

## General Topics :: A Statement to those seeking Revival

### A Statement to those seeking Revival - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/6/24 21:43

I posted this earlier and was immediately rebuked for posting it as a question, rather than a statement. So here is my revision. I am bleary eyed and using a new computer, so forgive any typos and add for yourself any missed punctuation.

This is merely scratching the surface of the depths of this topic and the heart of God for this generation. I have yet to fully flesh this out, and in the coming weeks hope to more fully understand as well, because without this understanding nothing else matters and we must prepare to be devastated and marginalized by those who seek to convince us we are in fact the ones marginalizing and destroying our society.

#### A Statement to those seeking Revival

It is intrinsic in prophetic ministry to see past the glaringly obvious and into the realm of mystery and hiddenness. The nature of the office requires a death so great and all consuming that no self exists any longer to seek the approval and applause of men. The death that is so all consuming that the only inevitability, the only thing that can once again bring life is the power of resurrection. This resurrection is the life through Christ, in the presence of the Father through the workings and power of the Holy Spirit. This, and only this, is the key to unlocking not only the mysteries of God, but also the life that all those who profess His name are called. The life free from the principalities and powers of the air.

We are living in the best of times, and the worst of times. A time of untold wealth and technological advancement. A time when both Church and world depend more fully than ever on these technologies. All it would take for the world to cease to a grinding halt is a literal clip of a wire. We are fools to think that the only influence broadcasted to the masses through this avenue is human.

Revival is a noble pursuit, but a futile one. Here is where I lose you, but I beg you read on.

The cosmic struggle thrust upon us by internet politicians and influencers, LGBT agendas and other debauched manifestations of something far greater and more cosmic than most realize, is much more far reaching and grandiose than the mere pursuit of revival. In fact, the failure to intuit and gain a deep knowing of this one thing is the hindrance to God rending the heavens, as the heavens must first be demonstrated to that we are in fact the church who can demonstrate the manifold wisdoms of God.

What am I saying, and do you have ears to hear?

There is a cosmic struggle, a mystery that has been hidden in God and must as a precursor to not only revival, but evangelism, be waged and not won (as Jesus will culminate the victory), but DEMONSTRATED to the ruling powers that force their hands into the very culture and society we live in today.

The leftist agenda; the LGBTQ2S+ movement that has swept the world, is the strongest manifestation of these powers since perhaps the Nazi party decimated 6 million Jews.

What sensationalism is this you ask? I ask you to see past the mere human manifestations and look deeper, higher, look up instead of across.

The powers Paul talks to us about are spiritual, ruling powers that exert influence over localities, nations, continents, and in this case, planets. They are organized, nefarious and even today go wholly unnoticed by the Church at large. The tragedy here is that the Church is the conduit through which the power of Christ's victory over these powers is to be demonstrated. But how can we wrestle what we do not understand, do not see, or in our modern age, ignore as we ourselves have become consumed and overtaken by their sway?

How do these powers exert their influence?

Fear.  
Manipulation.

Threat.  
Greed.  
Egocentricity.

Look around dear saints at this blatant manifestation of all of these things and ask yourself; Are we a church that is demonstrating the wisdom of God, not to the world, but to the principalities and powers?

Do we employ manipulative tactics in our dealing with each other and the world? Think sales, marketing, self promotion, seeking the applause and adoration of men? Emotional plays in our worship music and altar calls?

Do we employ fear, threats?

These things are the things that matter. The things Jesus in his resurrection power has covenanted to set us free from so that we may walk in rest and peace. This rest and peace that can only be found in the abiding and ever present God is the only power through which we can be free from these powers and their influence. God is nearer to use than the warmth of the sun upon our faces as we walk in its light, we must only acknowledge this and turn our thoughts to Him - He is ALREADY there.

The world systems that many well meaning believers think themselves bound to are merely tools. The internet is not evil, but it allows influencers and big personalities being used, it allows the gods of this world to exert the destructive influences mentioned above and in the end, destroy everything we hope for.

