The grieved Holy Spirit withdraws! Tozer - posted by Christian (), on: 2003/12/22 8:13

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Where is the penitent sinner coming to the mercy seat and being delivered form death to life? This easy believism in our churches today is giving people false hope without real deliverance and sending them strait to hell. We have now grieved the Holy Spirit to the point that he is withdrawn. Churches are thriving on propaganda techniques to keep their building full. As Tozer once said our churches are social fellowships with spiritual overtones when they should be spiritual fellowships with social overtones.

If Tozer is right in saying the Â“Holy Spirit withdrawsÂ—like the Shekinah from the temple.Â”, then we are in grave danger, catastrophic danger. For when Jesus died on the cross the seamless Shekinah was torn in two, unveiling the Holy of Holy. To the Jews it was a mighty sign that God had removed himself from Israel. To the Christian it was also as sign that they could now enter into the presence of God through the blood of Jesus. It is written that in the last days there would be a great falling away and Jesus also asks shall I find faith when I return.

The lord is putting on my heart that we are in the last days. A great revival is coming to America and Canada. But with this will come a great revolution. Satan will rise up with great persecution. Many Christian will be put to death along side the Jews. And then Israel will cry out to God, and Jesus himself with the host of glory will redeem her. Oh, come Lord Jesus, come quickly, if not I do not want to live.

Re: The grieved Holy Spirit withdraws! Tozer - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/23 11:55

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Isn't that already happening? It seems to me that the Holy Spirit has been so grieved with the condition of Christianity that He has left us to our own devices primarily. It's the laodicean condition:

Revelation 3:17 (niv) - You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

We are blind to our condition and need the Holy Spirit to do a deep work of repentance in our heart to help us realize from the height we have fallen as the body of Christ.

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I wish I really knew how true this is, but it seems most including myself are not in the place in God where He can show us His heart. Leonard Ravenhill's heart was so grieved over the condition of the church, I believe that God shared some of His heart with that man.

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Psalm 24:3-4 (niv) - Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

Daniel 9:19 (niv) - O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/24 1:22
I was just reading "Rut, Rot or Revival" by A.W. Tozer today! Here are a few things that really hit me hard as I was reading the first few chapters:

The treacherous enemy facing the church of Jesus Christ today is the dictatorship of the routine, when the routine becomes "lord" in the life of the church. Programs are organized and the prevailing conditions are accepted as normal. Anyone can predict next Sunday's service and what will happen. This seems to be the most deadly threat in the church today. When we come to the place where everything can be predicted and nobody expects anything unusual from God, we are in a rut. The routine dictates, and we can tell not only what will happen next Sunday, but what will occur next month and, if things do not improve, what will take place next year. Then we have reached the place where what has been determines what is, and what is determines what will be.

What is the present condition of the evangelical church? The bulk of Christians are asleep.

Here is a audio series that I believe this book was formed from:

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty - posted by Christian (), on: 2003/12/25 6:58

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I disagree brother, there WILL NOT be a revival in america and canada that is lasting until we realize our sinfulness and utter depravity before God and how we have mis-represented His holy Name.
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Yes friend you are right, we must ask ourselves Â“are our hearts clean? Is the heart pure?Â” Several months ago the Lord put upon my heart to enter into a covenant to wait upon God. I reasoned that I would trust Him to sustain that covenant. Soon after I enter into a covenant of a pure heart and remove that which so easily entangles and here also I would trust God to sustain that covenant.

With great concern over the lost ones of my generation and the generation to come I have been praying Isaiah 44:3 Â“Or I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.Â” I can do nothing but wait upon the Lord who will come!
Hebrides Revival; - posted by Christian (), on: 2003/12/25 7:01

Amongst the many who were deeply concerned about the desperate spiritual condition of the churches, was a little group of men who lived at Barvas, the district that was to become the center of the outbreak of revival. As they met in a little wooden barn, greatly burdened for revival for their community, and began to pray, there suddenly dawned upon them, like a flash of light, the great fact of God as a COVENANT-KEEPING God who had made COVENANT PROMISES! "If this is true," they reasoned, "we can enter into a covenant with Him, and, if we keep OUR part of it, then HE MUST KEEP HIS!" Has God given a "covenant promise" for REVIVAL? Immediately the words of God in 2 Chronicles 7:14 came to them:

"If My people which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven..."

That night they entered into a solemn covenant with God, to take upon themselves the "burden" for revival for the community, to humble themselves, and to prevail in prayer UNTIL REVIVAL CAME!

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For months they waited; for months they gathered in the little barn three nights a week and waited upon God until 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, determined to wrestle with God until the answer had been given. Then, one night, a young man, a deacon from the Free Church, arose from his knees and began to read Psalm 24:

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart—he shall receive the blessings of the Lord."

"Brethren," he said, "We have been praying for months for revival, waiting before God, but I would like to ask you now: ARE OUR HEARTS CLEAN? IS THE HEART PURE?" In response to this searching challenge they fell upon their knees in confession, and rededication, and again began to dwell in prayer, even more earnestly. An hour later, three of them were lying prostrate upon the floor—they had PRAYED UNTIL THEY WERE EXHAUSTED! By five o'clock revival had come. The barn was suddenly filled with the Glory of God, and the power of God that was let loose in that barn shook the whole community of Lewis.

Owen Murphy