

Prayer for the Last Days Revival

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Ben Crandall's sermon calls for urgent prayer and revival in the last days, emphasizing collective responsibility and the power of prayer to overcome strongholds in society.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the topic of revival in the last days. He begins by emphasizing that we are currently living in the last days, citing signs such as blood, fire, and pillars of smoke. The preacher then recounts a devastating event from the past to illustrate the destructive power of atomic bombs and the potential for even greater destruction in the present day. However, he reassures the audience that he has good news to share. He reads from the book of Joel, proclaiming that God has promised to pour out his spirit on all flesh, leading to prophesying, dreams, and visions. The preacher concludes by affirming that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Transcript

Praise God. Tonight I would like to read to you from my text from Joel's Prophecy, the second chapter, 28th verse, and it shall come to pass afterwards that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Absolute positive statement.

No requirements. Said, I'm going to do it. God almighty said he's going to do it.

So he's going to do it, folks. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Amen. Thank God for this part of it.

Old men shall dream dreams. I love that. Your young men shall see visions.

Thank the Lord. And on my handmaidens and hand servants, I will pour out my spirit in those days. And along with that same time, I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, in the earth, blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood wonders in the heavens before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the

Lord shall be saved. Powerful.

This verse was, this scripture was quoted by Simon Peter, the great outpouring on the day of Pentecost. Tonight, I want to talk to you for a few moments about a prayer for a revival of the last days, praying for God to pour out his spirit in these last days. First, I want to take a few moments to show you without a doubt that we are in the last days.

No, absolutely, positively, we're in the last days. Praise God. And he said, we would see these signs in the earth.

The earthly signs would be blood and fire and pillars of smoke. Just this month, August 6th and August 8th, 63 years ago, these signs, these signs appeared on the earth. It was on August the 6th, 1945 on that morning, cloudless morning, beautiful morning, just like it was here on the 9-11, that it was that day that this one single airplane came over Hiroshima and the scouts and the folks that were watching over the city said, it's nothing because it's just one plane.

They never bombed cities with just one plane. This one plane, Enola Gay, flew over that, named that after the pilot, flew over for his mother, flew over that city and released that bomb. And I worked in Washington drawing the maps for the air force in World War II.

And I know exactly what he saw. And it was the lines crossed and he had this large map, this big. And when he looked down through this, he saw exactly what he saw on the map.

And when he was over the river, he, of that city, he pushed the lever, doors opened, this one single atomic bomb fell and about 10,000 feet above the earth or 5,000 or so, just a few thousand feet above the earth, this thing exploded. 76,000 people perished instantly. 76,000 people perished instantly.

The ball of fire rose five miles into the sky and the pillar of smoke appeared on the earth 15 miles high. A pillar of smoke rose. Two days later in Nagasaki, a similar thing happened, slightly different bomb, killed 60 something thousand and two cities.

Now, Hiroshima was like the city of Providence, about that size, wiped off the earth instantly. Approximately 100,000 perished in all after it was all and finally with the radio activity that perished from that bomb and the pillars of smoke appeared. Now it was twice.

Had it been one time, it would have been just, it would have just could have been an accident. Three time would have been killing folks beyond measure. Twice to establish the fact that it was the end time.

Six million Jews had been killed in the concentration camps of Europe, approximately 6 million, which was approximately one third of all living Jews in the world. There were approximately 18 million Jews on planet earth when the war started and when it ended, 6 million, one third of them were gone. That was 63 years ago.

We're in the last days and we're seeing it now. All you hear on the radio, we're constantly talking about Iran getting the bomb, others getting the bomb. The bomb is, and these bombs now are incredible beyond what was used then and the proliferation is going worldwide.

I'm not saying that to frighten you because I've got some good news. That's to establish the fact that that's where we don't, don't, don't deny it. That's where we are.

We are in the last days and we're going to celebrate just a few days, not celebrate, but remember the day that, uh, it was that we had the, uh, world trade center was struck and, uh, nine 11. We're going to meet at a square and pray. Now, let me tell you, as pastor Dave said, and as the church knows, I believe in this, I believe in it with all my heart.

I believe that in us getting together, thank God, the churches are coming together. A large number of churches, incredible twice as many as last year are coming together for one thing to pray. And there's power in prayer.