Revival...

This concept is elusive to most Christians in the United States and is often mistaken for mercy drops, or more often than not, emotionally charged meetings being used by the very powers we seek to drive back.

What must we do?

Pursue fellowship in the most authentic way we can - laying bare our very souls, our lives, our failure, our struggles, our victories, our everything to one another in a way that is so foreign to the world it cries, "Crucify him". The violence of the crucifixion juxtaposes itself with the humility of the cross we bear with Christ so profoundly that it demonstrates the wisdom of God second to only humiliating and wrestling prayer (which also bears forth from this fellowship).

Abide in the one sided covenant of God the covenant keeper knowing that nothing we can possibly do will ever save ours, or the souls of those around us. Pride must be met with the Christ life within us and the ever present God. Violence met with peace. Manipulation met with exhortation and accountability to the saints and God. Fear met with eyes raised to the resurrected Christ, as He is and will be ultimately victorious over the powers that now control our nation (USA) and will soon, manifest in more than cultural movements, but blatant and outright persecution. If and when we face it, we must demonstrate again to those same powers a fearlessness even in death, knowing that the end of our mortal shells are meaningless and we shall live on in glorious resurrection as our Lord does.

This movement must serve as an alarm bell for us saints. It is only the beginning of something much worse and if we fail to demonstrate the wisdom of God to the governing and ruling spiritual authorities of the world system, we face a violent persecution that we now only see in its initial birth pangs, but will one day soon take the lives of any who oppose this inclusivity. The world idolizes this coexistence, but it is a mask, a clever ruse that is in no way innocent or "good".

We are to be the ultimate demonstrators, protesters as it were, that Christ can set us free from the depths of these influences.

Freedom from sin and this preoccupation is a pedestrian view of the freedom and life God has in store for the church that will seek Him where He can be found, inside each and every believer.

He is already here, waiting for us to simply acknowledge His presence. I vomit the term 'manifest presence of God' back at this present age as the God of the Bible is in fact omnipresent, or nowhere at all.

Stop seeking Him, for He is already in you - turn your thoughts to Him and walk free and the heavens shall be first cleared of this worlds powers, and than revival shall come in all of Gods glory.

A synopsis of Berkhofs view of this concept:

First, it is important to recognize that the Powers were created by God as part of the "good" Creation. They are instruments to bring order to the Creation and they find their purpose in Christ, who is their Head. However, the Powers are broken due to sin. This legion of Powers now often works in ways that are not reflective of God's character and nature. They are coercive and their way always leads to death. On the surface, they promise well-being and stability. In some sense, they deliver on that promise, but always at the cost of our very lives. It is both a material and spiritual problem. We are enslaved to the system.

The work of Christ in his crucifixion and resurrection breaks the dominion of the Powers. Christ's crucifixion actually unmask the Powers for what they truly are. The resurrection is the sign of Christ's reign and the Powers' edethronement. The Church is also a sign that the Powers no longer rule. The Body of reconciled believers that contains both Jews and Gentiles, demonstrates Christ's reign once again over Creation. The Church is called to stand firm against the Powers, not defeat them—that is Christ's role. Rather, the Church unmask the Powers by living out Christlikeness. The Powers are further destabilized by preaching and teaching Christ, which opens our eyes to the true reality of our broken world.

The Powers can never really come back to autonomous authority. But, we live in the "now and not yet" which means that the Powers still vie for dominion. They do so in three ways: secularism, legalism, and "restoration." Berkhof suggests that the Church is largely responsible for these trends and offers the only worthwhile response to the destabilization of the Powers: following and embodying Christ. In other words, we recognize that the Powers are still at work, but we maintain their proper role, which is subordinate to Christ. We recognize that the "authorities" are broken people needing to be reconciled to Christ. We do not follow "ideology" but continue to pray that Christ would be made manifest through the Powers' work.

