

Praying the Scriptures - Volume 1

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This sermon encourages believers to pray the scriptures for revival, seeking a mighty sweeping moving of the Spirit of God and a deeper connection with God.

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Scripture: Genesis 3:8, Revelation 3:15

Topics: "Scripture Praying"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher addresses the issue of lukewarm faith and warns against being neither hot nor cold in one's devotion to God. He emphasizes the need for repentance and zealotry in order to avoid being rejected by God. The preacher also highlights the importance of recognizing and responding to the voice of God, using biblical references such as Genesis 3:8. The sermon concludes with a call to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, in order to experience revival and healing in our lives and land.

Transcript

At the encouragement of the brother in Christ and other people, we're going to be coming together in our quiet time today, praying scripture and revival, trusting God to move in great revival. I recall several years ago, a meeting went over four months in the church and many meetings have gone well beyond scheduled dates. And some of the scriptures we're going to be praying today are the scriptures that God led us to in days of revival.

So, we need a mighty sweeping moving of the Spirit of God in the land again, and I encourage you to pray along with me the scripture as we go from verse to verse, passage to passage, book to book, generally from Genesis to Revelation, but we'll have other verses interspersed as well. Can you say that today? There's revival in my soul. The Lord gave me a song several years ago when I was sitting at my piano, and this is the song that God gave me as a testimony to his faithfulness.

There's revival in my soul. Jesus, precious Jesus, there's revival in my soul. There's revival in my soul.

Sing it with me, will you? Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Oh, there's revival in my soul. There's revival in my soul.

In Genesis chapter 3, verse 8, and they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. Genesis 3, 8. Lord Jesus, I just pray that we know your voice. Lord, you said my sheep hear my voice.

I pray, Lord, that today that we know the voice of the Lord God. God, that you're walking, that you're moving, that you're speaking, that the spirit of God, the wind of God is always blowing. Lord, in the gardens of life, I pray, God, that we'll hear your voice.

As you walk in the garden in the cool of the day, the Lord, that you bring refreshing. You bring a replenishment when you speak. Lord, Adam and his wife, they hid themselves, though, from your presence because of sin.

And God, any time we have a need of revival, it's because we have hidden ourselves from you. Lord, sin always makes us want to hide from you. Lord, sin always makes us want to stay away from you into the place of worship and duty and service to you, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

I pray, Lord Jesus, that we would not hide ourselves from your presence among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3, 8. Genesis 4, 26. And to Seth, to him also, there was born a son, and he called his name Enos.

Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord. Father, I pray that as we come before your holy throne, that we would call on your name. Lord, you said whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Father, today we come afresh to you to call upon your name. And Lord, it's only by your grace. Lord, in Genesis 6, 8, it says, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6, 8. Father, Noah found grace in your eyes. Lord, that you bestow grace upon Noah to walk with you, to obey you, to build the ark, Lord Jesus. Lord, that it was in your eyes, Lord, that you're always watching us, that you always see what we're doing because of your love upon us, Lord Jesus.

And Father, it's only by your grace that we can pray. So, Father, we come before your throne today and we humble our hearts before you. And we ask you, God, today to give us grace to pray.

Lord, that you give us favor to pray. Lord, that the grace of your activity in our lives, the unmerited favor and activity of God in our lives. Oh, God, how we need your grace.

Lord, we come before you and we humble our hearts before you, God, that we're nothing without you. We're powerless without you. We can't fix anything.

We can't change anything, Lord. The answer to man's needs are not found in man, but, oh, God, only in you. Lord, in Genesis 6, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

In James 4, 6 to 10, your word says, Lord, but he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but gives grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves, therefore, to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.

Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4, 6 through 10. Father, in humbling ourselves before you, oh, God, qualifies us to be recipients of your grace. Lord, you give more grace.

You give a greater grace. Lord, you speak to us. You've spoken in your word.

You said, God resists the proud. Oh, God, I pray that we not be a proud people. God, forgive us for our pride and our arrogance.

God, forgive us for the old self rising up within us saying, no, God. Lord, that old nature's saying, no, God. Your word says, the fool has said in his heart, there is no God.

Lord, the word really is the fool has said in his heart, no, God. And I pray that in our pride, oh, God, we don't say no to you. Lord, would you give grace unto the humble? Oh, God, how do we humble ourselves? Oh, we submit ourselves, therefore, to you.

