

Revival Conference Message

by Derek Melton

Derek Melton emphasizes the urgent need for revival in the church through a return to sound doctrine and genuine repentance.

Duration: 10:43

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 7:21, Acts 3:19, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 6:10, 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 4:12, James 4:8

Topics: "Revival", "Sound Doctrine"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for a revival of true doctrine and the Word of God in the church, highlighting concerns about the departure from sound doctrine, the importance of preaching repentance and regeneration, and the call for a revival in the pulpit before the pew. It calls for a return to biblical principles, standards, and truth, seeking a sovereign move of God's Spirit to bring about genuine salvation and transformation.

Transcript

Hello, I'm Derek Melton and I'm the pastor of Pryor Creek Community Church in Pryor, Oklahoma. And I want to share just for a moment a little bit about revival and some of the things that the Word of God says and some of the concerns that as a pastor that I have about about our generation. I trust and hope that all's going well at Sermon Index Revival Conference and the Word of God's being spoken with power and anointing and that hearts are being challenged and changed.

The Word of God says in 1 Timothy chapter 4, starting at verse 1, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies and hypocrisy, having their conscience seared over with a hot iron, forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. Then the Word of God goes on to say over in 2 Timothy, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust they shall heap up to themselves teachers having itching ears, and they shall turn their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. I have a growing concern for our church and this generation that the church is in need of a true revival of true doctrine, the revival of the Word of God.

I have some concerns for our generation that the pulpit needs a revival, that the pulpit has been pouring forth lies and heresies. Just as the Word of God says that the people will not be able to endure the sound

doctrine and so there's been a modification of the doctrines of truth that have been formerly known about 100 years ago or even less. Those truths have seemingly fallen asleep or been put back into the shelves and those doctrines are in need of a resurrection in our generation and in our culture.

I am concerned that the pulpit is in need of a revival before there can be a revival in the pew. I'm concerned that if there were a revival poured out upon the local church that the pulpit would greatly take that and run the wrong direction with it. I believe that the Word of God needs to come forth in power and purity.

I believe the doctrines of Christ, the true doctrines of the Word of God need to be once again preached and proclaimed and that the subjects that have been taught to the church that are being taught to the church need to be done away with. That the doctrines of Jesus Christ, the doctrines of repentance, the doctrines of regeneration might once again come back from the pulpit and feed the hearts of the people of God the truth that the hearts of the people are truly craving. I believe that there needs to be a sovereign move of God, a revival of the Holy Spirit, but in the hearts of the men of God that are behind the pulpit they might once again be strong in the Lord and the power of His might and preach forth those doctrines that prick the heart and that bring people unto repentance, that they might be saved.

It's a growing concern of mine that there's little repentance in the house of God because there's little preaching of the truth, doctrinal truth in the pulpit that would convince of sin or of righteousness or judgment that's to come. And it's my prayer that God would pour His spirit out once again upon the pulpit and then subsequently upon the pew. I believe that there's a movement today that is almost an idolatry of revivalism, that people are chasing after a fad or chasing after a phenomenon instead of seeking the face of a holy God for change on the inside that we might glorify God.

I'm a growing concern that people are chasing after emotions and chasing after things that would make them feel good instead of going after God and His saving grace that would make them good, that would make them acceptable in the eyes of a holy God. It's my prayer that God by His spirit would revive the hearts of those that are standing behind pulpits, that the people that are coming in to hear the truth will actually begin to hear the truth once again and that the hard sayings of Jesus Christ would once again come and confront us in our selfishness, confronting us in our wickedness and bring us to our knees and repentant tears that our hearts would be truly saved and justified by faith and faith alone and that we might be turned away from a lifestyle of error and turned back to a holy God and live once again for the glory of a righteous and a holy God, that we as His people might stand before Him on that great day and that He might say welcome in, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord. It's my prayer that God would stir the hearts of those that are standing in places and positions of authority in the local church and they would with strength and Holy Spirit anointing preach the truth of the Bible, the truth of the doctrines of Christ.