Berkhof states it succinctly, "It can happen that Christ's church, by her preaching, her presence, and the patterns of life obtaining within her fellowship, may represent such a mighty witness and so forcefully address the consciences of men far beyond her borders, that they generally orient themselves by this reality, tacitly accepting it as a landmark. They do so because they know of no better guarantor of a decent life, of mercy, freedom, justice, and humanity than a certain general acknowledgment of the sovereignty of Christ, or (as they prefer to say it) of 'Christianity' and 'Christian values'."

**Re: A Statement to those seeking Revival - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2023/6/25 11:36**

Brother,

Thank you for your thoughts.

This short clip might resonate:

Jesus Is The Revival by Michael Koulianos #shorts  
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/9ZQm8BtRkTo>

The modern sense of Revival is more of a word constructed in the great awakening periods. Intimacy and knowing Jesus the son of God is timeless. If that is what revival is to someone then get as much "revival" as you can.

I do believe the word is valid and important and does have biblical roots though the modern usage has become much more wider in its usage.

Matthew 25 to me is where the rubber hits the road past theologies and words, are we "wise" or "foolish" virgins. The challenge is succinct and strong for Christians of all ages.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2023/8/17 11:45**

I posted about a revival taking place in Georgia. The pastor of the church where the revival is taking place got baptized in the Holy Spirit, and is seeing many supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit. He made this statement "that his quest is to help pastors host the presence of God."

**Re: A Statement to those seeking Revival - posted by brothagary, on: 2023/8/18 0:00**

True biblical and historical revival doesn't come through perfect conduct and through absolutely mature vessels demonstrating Christ-likeness.

It comes from a hunger and a thirst that is placed in the believer by God himself and is demonstrated through the spirit of prayer and intercession when the spirit prays through the believer with groans that cannot be uttered.

It is actually the workings of an unclean spirit that causes believers to think revival is either unattainable or not needed to bring about the conversion of the masses.

It's the Spirit of revival when he awakens and pours out his spirit of power and Glory as he is doing in the world today and will continue to do, that will bring Unity and produce maturity.

The horse never does well behind the cart.

The great question is how to maintain revival, how to maintain this glory and light when it comes upon his people and to allow that light to be the light of the world to penetrate into the system of darkness.

A faulty understanding of eschatology will never allow the spirit to flow into the modern world and penetrate and break the yolk of the different principalities and powers and the demonic henchman.

Because this takes faith on a corporate level to activate the spirit of prayer and supplication and to have the resulting vision manifest itself through the prayers of the Saints.

The left-behind movies and the eschatology that was promoted by Darby and propagated through the Scofield Bible have become and are the problem. Our great forefathers Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley and men like Charles Finney had faith in God's power to transform society and without that, we quench the Holy Spirit's work because we do not believe it is possible we have more faith in what Satan is doing on the earth and what he is capable of than what God is capable of.

When we doubt God's power to penetrate into the political system and into the mainstream media and into the educational systems through revival reformation and awakening we quench the spirit.

And the only thing that can break off the bondage of bad eschatology and a pessimistic end-time worldview is the spirit of revival. That is what God did through men like Jonathan Edwards and others and that is what he will do again.

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/10/7 14:43**

In the light of current events, I felt to bump this thread as the entire purpose of the word I was given as my original post was to provoke Israel to jealousy, and in preparation for Jacob's trouble.

**Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2023/11/2 15:32**

I have been thinking about how I would respond to this thread. First, I think it is important to say that I am a pentecostal and a continuationist. I believe strongly in the active and powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit through the life of a believer. I am not, however, a charismatic. I think that much of the current charismatic movement, including the Word of Faith movement and the New Apostolic Reformation groups are off in the weeds to the point that much of what they preach and teach cannot even be called Biblical Christianity anymore. It is laced with New Thought philosophy and, more often than not, pulls scripture far out of context to make its point.

That being said, I would like to address some of what Louis Berkof believed. Here are some excerpts from his writings.

