

# The Lewis Revival 1949 - Part 4

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*The Lewis Revival was a period of spiritual awakening and revival in Scotland in 1949, characterized by a strong sense of God's presence and power.*

**Duration:** 8:29

**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11, Acts 2:2

**Topics:** "Gods Presence", "Spiritual Revival"

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## Description

This sermon reflects on the powerful presence of God experienced in various settings, such as meetings, homes, and even everyday activities like going to the cinema. The testimonies shared highlight how individuals were deeply impacted by the spiritual encounters, leading to repentance, salvation, and a profound awareness of God's omnipresence. The emphasis is on the transformative nature of God's presence, leading to conviction, healing, and a deep sense of awe and reverence.

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## Transcript

God was in the meetings, bowing to the hearts of the people. These things, things which have been spoken of easily and without specific significance, were suddenly imbued with spiritual meaning and power. When young Donald McPhail, schoolboy, just beginning his spiritual walk, rose to his feet, he was asked on occasions to pray because he had a special touch of God.

When he rose to his feet, he said, he rose on one occasion in the police station, because the policeman was a Christian and they gathered in the police station, because it was really just an enlarged home, because that was the policeman's home, and that's where they gathered. And he rose and clasped his hands together as he did, as a little child would do, and he said, Father. And that was enough to break the whole congregation.

They wept. The presence of God. God was in the homes, God was speaking to people.

Mary speaks about walking along the road, and she says, suddenly the word came to me, take your shoes from off your feet, for the place whereon you stand is holy ground. So she said, I instinctively walked onto the road. But the same word came to me there, so I stepped back onto the pavement.

She said, I went out in the boat with my father and looked down and saw the fish, and it was God who ate the fish. Everywhere, everywhere was God. So she said, I'm going to shake this off.

She was yet unsaved, I'm going to shake this off, I'm going to the cinema. So she went to the cinema. And when she got to the cinema, what did she see? The first film coming on, The Wondrous of the Deep.

God was everywhere. She went instinctively. Nobody else.

Donald MacPhail speaks of the conviction amongst the steep. Kenny MacDonald said, wherever you went you could not get away from the presence of God. Maggie Mary said, where God was everywhere in the very atmosphere.

They were godly, whether they were godly or godless, people knew that God was there. An unsaved man in Arnould said when he was invited to the meetings, I don't need to go to the meetings to know that there's something special and supernatural going on in the village. He said, I feel it in my own home.

An unsaved man. So Catherine Campbell says the presence of God was everywhere, not just in the meetings. We could not get away from the workings of the Holy Spirit.

God accompanied you everywhere. That is the abiding memory of the revival. On one occasion, there were some men coming up in the early hours of the morning from some of the meetings.

And they came from the meeting, they walked slowly in the night going to their homes. And they got to the top of this rise, they stood for a moment and looked back. Lights were burning, this was two, three in the morning.

They stood there and looked at these men. They took, instinctively took their caps from their heads and stood there. And then one said, my brethren, God is everywhere.

As they are. When God appears on the scene, he makes himself known as a felt reality. Repentance, eternity, healing is then easy.

The presence of God. It was like a canopy over one area and another. The power of God.

Don McVeigh remembers that there was a solemnity that settled on the community and we were convicted whether we attended meetings or not. On the Thursday we had an after meeting at 11pm at number 28 in Arnould, he said, in a home. The atmosphere changed and we were very conscious of the presence of God.

Something happened. He said, I was sitting on the steps half way up. There was my unsaved neighbor beside me and another unsaved neighbor just below me.

He said, as God swept through that meeting, they cried out for the presence of God. They got saved. Mr. Campbell says, I look back with gratitude for all I have witnessed of the mighty power of God during the past six months.

Of meetings and this, he said, there was a mighty manifestation of the power of God in the meeting last night. Wave after wave of Holy Ghost power swept over the meetings and strong men were broken down and crying for mercy. On a remarkable time, again and again, Don McVeigh was used in prayer.

He would pray for 20 minutes or half an hour. This young boy, 16, just saved. He was in a burglary.

They asked him to pray. He stood and he began to pray. He said that morning, we had been reading Revelation 4 and 5. We were looking at John looking into heaven.

He said, as I rose to pray, my spiritual eyes were opened and I saw heavenly realities. What I saw, I declared. I just prayed the things that I saw.

He said, when I opened my eyes 20 minutes later, I was astounded to find many people over the back of the next tomb. And people were in trances. And people were seeking God.

Those prayer meetings, those prayer partners, those prayer warriors, they carried that. And this boy was one of them. He is now at the moment, this very moment, he is in Israel doing work out there.

Last night, says Don McVeigh, we witnessed a mighty manifestation of the power of God. And at Calvary, she says, several men from Arnold came to our assistance. As one of them prayed, God came down in mighty power.

And before the prayer ended, souls were rejoicing in deliverance. Before the prayer ended, souls had got through to God. Others continued on seeking God for weeks and months after that.

But they had been struck by the word and by the power of God. On Friday evening, we had a great manifestation of the power of God in the hall. I had to stop preaching until the cries of the people who came under the power of God were more subdued.

Power of God. And then, singing. Singing was a mighty instrument in their life.

You see, in Lewis, the hymn of Eden is the book of Psalms. And they sing the scriptures. They were singing the word of God.

And this was filled with the presence of God. And as they began singing, God used the very words that they were singing to bring such an atmosphere of God into the midst. We sang a psalm this morning, a paraphrase this morning.

Different expressions regarding the singing are here. Let me just give you a few. The words went straight to my heart.

The singing was like fire going through my whole being. The singing was out of this world. I had never heard anything like it.

The glory of God was in the singing. Revival singing is anointed singing. I could never describe what the singing meant.

The singing was powerful, dynamic. As we sang from our hearts, the atmosphere would change dramatically, and it seemed as if heaven itself was present. Kenny MacDonald says, they sang.

Oh, how they sang. Margaret MacDonald said, and they sang. It was simply glorious.

It was almost supernatural. Full of joy and spiritual power. And the power of God in the singing, a foretaste of heaven.

Mary says, my wife, when the people sang, oh, the shivers chased themselves up and down my spine. I had never heard singing like that.

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