Banjoe,

You are making quite a few assumptions for someone new to their surroundings. Only brought up your previous post because it seemed duplicitous, in the one you decry the excess and here you defend seemingly.

I think you also have very little understanding of those that contribute here and with some patience and searching through the site you might have an altogether different perspective.

It is wonderful that you were able to be with Inga and Art as you described and I hope that many will pray for Inga, surely not an easy thing to disclose as you mentioned. There are many here that love dear Art and all that he brought to us before he went home, he unashamedly would be granted a high status if this were merely a preachers hall of fame.

I also believe he would be denouncing this latest insurrection as fleshly, spurious and plastic.

Dig in to the site, there is a wealth of resources from preachers and writers and all walks in-between.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/5/2 22:06

In my understanding of sin, human nature, it is one thing to sin in a moment of weakness and quite another to work in 'fulfilling' a sinful desire which is what I would understand the problem to be with Bob Jones, et al. A person who sins in a moment of weakness will quickly repent and do what needs to be done to repair the damage done.

My thoughts..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/5/2 22:10

Quote:
-----It was with love and concern for a good woman. Please do not confuse your opinion with facts. Of course it died quickly because there was nothing to discuss.

If your plea for finances was birthed out of love for Inga Katz, you would not have dropped her name like you did, requesting money. Certainly not publically. It was an embarrassment, an awkward moment, and it fizzled out because the authority of God was not behind it.

Quote:
-----I wonder how many of you have viewed pornography on the same computer you view this site?

Probably quite a few, yet the occasions are more than likely washed in the blood, confessed, repented of and forsaken. Your purpose in voicing such an allegation has no absolutely bearing on the spirit you've come into these forums with. *That is the real issue.* The suspicion you bring against others concerning this may, in fact, reveal something of like passion hiding in your own backyard.

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/5/2 22:30

JESUS, SEND REVIVAL! WE ARE A HUNGRY AND DESPERATE PEOPLE!

Re:? - posted by Banjoe, on: 2008/5/2 22:39

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/5/2 23:01

Banjoe,

Being full of blemishes and imperfect before God and a "screw up" does not give us the liberty to post sarcastically and make blanket assumptions which we are not able to qualify. But I do understand your concerns, friend, because I too am the king of failures. However, a man can be full of failure and yet humble and discerning. It is by failure that humility is learned. I was wrong to judge your love for Art's wife, please forgive me.

If all you took from my entire blog was that I have no peace and I just want to be heard...well, I am very sorry for this. See - I told you I was the king of failures.

The Lord bless your stay here,

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by Banjoe, on: 2008/5/2 23:02

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/5/3 9:37

Brethren,

It is really amazing what even the *discussions* revolving around what is false can do to us as a body. I have a few Brownsville VHS tapes with Steve Hill and Lindel Cooley and Dr. Michael Brown and Kirkpatrick. I had a few baptism tapes, and I watched the official Brownsville documentary a few years ago, when the revival was still going pretty strong.

I appreciated some of the things I saw, some of Hill's sermons (like "The Death of Mr. Me"), but looking back on it all, I can't recognize that anything in particular was imparted unto my spirit by God of eternal measure, and I can't help but compare this to the mighty inner transformation in myself wrought by the Lord speaking through Keith Daniel...without all the crazy laughter and energetic acrobatics and overall carnival atmosphere. Perhaps some soul walked away from Brownsville transformed by God, though I tend to believe the bulk of people experienced the same as I did: a stirring for sure, a temporary high, an undoubtable *charge* in the air of the meeting place that was able to excite the soul but really do nothing more in terms of growth toward holiness.

I know that the mere discussion and consideration of these things often leads to soulish disputes and believers' feelings getting hurt. This alone should tell us that we are venturing into the carnal without even having experienced the "revival" in question. There's just something about these types of discussions, much the same as when believers begin discussing tattoos, music, clothes, and any other demonstration or statement on the physical surface of our vessels - which invariably drives us to both ardently defend and attack who we are and what we believe about God. The objects *beneath* the surface of our vessels, however: love, patience, humility, righteousness, gentleness of speech, cleanliness of conscience (the real, indisputable impartations of God upon the life of a believer and result of personal revival), these things never once seem to be mentioned in the course of the discussion; I suppose they are quite uninteresting to muse over because of their inability to produce fireworks. The focus is instead always on the physical manifestations and whether or not they are of God, and such has become even in the eyes of many the litmus test of real or false revival! Maniacal laughter, weird movements, jerking, shaking, dancing, speaking in tongues, falling down; why, dear brethren, why do all these things have such an allure on us? I would just as soon not attempt to doctrinalize, realizing also that God is also able to sovereignly confound. Oh, brethren, we must love the Word, the God of the Word! We will have understanding then, and safe discernment. He will tell us when to step back and when to stay our hands.