1. Since society cannot be renewed without individual renewal, the church must promote a healthy spiritual life for all her members. That is the indispensable first step. Fail here and there is nothing the church has to give to the world. The salt must not lose its savour.

2. The pulpit must proclaim the social message of Scripture and seek the realization of the kingdom of God on earth, thus avoiding both the danger of exclusive other-worldliness and the danger of simply becoming a platform for sociology. The cross and kingdom are not alternatives, for the kingdom is to be founded on the cross.

6. The church should encourage its members to promote independent Christian organizations that advance the kingdom of God in the various areas of life – social, economic, political. In such ways, Berkhof suggested, Christians will become – the leaven permeating the lump, God’s spiritual force for the regeneration of the world, his chosen agents to influence every sphere of life, to bring science and art, commerce and industry in subjection to God. So we have that Kuyperian separatist note calling for Christians to organize on a distinctively Christian basis.

Contained in these writings are many of the same foundational beliefs of the current New Apostolic Reformation groups. We could easily pull the seven mountain mandate out of Berkhof’s point number 6.

From what I have read, Berkhof was very much about a social reformation through the gospel. It could be thought of as sort of a proto-dominionism in my opinion. The idea is that the kingdom of God will come as the church transforms its culture.

I would ask a few questions that could help the discussion perhaps.

First, can we find anywhere in scripture where it is clearly taught, in context, that the church is going to rise up as the kingdom and affect social change in the world to the degree that the nations will turn to Christianity as a result? Berkhof insinuated that this is the case. But is it found anywhere in scripture?

Second, can we find any place where scripture teaches, in context, that there will be any kind of a great end-time revival and harvest of souls? Or does scripture teach the opposite? Or is scripture silent on this issue entirely?

Third, what pattern do we see in scripture in the early church? What did the apostles teach us should and would happen? Where was their focus and on what did they teach us to focus.

I am certainly not against revival. My desire is, as should be the desire of every believer, that the whole world would be saved. I would love to see every nation on Earth be a Christian nation. But my desire does not mean that this is what God said would happen. I believe we must sincerely seek out what the Bible tells us and conform our beliefs to scripture.

I would love to see some scripture either way as to the questions I asked. Maybe I am missing something another has found.

Travis

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/2 16:02**

I don't promote or even read for that matter anything of Berkhof beside his little book "Christ and the powers", so I am not qualified to respond. My purpose in the original post was obedience.

Berkhof's view of the ruling spiritual principalities and powers of the air is spot on and a much needed, and neglected teaching today.

Apart from this Berkhof is a mystery to me.

**Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2023/11/2 16:09**

Out of curiosity, what scripture does Berkhof use to teach that we as believers are to rule spiritual principalities and powers of the air?

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/2 18:02**

He doesn't teach that, you misread me. The ruling spiritual powers, meaning the spiritual powers that hold sway over the world.

The Lord led me to write and post that in preparation for what we now are witnessing in Israel, as we will, sooner than later have to demonstrate to the powers our freedom in Christ by practically and spiritually bearing the cross and being Christ to Jews fleeing worldwide persecution. The crisis in the middle east will soon arrive on our doorsteps in the form of Jews needing our help to stay alive.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2023/11/2 18:26**

//The crisis in the middle east will soon arrive on our doorsteps in the form of Jews needing our help to stay alive. //

This seems like a very bold statement. What exactly do you mean? That in the USA Jews will be fleeing for their lives en masse? If so from who?

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/2 18:44**

"if so from who"

Satan and his world system, ie. All that is in the world - everyone.

We are already seeing it's initial stages in the rampant and global rise in flagrant antisemitism. The time of Jacobs trouble will follow Jacob wherever he is found, whether it's violent Islamic nations or cultured American ones, Germany was the height of culture directly preceding the Holocaust.

EDIT: If my math is correct based on scripture, approximately 9-10 million Jews will be killed worldwide in the space of 3.5 years, some time soon in the future.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2023/11/2 22:00**

What scripture, if you don't mind telling.

