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**REVIVAL CAN SAVE AMERICA!
CHRISTIAN, IT IS TIME FOR RENEWAL,
REDEDICATION. REAFFIRMATION,
RECALIBRATION AND ENTER THE SPIRITUAL
BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA!**

Before reading this article, please read the following Scripture verses; "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12); "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is an approach to any people" (Proverb 14:34); "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments and His statutes, which I command thee this day" (Deuteronomy 8:11); "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17); "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver" (Psalm 50:22).

**"Wilt Thou not REVIVE US AGAIN, that Thy
people may rejoice in Thee?" Psalm 85:6
"I remind you to stir up the gift of God which
is in you ..." 2 Timothy 1:6.**

Psalm 85 contains a prayer that never goes out of style: "Revive us again." If you sense that a soul-stirring revival is desperately needed among God's people and in your own heart is you will want to read and meditate on Psalm 85. Also, a review of the revival account led by Ezra and Nehemiah will be helpful (Nehemiah 8-9).

There are many ways to say it. The ground of a Christian gets hard to the point that he is no longer sensitive to God--either speaking from the Word or through the Holy Spirit. He backslides from the level reached and, as did Peter, travels far off. He loses his first love. The joy of God's salvation is no longer vibrating. He grows cold and drifts. He fails to stay clean before God and the fellowship is broken. The sense of nearness with God's hand resting upon Him is gone.

The result of broken fellowship is a tendency to withdraw from the battlefield, to surrender ground to Satan, to lose the burden for the unsaved. Self, more and more, dominates until there is little evidence of the fruit of the Spirit. Eyes turn from the Lord Jesus Christ to people. Generally, people disappoint us and we become easily disillusioned about the meaning of Christianity.

Which one of us can say that there have been no periods in our lives when either one or all of the above characterized our walk with God? All of us need a faith lift from time to time. Each Christian needs renewal or revival which comes with a fresh encounter with God. Even full-time Christian workers can easily allow the fire to grow dim. It is then that the trumpet puts forth an unclear sound.

During my twenty-seven years pastoral tenure, folks often came forward during the invitation in a church service indicating that they want

to "rededicate" themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. The key to the Old Testament is the covenant, which is its theme and unifying factor. Israel's history can be divided according to the nation's obedience or disobedience to God's conditional covenant; blessings from obedience and destruction from disobedience. Nehemiah 9 records that upon completion of the Jerusalem wall, the nation reaffirmed its loyalty to the covenant.

Nehemiah knew that national security ultimately rested not in military but spiritual integrity. A spiritual vacuum existed in the lives of the exiles who had returned home from Babylonian bondage. A public assembly was called (Nehemiah 8:1-4). Entire families gathered attentively for a six-hour service led by Ezra who read and explained the Scriptures. Attentive to the Word of God, the people's hearts were turned to God and revival broke out (8:5-18), just as had happened in the days of Josiah and Hezekiel. Revival fervor was characterized by worship of God (v 6), remorse for sin (v 9), joy in the Lord (vv 10-12), and obedience to God's Word (vv 13-18).

Revival brought a national attentiveness to prayer. The people prepared for prayer with public contrition (9:1-3). The longest prayer in the Bible (vv 4-31) documents the people's prayer of penitence. The people had changed their minds about the way they were living. Adoration (vv 4-6) was followed by a review of Israel's history, contrasting God's faithfulness with Israel's repeated failures and lapses in faith and obedience (vv 7ff). Turning to the present, the prayer becomes an appeal for mercy, based on God's gracious character (v 32). Confession of Sin (vv 33-35) is followed by a national determination to learn from history and not repeat it.

The prayer of confession is followed by an oath of allegiance. A renewed statement of Israel's covenant obligation and their promise to fulfill it was put into writing (Nehemiah 9) with civil leaders (v 1), priests (vv 2-8), heads of Levitical households (vv 9-13), heads of leading lay families (vv 14-27), and finally the general populace (vv 28-29).

There is a universal need for individual renewal. As did Ezra, six hours are used to present the prayer seminar with a focus on the Word of God, Spirit-filled living, prayer, witnessing, and stewardship. Often someone comes at the end of a seminar and says simply: "This prayer seminar was for me. I needed renewal and it has come." As revival comes, the work of the Lord Jesus Christ is strengthened. What a joy it is to have a part in seeing renewal as God's children come together for an encounter with Him. It is certainly worthwhile and worth all the cost involved in providing this service to God's people wherever and whenever He opens the door.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Touching Lives Worldwide-2022

Focus on Indonesia (Saturday, August 6). Adam Nathanson, President, The Prayer Seminar. God is working mightily in Indonesia. Joseph Tan (Singapore/coordinator of Asian seminars) and Dr. Henry have conducted many seminars in this largest Muslim nation. Literally thousands were in attendance. When Dr. Henry preached at Gereja Isa Almasih in Semarang, a city about one hour's flight from Jakarta, there were three Sunday worship services, 6 a.m., 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with 2,000 worshipers in each service. When Adam was invited by Missionary Wade Johnson to conduct prayer seminars in Bali, Indonesia, Dr. Henry said, "Nothing has stirred my heart more than this open door." Needed: **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** to pray and give. Use the response envelope enclosed to **make your investment in eternity through Adam's prayer seminars and teaching.** The original Indonesian Prayer Seminar Workbook has been printed awaiting Adam's visit October 17-31.



Adam and Wade Johnson



Dr. Henry



ONE DAY AT A TIME

"So as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25).

One day at a time, let us travel along
Often through shadows, but always with song;
The song of redemption that rings in our ears
Dispelling the darkness and calming our fears.

One day at a time! We do not need more
Than strength for one day, for Christ goes before,
Marking our pathway with signs of His love,
Making us ready for mansions above.

One day at a time; No sorrow so deep
But we can still follow the print of His feet
For one single day and it may be the last
Ere the journey is ended and finished our task.

One day at a time; Let us triumph o'er care
And prove in the valley that Jesus is there,
That others may find Him because our lights shine
As a witness for Jesus—one day at a time!

Alice H. Morrenson

BE A LIGHTHOUSE OF PRAYER

Isaiah 56:7. "My house shall be a house of prayer for all nations." Jesus was speaking! Could His words be any plainer? There are many important matters before us that we need to bring before the Lord in prayer. Our ministries need prayer. The unsaved need prayer. Our community needs prayer. Our missionaries need prayer. Those who are sick and shut in need prayer. ***Do you believe in the power of prayer enough to be a praying Christian?***

Daniel Webster declared: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overcome us, and bury all our glory in profound obscurity." What is ***the one thing*** that will save our country from disaster in this hour of deadly peril? It is earnest supplication to Almighty God with wholehearted repentance! Therefore, let us set ourselves to pray!

Notes from My Bible

Note 6041. It is between our prayer and God's answer that He teaches us about TRUST. [Shared by June Mchaney, faithful **Doorkeeper** and Dr. Henry's strong right hand in leading the academic development in the early years of Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia]

Note 6042. God hears our prayers and answers our needs.

Note 6043. Revival is kneeling down.

Note 6044. If you want to become the servant of the Lord that He wants you to be read the list of hard-hitting commands and guidelines given in **I Thessalonians 5:**

Note 6045. We unleash the power of prayer one prayer at a time.

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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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