Hallelujah. Now let me tell you something folks, power in prayer, power in prayer, and we're believing God. Now he said in these last days, when you know it's the last days, then you can know that I'm going to pour out my spirit.

Now we're going to ask God to pour out his spirit in New York city. We're going to ask God to send us a revival in New York city. And we're going to pray for this country that God will send a revival.

Whenever these 17 men who were extremists, Arab extremists, militants, when they committed their lives to destroy and bring down America, 17 of them, and they brought down the world trade center and they also just bombed and had the plane crash in into the Pentagon. My niece was just a short distance from where the bomb fell working there at the time it fell or the plane crashed into the building and they were trying to destroy this country. But listen, that news went all over the world.

Terrible things have happened. Now, let me tell you, New York is strategic and we want to see a revival in New York city. One of the strong holes of Satan, but God is able, let's believe God is able to send a revival to New York city like we've ever seen.

Hallelujah. Thank you, Jesus. Now what we need to do to make sure we're part of that revival, I want to give you the formula and it is found in second Chronicles, the seventh chapter in the 14th verse.

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, forgive their sin and heal their land. Praise God. Now, praise God.

We're going to believe God. Prayer is the secret and this is the secret coming together. Now, the kind of praying that we want to do is the praying that was done by Daniel in the ninth and 10th chapters, especially the ninth chapter of the book of Daniel.

Daniel prayed in that ninth chapter, the kind of pray that we need to do. Two of the great lessons of prayer are found in Daniel, the ninth and the 10th chapters. And in the ninth chapter, he goes on to say this in the 17th verse.

Now, therefore, our God, hear the prayer of your servant and his supplication for the Lord's sake, cause your face to shine on the sanctuary. And we praise shine on this city and have mercy on us. Oh my God, incline your ear and here, open your eyes and see our desk, our desolation and see this city.

He says, see the city, which is called by your name. New York isn't, but we're going to believe God's name to be raised up in this city. Somebody say hallelujah.

We do not present our supplications before you because of our righteous deeds, but because of your great mercy. Oh Lord here. Oh Lord forgive.

Oh Lord, listen and act. Do not delay for your sake, for your city, for this city and for your people. We're calling by your name and we're called by your name.

And this is the prayer. Daniel identified himself with the people. He didn't say they have sinned.

He said, we have, he identified, we must identify. We can't say God resurrect and do some great for these other people. No, we are part of God's family and we need to accept the responsibility for it and ask God to have mercy on us and to send your blessing and your power, not because we're great, but because you're great and you said it in your word.

And because we're calling upon you, hallelujah, with all of our heart in humility, if my people will humble themselves and pray and pray and humble ourselves and seek the face of God. Prayer has the power to destroy the works of Satan. There's, there's incredible possibility with united prayers of God's people.

Paul, the apostle said, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but are mighty to the tearing down of Satan's strongholds. Prayer is the weapon that's mighty to pulling down the strongholds of Satan. There's strongholds in this city.

There's strongholds of the devil in this city. I think of the strongholds of Satan over the children, the abuse of the children. So many thousands of children abused in this city.

Some years ago, I was just driving through the city, certain sections and just began to weep as I saw the children in the streets and thought how many are molested, how many are hungry, how many are being destroyed. And I'm asking God, tear down the strongholds and God, let us bring the children of New York city to you. Hallelujah.

Let's bring them to you. You are able God to give us a revival, to turn the tide and to deliver the children of this city that are being abused, sexually abused and morally and mentally abused and hurt thousands and thousands of them. And so many, we're going to ask God, let us bring the children.

He said, suffer the little children to come to me and bring them. And Satan is holding them down and destroying them. But we're coming against your stronghold devil in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

And we're calling on you to pull down those strongholds and give us a revival that'll touch the children in this city. I pray for the youth, the strongholds of Satan on the youth of this city. I think of what our, our young people have to go through.

We send our young people to high school, to schools, elementary high schools, and there's no God allowed. The Bible isn't allowed. Prayer is not allowed.

They're taught. There is no God. They're taught evolution.

They're taught that we came, we're, we're just evolved from, from the dirt and we've evolved from small creatures and fish and finally animals. We're an evolved thing. There's no intellectual, no intelligence in the design.

They're hammered that into them and they're taught in sex education. You know what sex education is? It's for young folks to have sex and not get pregnant. I'm telling you, and we send our high school kids there.