I believe it is because something deeper is still lacking on the inside, a principle within that has yet to be instilled by God, and for this reason we are continually entranced and preoccupied by the outer manifestations and chasing after revivals as vivaciously as storm travellers track hurricanes and tornados. But to have met God in the quiet place and experienced the precious genuine communion and holy intimacy with Christ, all these outer manifestations that appear to typify these last day, pocket "revivals" can just seem so brutish, so grotesque....and so unlike the Father I have come to know and cherish in a very personal way. But how do you explain this?

Re: A FALSE HEALING REVIVAL?? -Florida - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2008/5/3 9:41

May the Lord give us true discernment, so that we will really know the difference between what is of Him, and the counterfeit works of the devil. There can only be a counterfeit of the true, and many true revivals of God have been derailed because the counterfeit has come in, and many in the Church did not discern it when it happened.

It is interesting and helpful to study the Great Awakening and the manifestations that took place in this great revival. The same arguments for and against the Great Awakening are again before us as to whether or not what is taking place in Florida is of God or not.

There is one group of saints that completely reject anything supernatural as being of the devil. You wonder if they have ever read the Word of God. Of course many of these same believers believe that miracles, signs and wonders no longer take place.

Another large segment of the Church accepts all signs and wonders as being from God. They fail to test the spirits and end up in deception.

There is a remnant of the Church that is exercising true discernment. They are allowing the Spirit of truth to lead them in the way of truth, and they are also rightly dividing the Word of God.

The problem that Jonathan Edwards had in the Great Awakening is the same problem that we have in today's Church, and that is that in a true revival there will be miracles, signs, and wonders taking place, but right along side of it the counterfeit will also be there. So instead of throwing out the baby with the bathwater, we must exercise discernment accepting and receiving that which is of God and brings forth true fruit to the glory of God and rejecting that which caters to the flesh of man and brings glory to man and not God.

The same man that wrote the article about the Florida revival as being not of God also wrote many articles about the Brownsville Revival not being of God. This is a matter of throwing out the baby with the bathwater and not discerning between the true and the false. While I would not accept every manifestation that took place in that revival as being from the Lord, there was much fruit that came out of this revival. There was strong anointed gospel preaching of repentance and holiness during this revival. Many were saved, and many backsliders were restored. I know many young people that were impacted by this revival that are still on fire with the Lord today.

Many of the great revivals throughout history were rejected by some of the well known Church leaders of the day. The move of God that Andrew Murray had prayed for came and he rejected it at first until the Lord opened his eyes.

There will be miracles, signs and wonders poured out as the Holy Spirit manifest Himself, just as He did at Pentecost. We know that in the last days the enemy will deceive many with the false and the counterfeit. The Spirit of truth will lead us into all truth and give us discernment as to what is of God and what isn't. What is of God will cause our love and devotion to the Lord to grow. If it is causing people to become more like Jesus then it is of God. If it leaves people in their sin with no conviction or repentance, then it is not of God. All true revivals will be Christ centered and will bring glory to God. All false revivals will lift up a man or a ministry.

Re:, on: 2008/5/3 9:58

Quote:

PaulWest wrote:
Brethren,

But I know that the mere discussion and consideration of these things often leads to soulish disputes and believers' feelings getting hurt. This alone should tell us that we are venturing into the carnal without even having experienced the "revival" in question! There's something about these types of discussions - the same as when believers discuss tattoos, music, clothes, and anything else that has an open visibility on the surface - that drives us to both ardently defend and attack. The objects beneath the surface, however - love, patience, humility, righteousness, gentleness of speech, cleanliness of conscience (the real, indisputable impartations of God upon the life of a believer and result of personal revival) are never once mentioned. The focus is on the outward and whether or not they are of God....

Whenever I have been in meetings where God was moving there was always humbleness, no pride and an awe or reverence for God. I knew it was God because I know my fathers voice.