Lord, right now, we submit our hearts to you. We submit our attention to you. We submit our will to you.

We submit our minds to you. We submit our churches and our families to you. Lord, your word says, resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

So in the name of blood and through the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we stand in resistance to the enemy in Jesus' name. And, Lord, by your grace, we draw near to you. You said, draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Lord, I know you're omnipresent, you're everywhere. Lord, there's something about your manifest presence. There's something, Lord, about the outmoving, outpouring of your Holy Spirit, oh, God.

And, Lord, we draw nigh to you in prayer right now. Oh, God, we draw nigh to you through humbling our hearts before you. Say, oh, God, we need you so desperately.

Oh, God, you said, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. You said, cleanse your hearts, you sinners. Oh, God, may nothing be in my heart in the way of your grace and goodness.

May nothing be in my life that separates fellowship, oh, God, between my heart and your heart. Lord Jesus, you said, cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Oh, God, I pray that we not be double-minded, that our hearts be pure, single before you.

Because you said, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Oh, God, may we not be double-minded in our walk with you, in our commitment to you, in our allegiance to you. Lord, you said, be afflicted and mourn, and we, oh, God, forgive us for being so tearless over this nation.

Forgive us, Lord, for not weeping over lost souls of this country. Forgive us, oh, God, for not weeping over our own sins, my own sin, oh, God. God, forgive us for being churches and people and individuals that our eyes are dry way too often, Lord, because Paul, he wept night and day for the people.

Jesus, you in the garden of Gethsemane, you shed great drops of tears, drops of blood, Lord Jesus. God, give us the grace to be afflicted, to mourn, to allow the things that break your heart to break our hearts,

and, Lord, to weep. You said, Lord, let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord. Lord, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. You said, humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4, 6 to 10, Exodus 12, 13, And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.

Lord, you said in your word, when I see the blood, I will pass over you. You said, when I see the blood, I will hover over you. Father, that was the clarion cry in the Welsh Revival of 1904.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. God, I pray you said, when I see the blood, I will pass over, I will hover over you, Lord Jesus. God, show us that ever and always you're attracted to the blood of your Son, O God.

And that if we would know the manifest presence of God and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, You said, live under the continual cleansing of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, you said, when I see the blood, I will hover over you, I'll pass over you. Exodus 12, 13, 1 John 1, 6 and 7. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. And the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin. Lord, I pray that this very day, this very moment, this very night, wherever we are right now, I pray right now, Lord Jesus, and thank you for the fellowship that we have with you.

O God, may we not say one thing and live another. May we not say we have fellowship with you and walk in darkness. Because if we do, we're lying, we're not practicing the truth of God.

But if we walk in the light, Lord, the light of your word, the light of your holiness, the light of your presence. If we walk in the light, Lord, living a life where we have an unquenched, ungrieved spirit of the living God, filling and flooding our lives. As he is in the light, Jesus you, then we have fellowship one with another.

Father, we can have fellowship with you. It's vertical and it's horizontal. We have fellowship one with another.

Father, O God, for a fresh living of your spirit, that we may have fellowship one with another. And you promised the blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, goes on cleansing us from all sin. Thank you, Lord, for the blood.

Oh, the blood that was poured out of Calvary's cross, that it cleanses us from all sin. You said in 1 John 1, 9, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1, 9. Father, as that woman of God said years ago, we committed our sins one by one as a believer, confess them one by one.

Father, it's too easy to put everything under the big blanket of God, forgive me of all my sins. But Lord, we need to call out our sins and name them, name them before you, Lord. Knowing that you're faithful and just to forgive us.

Father, you're faithful and just to your Son, Jesus, because of the covenant that was cut. To forgive us our sins and to cleanse us, point action from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1, 9. Numbers 21, 16 to 18.

And from thence they went to Beer. That is the well whereof the Lord spake unto Moses, gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song, spring up, O well, sing you unto it.

The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it by the direction of the lawgiver with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Matanah. Lord Jesus, I thank you that you're calling us to go to new heights with you.

You're calling us to go from one place to the next. You want us to know the mighty moving of the Spirit of God and the well is a revival, Lord Jesus. That is the well whereof the Lord spake unto Moses.

