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Lessons Learned about Revival

When the Spirit of God works in revival, He doesn't need any help in convicting people. There is a brokenness and an openness. The truths we share in revival are: deal with sins; surrender the rights of self at the cross; be filled with the Holy Spirit; and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Revival is not an emotional experience; it is a truth experience. Truth came into sharp focus.

There are many texts about revival I could share with you. Here is one: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth" (Psa. 110:3).

Acts 3:19 speaks of "times of refreshing" that come from the presence of the Lord; that is time after time.

A text we use about the real essence of revival is 2 Corinthians 3:17 through 4:7: "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Note that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. What is that liberation? It is beholding in a glass, a mirror, the glory of the Lord. Now we are changed from glory to glory. In the next chapter it tells what the change is:

"Therefore, seeing we have this ministry" — the ministry of being changed from glory to glory — "as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty..." — that is revival! — "not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid..." Our gospel is the glory of the Lord showing through us. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ..." If we are not growing from glory to glory, then our gospel is hid. The light is not shining through us. Why does the glory need to be shining through us? So others can see the glorious Gospel of Christ and be converted. This is a wonderful truth, the basis of what happens in revival.

We did nothing to produce revival. We are examples of First Corinthians, chapter one, where it says God chooses the weak things and the things that are not to bring to nought the wisdom of the world, so that if anything good happens, no flesh could glory in His presence (vv. 27-29). -Ralph Sutura

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