When I think about revival I think about Azusa street.

"...It brought a heavenly atmosphere, as though the angels themselves were present and joining with us. And possibly they were. It seemed to still criticism and opposition, and was hard for even wicked men to gainsay or ridicule..."

"...Then the "blood" songs were very popular. "The life is in the blood. "Sinai, Calvary, and Pentecost, all had their rightful place in the "Azusa" work. But the "new song" was altogether different, not of human composition. It cannot be successfully counterfeited. The crow cannot imitate the dove..."

"... The old tunes, even, are violated by change, and new styles must be gotten out of every season, for added profit. There is very little real spirit of worship in them. They move the toes, but not the hearts of men...."

"...We did not even have a platform or pulpit in the beginning. All were on a level. The ministers were servants, according to the true meaning of the word. We did not honor men for their advantage, in means or education, but rather for their God-given "gifts" He set the members in the "body."..."

"...Brother Seymour generally sat behind two empty shoeboxes, one on top of the other. He usually kept his head inside the top one during the meeting, in prayer. There was no pride there...."

"...In that old building, with its low rafters and bare floors, God took strong men and women to pieces, and put them together again, for His glory. It was a tremendous overhauling process. Pride and self-assertion, self-importance and self-esteem, could not survive there. The religious ego preaches its own funeral sermon quickly...."

"...No subjects or sermons were announced ahead of time, and no special speakers for such an hour. No one knew what might be coming, What God would do. All was spontaneous, ordered of the Spirit. We wanted to hear from God, through whoever he might speak. We had no "respect of persons" The rich and educated were the same as the poor and ignorant, and found a much harder death to die. We only recognized God. All were equal. No flesh might glory in His presence. ..."

"...We were delivered right there from ecclesiastical hierarchism and abuse. We wanted God...."

"...The Lord was liable to burst through any one. We prayed for this continually. Some one would finally get up anointed for the message. All seemed to recognize this and gave way. It might be a child, a woman, or a man. It might be from the back seat, or from the front. It made no difference. We rejoiced that God was working. No one wished to show himself. We thought only of obeying God...."

"... Presumptuous men would sometimes come among us. Especially preachers who would try to spread themselves, in self-opinionating. But their effort was short lived. The breath would be taken from them. Their minds would wander, their brains reel. Things would turn black before their eyes. They could not go on. I never saw one get by with it in those days. They were up against God. No one cut them off. We simply prayed. The Holy Spirit did the rest. We wanted the Spirit to control. He wound them up in short order. They were carried out dead, spiritually speaking. They generally bit the dust in humility, going through the process we had all gone through. In other words they died out, came to see themselves in all their weakness, then in childlike humility and confession were taken up of God, transformed through the mighty "baptism" in the Spirit. The "old man" died with all his pride, arrogancy and good works. In my own case I came to abhor myself. I begged the Lord to drop a curtain so close behind me on my past that it would hit my heels. He told me to forget every good deed as though it had never occurred, as soon as it was accomplished anything for Him, lest my good work become a snare to me...."

<http://www.azusastreet.org/AzusaStreetBartleman.htm>

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2008/5/3 16:39

Dearest brother,

I can testify as one of those "souls" that walked away from Brownsville transformed. I visited as a carnal, pleasure loving, perverse pastor's son in 1997. My life was radically transformed. The fire and hunger for genuine revival has burned with great intensity in my heart ever since. After graduation my wife and I moved there and I attended the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. I have never witnessed such genuine humility and desire for God amongst church leadership in my entire life. The pastors and leaders (many of whom I was privileged to know on a semi-personal level) were some of the most sincere, prayerful and Godly people I have ever met. The standard of holiness and purity was of a caliber I have yet to witness anywhere else. The real power of it was that holiness and purity were the norm, yet there was not a hint of legalism attached to it. It was not a holiness birthed out of some sort of pseudo-scriptural fear, but out of gratefulness and love. I'm telling, I have never witnessed such a holy atmosphere amongst believers anywhere thus far. NEVER and I truly mean NEVER in my life have I ever witnessed a greater passion for the message of the cross. So often in pentecostal and charismatic churches, we emphasize resurrection but ignore the cross. While at Brownsville, however, I heard the cross preached almost daily with a passion that would rival Paul Washer (and that is not said as an insult but a compliment as I enjoy MOST of his ministry).