We need to tear down the strongholds of the devil. We need to come against it in the mighty name of Jesus. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. And we sit, and we sit carelessly by and wonder what's going on with our young people. Let's don't wring our hands and let's don't sit back.

Let's call on God. Give us a revival that'll shake our city. That'll shake the high schools.

Hallelujah. Invade the universities that are filled with such atheism, trying to fill our minds of our young people with these lies, lies of the devil. We come against it in the name of Jesus.

And we pulled down those strongholds in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. I'm not just talking.

There's power in prayer in Holy Ghost prayer. There's power in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah.

To pull down the strongholds. I think of our Christians and praise God that are so isolated and so hurt. So, so many elderly and so many others that are suffering divorces, broken homes, financial problems, Satan warring against the saints.

And we come against your power and we pull those strongholds down. Drug addiction, alcoholism. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus. Send us a Holy Ghost revival. Send a Holy Ghost.

There's power in prayer. Now we're going to pray at the square, but we're going to keep on praying. Hallelujah.

We're going to keep on praying and we're going to ask God to pull down the strongholds and God invade this city and pull down the strongholds, the religious strongholds, the strongholds of darkness. You know, the only folks in readings recently, just reading the words of Jesus over and studying the words of Jesus. The only folks I see that he ever got angry with was religious leaders.

He was compassionate with sinners, but he didn't have anything good to say about these religious leaders. They were leading the people astray. I pray God, we pull down the strongholds of denominationalism that separate your people, bring together your people, break down the barriers in the mighty name of Jesus.

Hallelujah. We call up on the name of Jesus tonight. And they sang it.

They sang Jesus. I want you to know there's power in the name of Jesus tonight. There's power in that name of Jesus tonight.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I'm asking God to help us to humble ourselves. And I, you know what I think the greatest need of the church in America, not now, not there's many individuals that are on fire, but I'm talking about overall, and

we're part of the church of Jesus Christ. The problem with the church of Jesus Christ in America is we're lukewarm.

The Laodicean church was lukewarm. And you know what their problem was? Materialism. They were well off.

They're well off and they got satisfied and comfortable with their well-off position. Lukewarmness is when materialism takes the wrong place in our lives and in the church and in our thinking. We need to come against it.

And God doesn't like lukewarmness. Lukewarmness is not the answer. It will not bring the revival.

We need to ask God. We confess lukewarmness. It doesn't matter whether it's you or not.

We confess it because we are part of the church of Jesus Christ like Daniel did. God have mercy on your church and wake us up and help us God to humble ourselves and realize that it's not houses and it's not lands and it's not money and it's not position. It's God that we need.

We need the Holy Ghost. We need to realize that we're nothing without God. We're nothing without God.

Materialism is a curse of this church, not on Times Square, of the church in general. And there's on fire people in various spots, but basically we need an awakening, a Holy Ghost awakening that we realize that coldness and lukewarmness and contentment. The problem with lukewarmness is it's a comfortable place and God wants us out of this comfortable place and on fire for him.

Hallelujah. Shaken up on fire. Set the church.

Father, set the church in New York on fire. Set it on fire. Shake it up and bring down your power.

Wake us up. Wake us up in the midnight hours to pray. I was praying today and seeking God all day and off and on all day.

This morning I start off with prayer and I said, such a rebuke from God. I said, boy, what's wrong? I'm here praying and I'm praying selfish prayers. I'm praying for the needs of, you know, my family and all these personal needs first.

And the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, and gave me a tremendous rebuke. He said, you seek first the kingdom. You pray first for revival.

You pray first for my work. I'll take care of you next. You were second.

I'm first. Hallelujah. And we need to put God first.

We need to put him first in our lives. He needs to be first in our prayer. Jesus taught us how to pray in the Lord's prayer.

He said, thy kingdom come, thy will be done. Then after that, he says, now give me what I need. And that's the order of our prayer.

That's the order of our life. It's gotta be that you are first God, you are first, not me and not my needs, your kingdom, your name. Let your will be done.

God, let your will be done in this city. Let your will be done in our churches. God, I pray this night that you'll come down on the scene and that you'll shake us up and out of our lethargy and out of our lukewarmness and our coldness.

And that we might cry out to you till the strongholds come down until a revival hits this city that will shake us and the news. We want the news to go around the world that there's a mighty revival in New York city and let it spread to the ends of the earth. My God, help us.

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