When you said, gather the people together, and I will give them water. Lord Jesus, I thank you, you said, gather them together, and I will give them water. Father, I can't squeeze it out.

I don't make it happen. But Lord Jesus, you're the one. You're the one, Lord Jesus.

You said you'll give them water. Thank you, Father, for promising that. And Lord Jesus, there's that old well.

Oh, it's been filled up for years. And Father, there's dirt in it, there's sand in it. There's sand of aggravations and disturbances in our lives.

There's the rocks, Lord Jesus, of hardness and coldness where, God, we once used to be tender and walk with you. And there was a tenderness of our soul and of our life, Lord Jesus. But Lord, maybe a hardness has come into my heart, oh God.

A hardness between me and you. A hardness between me and somebody else, Lord Jesus. But, oh God, we dig it out.

The princes dig the well. The nobles of the people dig it by the direction of the law. Lord, according to your word, we dig out those hard things in our lives.

We dig out the sands of God in our lives. We dig out, Lord Jesus, the dirtiness in our lives. Lord Jesus, we dig it out, Father, in Jesus' name.

Father, in Jesus' name, we dig it out, Lord God. Father, we take it seriously, the need for revival. Lord Jesus, after they dug out those wells, I could just imagine the people standing around that well, and there was no water yet.

It was empty, it was dry, and it was barren. Father, how many times we've come before you, and as far as we know, Lord, there's no sin. We've confessed everything we know to confess, Father.

But, oh God, sometimes it seems that the well is still running dry. Lord, they stood around the well, and they sang to it. They sang to it, Lord.

Spring up, oh well. Spring up, oh well. By faith and expectation, Lord Jesus, they fulfilled, oh God, the need of cleaning out the well.

Then, Lord, they could speak to it, spring up, oh well. God, sometimes in our lives, we need to cry out and sing to the wells that are empty that once flowed with water. By faith saying, spring up, well.

Spring up, well. Oh God, a revival of the past. Spring up, oh well, again.

Lord, do it again, oh God. Pour out your spirit again, oh God. And do the great and mighty things, Lord, that only you can do.

Do it again. Do it again. And pour out your spirit.

Oh, pour out your spirit upon us. Oh, Lord, do it again. Sing with me.

And Lord, do it again. Again. Send us, Lord.

Send us a mighty revival. Do it. Numbers 21, 16 to 18.

Then Israel sang this song, spring up, oh well. Sing ye unto it. The princes digged the well.

The nobles of the people digged it by the direction of the lawgiver with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Matanah. First Kings 18, 36 to 39.

It came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice that Elijah the prophet came near and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel and that I am thy servant. And I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, oh Lord.

Hear me. That this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, The Lord, he is God. The Lord, he is God. Oh Lord Jesus, I sit here that Elijah fell.

He fell on his knees in prayer. He cried out to you, Lord Jesus. He said, Lord, I am thy servant, and I've done all the things at your word.

Father, may we be obedient to your word, to your voice, to what you're saying, Lord, and to what you're doing. Oh God, hear me, I pray today. Hear us, oh Lord, that the people around us may know that you are God, that you are Lord, there is nothing else beside you, and that you've turned their heart back again.

Father, that's the revival for which we pray, that you'll turn people's hearts back to the Lord. Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. Lord, you didn't consume the water, you licked it up.

Lord, how often, Lord Jesus, how you would take that water, even here in this passage, Lord, and you licked it up into the sky, and later, Lord, that water became the cloud the size of a man's hand. But God, that right there at the place of the altar is where revival begins, Lord, and there's no other place where it begins, oh God, but right there. Lord, you licked up the water that was in the trench.

Father, I pray that you do such a mighty work in this nation that when all the people see it, they'll fall on their faces. I pray, Lord, for such a mighty working of your Spirit that all the people will see it. Father, we see what man can do, what man can provide, but, oh God, it's not what all you can do.

We pray, God, that you work in such a mighty, powerful way that the whole nations, that the nations of the world will see it. We'll see it, and they'll fall on their faces. And they'll say, Lord, you're God.

You're God. Father, may that be the prayer of our hearts to descend holy fire, holy fire on me. Oh, purge me.

Yes, cleanse me. In flame my soul. Descend holy fire on me.