I am now in full time pastoral ministry. My wife and I's lives were dramatically altered. Perhaps it was that my 16 year old mind was naive and did not even know how to be judgmental. Perhaps that allowed me to eat the meat and spit out the bones . . . I don't know. All I can say is that the fire of heaven touched my life and I have never been the same. I can testify to the fact that there are hundreds like me all over America. Many of them are the dearest of friends to my wife and I. Many of them are spending and pouring out their lives on behalf of the impoverished and lost in third world nations. Many of them are preaching as itinerant ministers, spreading the message of holiness and revival wherever they go. Many of them are humbly serving in local churches, faithfully preaching the word of God.

I and hundreds like me have been forever changed by the power of God.

Just my two cents...

God bless,
Jeff

Re:, on: 2008/5/5 7:57

Quote:

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Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/5/5 8:07

Fireinmybones1...

I don't think anyone here has ever said that no good has ever come from these "revivals". Even Paul said that if someone was preaching the Word for the wrong reasons that he rejoiced that at least the Word of God was being preached.

But that does not give a license to do whatever we want to do.

I praise God for your testimony, brother! You were indeed saved by the power of God. That's the only way we can be saved anyway!

At the same time, I visited there as a newly born again believer who was gloriously ignorant of scripture (sarcasm intended... lol), and bought into it. But as I've said before, as I studied scripture I found a lot of what was going on there to be highly unscriptural.

They did preach a very clear salvation message. I've never said they didnt. And praise the Lord He used that to get thru to you.

But understand that at the same time, there was a lot wrong with that movement as well.

Krispy

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What's this attack all about? Are you saying that we can't know our father's voice?

John 10:2-4

2But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out

4And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: **for they know his voice.**

Re:, on: 2008/5/5 8:49

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Secondly, I was merely pointing out that people say "I know the Father's voice" when they really dont. Joseph Smith said those very words, as did Brigham Young.

So just saying "I know my Father's voice" doesnt make it so. And it doesnt necessarily legitimize something, especially when that something can be proven to be very unscriptural.

It's one of those "if the shoe fits... wear it" kinda statements. But your pride wont let you just accept or reject... you feel a need to cry "you're attacking me!"

So everytime I respond to something you wrote, and I dont agree with you... it's an attack? If you're going to throw down that card every time you are challenged here then you are proving yourself unteachable and hard headed. Accusing someone of attacking you on this forum is sometimes an effective way of shutting people up, and so when someone cant support their position... well, time to throw down the "attack" card.

You need a chill pill, my friend. You're too sensitive.

Krispy

P.S. My apologies for the obscure 80's reference... "chill pill"! lol

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Well, there you go... if you don't like what I have to say, then use the old "if the shoe fits" saying, and go merrily on your way.

It's no sweat off my back. :-)

Krispy

Miscommunications - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/5/5 10:08

Easy folks ...

Re: False Revival in Florida, on: 2008/5/5 13:31

Carter Conlon sums this all up nicely. This is sincere discernment!!!

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=2994&commentView=itemComments>

Re:, on: 2008/5/5 16:08

Quote:

coley wrote:

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<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=2994&commentView=itemComments>

Ah, thanks I was trying to find a sermon on hearing God's voice. :-)

Re: - posted by tinluke (), on: 2008/5/5 16:17

Quote:

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Absolutely, this is a must listen to. I just downloaded this one and "A Gospel of Slaughter" last night! I'm making copies and passing them out to people who are under this delusion. I've already have people tell me that I'm being "lead astray" because I don't think this current "revival" is of God. I'd like to know what or who is leading me astray... the Word of God perhaps?! How are people so ready to follow a man or a movement and reject the word of God?!

Re:, on: 2008/5/5 16:28

Well... there will be a great falling away. We're seeing it in our time. People cant stand doctrinal teaching, or the meat of the Word... so they heap upon them teachers who are deceiving many.

What we're actually seeing is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Krispy

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Amen to that!!! I wondered why so many will be falling away from the truth...then I realized it has to happen, the Word of God declares to be!!

I watched this man Todd Bentley flipping through the channels. I seen him anoint a bag of fire coals ! Weird.

Not to be stereo-typical, but watching his old videos and then to see him now he has really changed his look. He is full of tattoo's and piercings. I wonder where that influence comes from?