It's my prayer that men would be strong and powerful with the anointing of Christ having spent time on their knees and in the closet getting to know Him and then coming forth from the closet to present Christ to the people of God and not heresy. It's my growing concern that people are weak in the faith because there's such weakness in the pulpit and it's my earnest desire in my prayer that God would revive the pulpit. The pulpit would come back to life again and to preach the truth, to preach the doctrines that have been sleeping for a hundred years and I know that the Word of God says that they will not endure sound doctrine but I'm not sure that the people have been presented sound doctrine to see whether or not they would endure it.

It's my prayer that we would come forth from the closet with the anointing with the mantle of Christ on us and to preach with an anointing, with a revival on the inside of us as men of God, with an inward awakening to the need of the times that we are living in, to the lack that we see in the church, to the uncommitted people that are coming in and to see and to realize with a revelation that they have nothing on the inside to hold them to a commitment to Christ because many of them are unconverted. Oh it's my prayer that God would endow and do His men from on high with the Holy Spirit and power that they would preach the truth that would bring us to a place to where we are once again faced with that great dilemma, what shall we do? And that men would be pricked in their hearts and cry out with repentant tears, oh God be merciful to me a sinner and the truth would come forth and pierce a heart and that would be filled with truth and brought to our knees in repentance and cry out to God that there would be a mighty reformation in the church again and to reform the church back to biblical principles, back to biblical standards and back to biblical truth. It's my prayer that even through this conference that you're attending, sermon index conference, that the powerful truths of the word of God are once again being heralded and proclaimed and that your hearts have been awakened to the need that we have in the church in this hour for a reformation of doctrine, for once again for the truths of the word of God that pierce the heart and that expose man for the degenerate and lost man that he is would come again and resurface and that men again might tremble before the word of God, that men once again might tremble before the holiness of God and cry out to our God for mercy and that God by his wonderful grace might justify us as we trust him and what he said in his word.

Father, I pray that you would just pour out your spirit upon your church, upon men of God that stand in the pulpit, that there would be a revival inwardly in their hearts. Lord God, that you would awaken them, Lord God, to the crisis hour that we're in, Lord, a need, Lord, in the generation in which we live for repentance, Lord, a need in this generation for a restoration, Lord, of truth and to the local church. Father, I pray that we'd put away our toys and the lies, Lord, that we have been have been broadcasting to the people that are coming into the church, that we might have increase of man, but Lord, that we put them away and repent.

And once again, Lord, spend time with you. And Lord, as we spend time with you, Lord, come forth from the power and anointing of the spirit of God and to preach and to thunder out the truths of the word of God, the doctrines of Jesus Christ and of the word of God, the doctrines of repentance and of regeneration. And Lord, that we might once again, Lord, see true salvation in the house of God.

Oh, Father, I cry out for a move of your spirit, a revival of the Holy Ghost, Lord, and Lord, I pray that you would revive the pulpit, that the pew once again might come to know Jesus Christ. Lord, this is my prayer. And Lord, I pray this in the name of your son, Christ.

Amen. I just pray that this little short talk that I've been blessed to share with you has stirred your heart, that we might again as men of God and seek the face of God and get into the word of God and to to be as Bereans and to rightfully divide the word of truth and the study of the word of God and to present the truth to the people that we might once again preach the good news about Jesus Christ, that we would preach the gospel, the cross-bearing, self-denying gospel of Jesus Christ, and that God would once again pour his spirit out upon all flesh, that God would once again revive his people, not for the sake of a feeling, not for the sake of an emotion, but for the sake of Jesus Christ and his glory and his glory alone. I pray that this short talk has stirred your heart and blessed you and that your eyes will be turned to Jesus Christ and the truth about Jesus Christ that comes from the word of God.

I pray that this conference is to the glory of God and that your heart is stirred. God bless you from Pryor, Oklahoma, and we thank God for you in the name of Christ. Amen.

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