Ascend holy fire from me. Ascend holy fire from me. Oh, fragrance so pure for thy glory.

Ascend holy fire from me. Descend holy fire through me. Descend holy fire through me.

To a world that's lost in the darkness of sin. Descend holy fire through me. To a world that's lost in the darkness of sin.

Descend holy fire. 2 Chronicles 7, 12-15 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven, let there be no rain.

If I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people, if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be opened and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7, 12-15 Lord, you said if you shut up the heavens that there's no rain.

Father, that's where we are today, Lord. It seems to me there's no rain of revival. But oh God, I pray we acknowledge that, Lord.

We're not going to fake it until we make it. We acknowledge it, Lord. Lord, if you command the locusts to devour the land, Father, we're seeing a devouring of the nations.

Oh God, I pray in Jesus' name, we acknowledge it before you, Lord, the devouring that's going on and the devouring of people's lives. All kinds of drugs and everything else, Lord, but the devouring of the faith of people and the hope of people's hearts, Father. Lord, you said if you send pestilence among my people.

Lord, you love us so much that you will chastise us, Lord. But you gave us grace and you said, though, if my people. Lord, I'm your child today.

Lord, I'm called by your name. Oh God, I humble myself before you. Lord, I'm nothing.

I'm powerless without you, Lord Jesus. Paul said in Corinthians, he said, though I be nothing. Lord Jesus, you hung the world on nothing.

Oh God, may we see that we are but nothing outside of your grace and goodness and glory. Oh God, I pray that you bestow on our lives a mighty working of your spirit of the ministry, Lord, across the nations of the world. That the world might know that you're the Lord, that you're God.

So God, we humble ourselves today. Oh God, we pray. Oh God, we pray.

Lord, may we not just say words, but oh God, may we really pray. May in praying, may we pray. Lord, like a wind blow upon me.

Like a fire, oh God, I pray burn within me. Lord, I pray like a river, Lord. Like a river, Lord, flow through me, I pray.

By your spirit, oh Lord, come glorify thy name, Lord Jesus. Oh, were you listening? Will you sing that with me? It's a little chorus God gave years ago in a meeting. It went for four weeks in a church.

I've never been in a meeting like it up to that point in my life. During those days, God gave this little chorus. It goes like this, very simple.

Sing with me. Like a wind, Lord, blow upon me. Like a fire, Lord, burn within me.

Like a river, Lord, flow through me, I pray. By your spirit, Lord, come glorify thy name. Let's sing it again.

Will you sing with me? Like a wind, Lord, blow upon me. Oh, God, like a fire, Lord, burn within me. Like a river, Lord, flow through me, I pray.

By your spirit, Lord, come glorify thy name. Lord, you said if we humble ourselves and pray and seek your face and turn from our wicked ways, from my wicked ways, Lord. You said I'll hear from heaven.

You said I'll forgive your sin. You said I'll heal their land. Oh, God, do it, I pray.

For you said my eyes shall be opened and my ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 2 Chronicles 29, 1-11, Hezekiah began to reign when he was 5 and 20 years old. And he reigned 9 and 20 years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. According to all that David his father had done in the first year of his reign, in the first month opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them.

And he brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them together into the east street. And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. For our fathers have trespassed and done that which is evil in the eyes of the Lord our God and have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord and they turned their backs.

Also they have shut up the doors of the porch and put out the lamps and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment and to hissing as you see with your eyes. For lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. My sons, be not now negligent for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him and that ye should minister unto him and burn incense. Father, I pray that even as Hezekiah was quick in that in the first year of his reign, in the very first month he opened the doors of the house of the Lord.

He opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Lord, you said, behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the doors, I will come into him and will dine with him and he with me.

Lord, I think of Holman Hunt's beautiful painting of Jesus, you standing at the door on the outside, the ousted Christ knocking on the door of your church. Lord, grant us to be like Hezekiah and open the doors of the house of the Lord and to repair the doors, O God. May we repair the daily quiet time with you, to meet with you, O God, every day of our lives.

Lord, he gathered the priests and the Levites and the leaders and they all came together, Lord Jesus. He said, hear me, you Levites, sanctify now yourselves. Father, I pray that we in leadership as preachers and ministers, God, would be the first to get right with you, O God.