**Re: - posted by CofG (), on: 2023/11/2 23:04**

Here is a correct eschatology from God and last days instruction from God for the saints that likewise corresponds with God's definition of acceptable faith for the true saint facing persecution and suffering :

Eschatology of God to His Bride:

Hebrews 12:

18 For you have not come to what could be touched, to a blazing fire, to darkness, gloom, and storm, 19 to the blast of a trumpet, and the sound of words. Those who heard it begged that not another word be spoken to them, 20 for they could not bear what was commanded: If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned. 21 The appearance was so terrifying that Moses said, I am trembling with fear. 22 *INSTEAD, YOU HAVE COME to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God (the heavenly Jerusalem), to myriads of angels, a festive gathering, 23 to the assembly of the firstborn whose names have been written in heaven, to a Judge, who is God of all, to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which says better things than the blood of Abel.*

25 See to it that you do not reject the one who speaks. For if they did not escape when they rejected him who warned them on earth, even less will we if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven. 26 His voice shook the earth at that time, but now he has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. 27 This expression, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what is not shaken might remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

*Instruction and Warning for the Saint in the midst of the things of earth shaking:*

12 Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, 2 keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**3 For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. 4 In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:**

**My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reproved by him, 6 for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son he receives.**

**7 Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline—which all receive—then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness. 11 No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

**12 Therefore, strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.**

**Warning against Rejecting God's Grace and instruction for last day living :**

**Hebrews 12**

**14 Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord. 15 Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many. 16 And make sure that there isn't any immoral or irreverent person like Esau, who sold his birthright in exchange for a single meal. 17 For you know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, even though he sought it with tears, because he didn't find any opportunity for repentance.**

**Acceptable Faith:**

**Hebrews 11 which precedes Hebrews 12 in sequence and also in thought:**

**13 These all died in faith (OT saints who are examples and witnesses to us), although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. 14 Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return. 16 But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

**If our faith and our overarching eschatology has this teaching as it's priority and focus in the last day, it will go**

*a long way to getting the Bride ready and being an example to the world that is now being shaken and rushing toward a cliff that has no bottom. IF we are focused on social reformation then it seems that we are counseling in a contrary direction to God's. The earth and the world system will be shaken. We are called to put our hope completely on the grace to be revealed at His Coming.*

**Re: A Statement to those seeking Revival - posted by narrowpath, on: 2023/11/3 9:54**

Seeking revival is seeking God.

A simple word search for "seek God" gives us many references in the Old and New Testament.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Colossians 3:1

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Those who really seek God will at times encounter the manifest presence of God, which is not the end in itself, but a wonderful token of God's grace, heavenly manna, memories that lace your life with sweetness and a storehouse of grace to draw from in times of hardship or loneliness.

They are constant reminders, that there is always more of God for you and others to have.

I had a number of those encounters, alone and with others, they are precious stepping stones, and can turn into bread of life when shared with hungry souls.

Paul was not disobedient to his heavenly vision.

Heavenly vision is a by-product of seeking God, but nothing we should seek for itself. I am not talking about private revelation. If the vision dims, we need to repent and seek God again.

We need to see Christ glorified in our Spirit ruling with our father at the right hand of God, like Stephen.

When the world and its systems collapse, and peace taken from earth and hell's forces released, we MUST have a firm foundation and an unshaken sure faith that Christ will come back very soon to rule and reign forever.

The friend of the bridegroom is shouting: sleeping virgins, trim your lamps! This is the revival call.

Who is this friend of the bridegroom? You guess.

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/3 14:43**

Curiously, only one of those verses actually mentions seeking God, but glaringly points out that He rewards the seeker. If "seeking revival is seeking God" (leaving out that this essentially deifies revival), and God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him, where is the revival? It will be said, we haven't sought Him diligently enough; to which I respond: this mentality is the reason we don't see revival, and likely won't, because if it were to come man would receive the glory for seeking diligently enough, and God will share His glory with no man.

If those experiences are "the bread of life", why then did Jesus say He was the bread of life?

If there is always more of God for us to have, has He dissected Himself and only given us part of Himself? If so, which part? God isn't a substance or force, or some thing you can have more of when you want it, God is the creator of the universe.



erse and all reality, and upholds it with the power of His Word. He is a knowable being, and this mentality that wants "more of God" is so far removed from what Jesus taught it's almost beyond my comprehension how it gained such a foothold in believers lives. Satan is clever, and he will mask defeat in victory and use any phrases and words he can to sneak it into the believers lives.

Does He give the Holy Spirit WITH measure, when it clearly says in John the Holy Spirit is given WITHOUT measure, meaning all of HIM or none?

God is a person, we can't have have just part of Him.

Aside from this, why do we think God is something we can have for ourselves? What happened to us being something God can have for Himself?

We don't need to see Christ glorified in our spirit, the Holy Spirit has quickened and raised Him up from the grave, and He is glorified. We need God the Holy Spirit to form Christ in us, because the Lord is the Spirit of the Father, the indwelling Trinity.

We need to see truth, and deplore cliches.

You said "Peace taken from the earth", - so the earth/world has peace? Jesus said we will have tribulation and the world will hate us, but to not let our hearts be troubled because He will come to us, indwell us, and He Himself will be our peace. Hells forces are unleashed dear brother, trust me.

I agree with having the vision that Stephen had, but it requires dying the death that he died. We all want the visions but avoid the death at all costs.

The depths of egocentricity know no bounds in our day, especially when God is reduced to a possession we can essentially carry in our spiritual pockets and seek Him out when we lose Him somewhere (this sounds facetious but is the same mindset).

Walking with the Father by the Spirit with Jesus living and moving and having His being in us, is LIFE in the manifest presence of God.

You said, "Those that seek God will at times encounter the manifest presence of God" - So you're telling me you can have one without the other? The "manifest presence of God" is... Well... God being present. These ideas of pillars of smoke, clouds of smoke, fire descending on altars, where this cliché comes from, are gone with Moses. Jesus is greater than Moses, and the Mosaic covenant has been nailed to His cross.

Jesus dwells within me, which means I am the manifest presence of God, Christ in me the hope of glory. I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me. The life we live is by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us to save us from law and sin.

What your telling me sounds quite similar to the Mosaic covenant, if we do this than God does that, spiritual quid-pro-quo. It's no wonder we see so much defeat in the professing church.

See my original post.

**Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2023/11/3 20:48**

When I posted about the presence of God, I knew beforehand what reaction would come.

@ESchaible, have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/4 15:52**

The point I was trying to make was simply that so much of many peoples Christianity is based in accepted cliches and jargon, rather than scripture and genuine spiritual experience.

What you're telling me is pious sounding and most people would agree, but once I was sanctified it seems I am reading a completely different Bible than most of the people I talk to or interact with.

These cliches about the presence of God are preached constantly, but I don't find them in Jesus or the apostles teaching; I only find them in the Mosaic covenant, (which Jesus saved us from), and pulpits that do nothing but tell people what they should do, be, do more of, or aren't doing well enough, and never talk about what God has done, who and what Jesus is, or we are by faith.

Christianity is not an ethical religion that sets up vague standards towards which we should aspire, in order to get things from God (including this "manifest presence of God" idea). That is Judaism, ethical humanism, pragmatism, etc.

Jesus is to us all that we need, but so few people walk in that reality because they are stuck inside rules and legalism, and haven't experienced life, only the knowledge of good and evil.

The quid pro quo mentality toward God is why we see nothing but decline in our day. God desires to give and man desires to earn, so God waits for man to humble Himself and receive, because the pride of earning is sin.

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/4 17:34**

I really don't want to detract from the point of this thread however, given every day it seems we step closer to Jewish people that need us to be the light to them being slaughtered world wide. The original post I made is eerily more pertinent now than when I made it, and every day becomes a more urgent call for the church to seek God for authenticity and reality, because charismatic soulish religion will not carry us through the time that is quickly approaching.