Lord, it's not just the people sitting out in the pew that need to get right with you. It's not just a nation that needs to get right with you. O God, may we as ministers weep between the boards of the altar.

May we get sick and tired, O God, of being sick and tired. May we get sick and tired of living powerless, empty lives, O God. And may we weep between the boards of the altar.

Father, may we sanctify ourselves and be set apart, O God, and to sanctify the house of the Lord as well, Lord, and to carry the filthiness out of the holy place. God, may we deal with sin in our personal lives and sin in the church, O God. Lord, it's time for judgment to begin at the house of God.

Forgive us, Lord, for our selfishness, O God. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for our wrongdoing and all that we're doing, Father, in our lives, Lord Jesus, that isn't right. God, I come to you, Lord, just as I am, and I pray on God.

I pray, God, that you do a fresh work, Jesus. God, I pray that you change us. Lord, that we carry out the filthiness out of the holy place.

Lord, your word says that they've shut up the doors of the porch and they've put out the lamps. God, forgive us for putting out the lamps of prayer by becoming so busy. Lord, as the Red Path said, beware of the barrenness of a busy life.

And, Father, many a man, many a woman, many a child even, Father, they have buried our spirituality on the altar of busyness. I pray, Father God, that you forgive us for burying our spirituality on the altars of our busyness, Lord. Forgive us for putting out the lamps, O God, since they've not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

O God, may that whole surrender be mine today, God, as I pray. And because of this, Lord, your wrath in Jerusalem is upon us, O God. And you've delivered us to trouble and to astonishment and to hissing as we see with our own eyes in our own nation, O God.

God, because we've shut the doors of prayer, O God, we run you out of our schools and many places, O God, forgive us. Many churches don't even have prayer meetings anymore, O God. God, forgive us, I pray, for our prayerlessness, O Lord.

Wash us thoroughly, Lord Jesus, from our coldness, O God. Pass us not, O gentle Savior, and hear our humble cry. While on others, Lord, that we're calling, Lord, do not pass us by.

O Savior. O Savior, hear my cry today. O God.

While on others you're calling, Lord, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others I'm calling, Lord, O do not pass me by, Lord.

Do not pass by our lives, Lord, our churches, O God. Don't pass by this nation, Lord. Let me at the throne of mercy.

Lord, may we find, may we find a sweet relief. We pray for that peace and rest, O God. The given rest of forgiveness, the found rest of surrender.

Kneeling there, Lord, in deep, in deep contrition. Right here, Lord, and right now, I pray, we pray, God, help, O God. Help my unbelief.

Father, many a man, many a woman in ministry. Many have been so bombarded by hopelessness all around, by unbelief, by circumstances, by the busyness of life, by the troubles of everyone around, O God. But, Lord, sometimes we just need to kneel in deep contrition and cry out, O God, help my unbelief, O God.

Lord, give me the grace to trust you for great and mighty things. Lord, you said, call unto me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Father, sometimes unbelief seems to pervade our hearts, O God.

Jesus, I pray, help, help my unbelief. Lord, trusting only in thy merits, would I seek thy face. Heal my wounded, broken spirit.

Save me by thy grace. And thou, the spring of all my comforts. Lord Jesus, you are more than life.

You're more than life to me. Whom have I on earth beside me? Lord, there's none like you. Lord Jesus, we can look everywhere and there's none like you, Lord.

Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? Oh, Lord, what a day it's going to be when we see you. But, Father, for this day, we bow our heads and our hearts and we pray to you, Lord Jesus. Pass me not, O gentle Savior.

Josiah was eight years old, Lord, when he began to reign. 2 Chronicles 34, 1-3. And he reigned in Jerusalem one and 30 years.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand nor to the left. For the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father. And in the twelfth year, he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places and the groves and the carved images and the molten images.

2 Chronicles 34, 14. Where it says that when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the Lord given by Moses. Father, may we begin early and young in our lives to purge out the things that are of you, to put on the cleansing blood of Calvary, Lord Jesus.

And, Father, when they found the book, he did a great work of revival. 2 Chronicles 34, 18-22. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book.

Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes, he tore his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Abdon, the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, And Shaphan, Esaias, servant of the king, saying, Go inquire of the Lord for me.