Would that we seek God, it seems judgment is at the door step.

**Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2023/11/10 4:39**

@ESchaible

Jesus said:

Matthew 14:16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

Jesus asked his disciples to pass on bread. This is a proper description of what a servant of God should do. You receive it, and pass it on.

Seeking God means bringing my life in line with God's commandments and his word. That is not a work, it is surrender. I am just giving him what is due. He has given everything to me, I am just giving what I previously held back, nothing more.

If you study the NT, you will notice that the apostles had special encounters with God, visions, dreams, etc. which were landmarks in their ministry. Paul spoke of them, but almost downplayed them. The Lord revealed to him what he will have to suffer in his name, and that he was to testify before rulers and kings.

These visions helped him to carry on when there was little hope, when he was imprisoned and abandoned.

You sound a bit sarcastic here. I am not talking about OT manifestations. These were accompanying signs, but not the thing in itself.

Sorry to cause you indignation. This is a strong statement, are you really sure?

I know there are a lot of counterfeit claims on the manifest presence of God, but sorry brother, you trash something precious, that you likely have never experienced, and perhaps never will this side of glory.

Are you sure that all of those who did in fact encounter the presence of God, encountered something you regard as "vomit"?

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2023/11/10 6:50**

ESch said:

“Jesus dwells within me, which means I am the manifest presence of God, Christ in me the hope of glory. I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me. The life we live is by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us to save us from law and sin.”

“He is already here, waiting for us to simply acknowledge His presence. I vomit the term 'manifest presence of God' back at this present age as the God of the Bible is in fact omnipresent, or nowhere at all.”

“Stop seeking Him, for He is already in you - turn your thoughts to Him and walk free and the heavens shall be first cleared of this world's powers, and then revival shall come in all of God's glory.”

Brother, How can you say that we are not to seek God in light of all of the scripture that says that we are to seek God. I could give you many scriptures on this. Here are just a few of them.

“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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

“I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me will find me. Proverbs 8:17

But from there, you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Luke 11:9-10

“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

There is definitely a manifest presence of God.

God lives in every born again believer, but He manifests Himself to the one that loves Him and keeps His commandments.

The person who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.” (John 14:21)

This is not a normal church service where the presence of God is there in a measure, but at times the manifest presence of God, the glory of God will be experienced by believers that are gathered together to worship the Lord.

“When revival comes, God's glory is manifest and His presence is evident. The whole church becomes ablaze with His glory! Revival restores our first love for Christ. It resets our focus on Him alone.” “Herald of His Coming”

In II Chron. 7:1-3, the bible says “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.”

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**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/10 6:59**

AbideInHim,

Have you not found Him dear brother? If you have, He has fulfilled those scriptures for you, and your seeking is in vain. How can you continue to look for what you have already found?

The only reason to seek something is because it is still lost to you, and Jesus promises we will find Him when we seek Him.

I have found Him, so I don't need to look anymore, just walk with Him.

I pray this revelation comes to your heart.

EDIT: What you said about church services is something the Lord has completely rid from my thoughts. Awhile back it was pressed upon me that my life needed to be such that if revival were to come in a meeting, nothing would change for me, because I was already walking with God and revived.

I haven't preached in over a decade. But when I was in CA a brother and I saw true revival in a fellowship where we preached. Directly after I was ruined in the pursuit of the experience and the Lord told me clear as day, that is to be the normal experience for me, day by day and moment by moment. We don't live in a Mosaic covenant, but in Jesus. We are at the temple where the fire falls, and remains.

He fulfilled that promise, and He wants that for all His people, including you.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2023/11/10 7:27**

“Have you not found Him dear brother? If you have, He has fulfilled those scriptures for you, and your seeking is in vain. How can you continue to look for what you have already found?”