And for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found, for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord to do after all that is written in this book. 2 Chronicles 34, 26. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, so shall ye say unto him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard, Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbled yourself before me, and did tear your clothes, and weep before me, I have even heard you also, says the Lord.

2 Chronicles 34, 26-27. 2 Chronicles 35, 18. And there was no Passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet.

Neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept. Lord, I pray, may our commitments and our times of meeting together as the body of Christ be real when revival breaks out, Lord. Ezra 9, 8 and 9. And now for a little space.

Grace has been showed from the Lord our God to leave us a remnant to escape and to give us a nail in his holy place that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. Father, give it, we pray. Grant it, Lord Jesus, because of your grace of reviving, O God.

Lord of Nehemiah, he cried unto you and he heard. Your word says in Nehemiah chapter 1, verse 3, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem also was broken down and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

It came to pass when I heard these words that I sat down and wept and mourned certain days and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Lord, even in Nehemiah chapter 9, 1 to 3, now on the 24th day of this month, the children of Israel were assembled for fasting. The sackcloth and earth upon them.

And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day and another fourth part they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God. Nehemiah 9, 1 to 3. Father, may we seek you, Father, and walk with you in relationship to prayer.

And Lord Esther, may them return more to Ki, this answer go. Gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan and fast ye for me. And neither eat nor drink three days, night or day.

I also and my maids will fast likewise, and so will I go unto the king, which is not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish. Esther 4, 15 and 16.

Father, may we have that kind of a hunger for a mighty moving of your spirit revival in America. Lord, in Psalm 85, Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land. Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people. Thou hast covered all their sins. Thou hast taken away all my wrath.

Thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. Turn us, O God, of our salvation and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us forever? And wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear when God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints. Let them not turn again to falling. Surely his salvation is near them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 85. Psalm 110, verse 3. 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 due of thy youth, O God.

Psalm 110, verse 3. May we be willing in the day of thy power. Psalm 133. Lord, I pray that we will be a people who know the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God.

You shall behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It's like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion. For there, there, the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

Psalm 138, 6-8. Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lonely, but the proud he knows afar off. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm 145, 49. One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak, I will speak, Lord, of the glorious honor of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of your great goodness and shall sing of your righteousness. The Lord, O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion and slow to anger and of great mercy.

Lord, you're good to all and your mercy, your tender mercies are over all your works. Lord, Isaiah 35, the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose and they shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God. And a highway shall be there and a way and it shall be called the way of holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it. It shall be for those, the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransom of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness, joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Lord, you said in Isaiah 41, 17 to 21, when the poor and needy seek water and there is none and their tongue fails for thirst, I, the Lord, will hear them. Thank you, Lord, for hearing.

I, the God of Israel will not forsake them. Thank you, Lord, for not forsaking the thirsty. You said, Lord, I will open rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of the valleys.

You said, Lord, I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that they may see and know and consider and understand together that the hand of the Lord hath done this and the Holy One of Israel has created it. Produce your cause, you said, Lord, your word.

Produce your cause, says the Lord, in verse 21. Bring forth your strong reasons, says the King of Jacob. Isaiah 43, 13, Lord, you said, Yea, before the day was, I am he.

There is none that can deliver out of my hands. You said, I will work and who shall let it? Who shall hinder it? You said, Isaiah 43, 19, Behold, I will do a new thing, that which shall spring forth. Shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 44, I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring. Thank you, Lord.

That's what they prayed in the Lewis awakening of 49. Isaiah 45, 11, thus says the Lord, the holy one of Israel and his maker, Ask of me things to come concerning my sons and concerning the work of my hands. Come unto me, Isaiah 45, 11.

Oh God, do what you promised, we pray. Isaiah 46, 9-13, Remember the former things of old, for I am God and there is none else. I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from the ancient times to the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure.

Yea, I have spoken it. I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed.

I also will do it. I bring near my righteousness. It shall not be far off.

My salvation shall not tarry. I will place salvation in Zion for Israel. My glory.

Thank you, Lord, for Isaiah 46, 9-13. Isaiah 54, 2, Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations. Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

Isaiah 54, 2, Oh God, we hear your word, I hear your word. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations. Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

Isaiah 54, 2. Isaiah 54, 7 and 8, For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, says the Lord, thy Redeemer. Isaiah 57, 15, For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.

I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and a humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, Lord. To revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Lord, do it again, we pray.

Revive, Lord Jesus. Revive, Lord Jesus. Isaiah 58, 12, And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places.

Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations. Thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Isaiah 66, 2, To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word. Jeremiah 2, 13, You said, For my people have committed two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Lord, that's the sin, the two evils. They've forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and cut themselves out broken cisterns that can hold no water. Blessed Holy Spirit, we pray, pour out your spirit, Father, upon us again, oh God.

Jeremiah 3, 12 and 13, Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, Return thou backsliding Israel, says the Lord. And I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you, for I am merciful, says the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree.

And ye have not obeyed my voice, says the Lord. Jeremiah 3, 12 and 13, Jeremiah 3, 22 and 23, Return ye backsliding Israel, children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee, thou art the Lord our God.

Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills and from the multitudes of mountains. Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. Jeremiah 3, 22 and 23.

Lord, your word says in Jeremiah 33, 3, Call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Father, we stand on that word as our promise of a mighty movement and revival in our lives and the nation, Lord. Ezekiel 34, 26 and 27.

You said, Lord, I will cause the shower to come down in his season. There shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 36, 26 and 27.

A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh and I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. Thank you, Lord, for that new covenant blessing.

Hosea 6, 1 to 3. Come and let us return unto the Lord for he has torn and he will heal us. He has smitten and he will bind us up. After two days, he will revive us.

In the third day, he will raise us up and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord. His going forth has prepared us the morning and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the ladder in the form of rain unto the earth.

Father, that's what we pray. Oh God, we come unto you, we return unto you, Lord Jesus. For you have torn, Lord, but you will heal us.

Lord, you smitten and you will bind us up. After two days, you will revive us. In the third day, Lord, you will raise us up and we shall live in your sight.

Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord. Father, we pray, Lord, what's your will? What shall we do? Oh God, then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord. Our cry, oh God, today, oh blessed Holy Spirit, oh God, that we might know you and the power of your resurrection and the fellowship of your sufferings being made conformable unto your death.

So Lord, take us and break us and make us what you want us to be, oh Lord. Hosea 14, one and two, oh Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words and turn to the Lord.

Say unto him, take away all iniquity and receive us graciously. So will we render the calves of our lips. Hosea 14, seven, they shall revive as corn.

Oh, the book of Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Habakkuk, Zechariah 10, one, ask ye of the Lord, rain in the time of the latter rain, so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain. To everyone, grass in the field. Lord, you promise it to everyone, not just some spiritual elitist, Lord.

You said everyone. Oh Lord, in Acts you talked about the moving of the Holy Spirit of God upon everyone, Lord Jesus. In Mark 2, it was noise abroad, Lord, that you were in the house and immediately many were gathered together in so much that there was no room to receive them.

No, not so much as about the door and you preached the word unto them. Lord, when they came, those four men, with that man, and when they had broken up the tile of the ceiling, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. Father, we can't get the sick to you until first we're broken.

So God, may we be broken before you, Lord. In Luke, you said every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough way shall be made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3, four to six.

Luke 11, 13, if ye then, medieval, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father go on giving, oh, go on giving the Holy Spirit to those that go on asking. Father, we've stopped receiving because we stopped asking. Give us the grace, I pray, to keep on asking and asking and asking and asking in prayer.

You said if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers, rivers, the Congo, the Amazon, the Mississippi, the Danube, rivers of living water. John 7, 37 to 39.

Lord, you said you'll reprove the world of sin in John 16, eight to 11. Acts 2, 33, therefore being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this which you now see and hear. Lord, your word says, Revelation 3, thus says the Amen, the faithful, the true, and it's the beginning of the creation of God.

I know your works. You're neither cold nor hot. How would you were cold or hot? So that because thou art neither cold or hot because you look warm, or neither cold or hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

You say I'm rich and increased with goods and all these things, but Lord, you said I've counted you to buy me gold in the fire. As many as I love, I rebuke and chase them. Be zealous, therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, I will enter into him. I will sup with him and dine with him.

Lord, you said in 1 Peter 4, 17, for the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God. You said, and ask, repent, and be converted. That your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

In Jesus' name, Lord. Do it, we pray.

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