Yes Brother, I know the Lord, but even as the Apostle Paul prayed near the end of His life: “That I may know Him”, I am still seeking Him, because the more that He reveals Himself to me, the more I realize how big He is, how little I do know, and how much more He has for me.

**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/10 7:35**

Knowledge of Him is exactly that, knowledge of Him. That knowledge is not Him. And herein lies the blockage for most believers.

He must teach us all in His own way the difference between experience, knowledge and Himself.

He wants to give us Himself, everything else is secondary. "Christ in you" - He Himself, nothing else. Knowledge only shows us what He is in Himself to us. And the farther along we go, the more we realize that He Himself is literally everything, and nothing is found anywhere other than His person, Himself.

"HE is made unto us..."

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**Re: A Statement to those seeking Revival - posted by Bartleman (), on: 2023/11/10 8:01**

dear brother, that exhortation is from your pen?

if so, human words in response fail me, only amen and amen.

my name is neil, and i send agape to you.

(later add...brother, yesterday, praying, musing, pondering weighing...the Holy Spirit gave me two Words, "Vine" and "Branch", and i am led to ascertain divine importance to these Words, went back to the word index, and listed all Scriptural references to these Words, i have yet to eat of them, God willing, when i log off, i will do so)

**brother ES - posted by Bartleman (), on: 2023/11/10 8:35**

you wrote:

"In the light of current events, I felt to bump this thread as the the entire purpose of the word I was given as my original post was to provoke Israel to jealousy, and in preparation for Jacobs trouble."

and this precious portion of Scripture popped into my soul from Habakkuk, chapter 1, and verse 5 (ESV)...dont know "why", but here:

"â€œLook among the nations, and see;  
wonder and be astounded.  
For I am doing a work in your days  
that you would not believe if told."

i'm sure how it has not escaped you, and the other saints on this forum, that ALL of man's institutions are collapsing, political, financial, 'cultural', etc....but i see thru a glass darkly, hence, let my words be few, neil

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2023/11/10 8:40**

â€œKnowledge of Him is exactly that, knowledge of Him. That knowledge is not Him. And herein lies the blockage for most believers.â€œ

â€œAnd brother the knowledge of him, itâ€™s not head knowledge, itâ€™s not knowledge of the Bible, but it is experiential knowledge that comes from the revelation of Jesus Christ.â€œ

**Re: - posted by CofG (), on: 2023/11/10 9:03**

Brother ES, I am usually in complete agreement with you in your posts which may scare you but is my joy to have a fellowship in truth. However, in the case of this discussion where it has arrived, I agree with Mike that when the church has slid backwards, it must repent and find a rejuvenated spiritual understanding that "sees" Jesus even though He's always been there in their soul and in their midst (Laodicea). However, Mike, the day in and day out availability of the revelation of Jesus to the heart that comes from daily walking with Him in obedience and devotion, is not something to minimize which you might agree with but is not a widely held viewpoint in the pentecostal circles which i have associated with. That day in day out intimacy is the norm and the perfect. We are called to pray for (seek) that God would by His power strengthen us in the inner man so that we could know Jesus' love to experience it and thereby be filled with all the fullness of God. Mike, I know you fully support that prayer. If we prayed it, and received it, then revival would never be necessary. This daily communion and intimacy is to be the normative pursuit and state of the church.

I know you both know the things I said and I'm not trying to teach or to make peace but rather point to the truth that both of you are making an argument for. There is way too much emphasis on the spectacular or extraordinary for some that detracts from the daily grace of God that is miraculous, satisfying, transformative and gives God glory in the church which is the main point after all. A Christ supreme and Christ like church is so pleasing to the Father even if it becomes a boring pursuit to men. We don't need the show. We need Jesus to be Himself, as my brother said, in His people and through His people and that is revival, the exalting of Jesus. Renewing or reviving must have that as its end or I'm not sure what is the point.

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**Re: - posted by ESchaible, on: 2023/11/10 10:38**

I agree Robert.

Bartleman,  
Amen brother.