

# A Man of God - Part 11

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*Leonard Ravenhill calls for a revival of true Christianity, emphasizing the need for conviction, passion, and faithfulness.*

**Duration:** 9:02

**Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5-6, Amos 8:11-12, Matthew 7:21, Hebrews 11:6, James 4:8

**Topics:** "True Repentance", "Spiritual Revival"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for true repentance and revival, contrasting the shallow altar calls with genuine transformation and surrender to God. It challenges the complacency in modern churches and calls for a return to fervent prayer, passionate preaching, and bold evangelism. The speaker shares personal experiences of revival and highlights the importance of living a life of integrity and obedience to God's Word.

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## Transcript

There's no pleading altar. No, what did they say on the day of Pentecost? Brethren, what should we do? We're panicking. The altar doesn't mean anything to people.

Now, they come out every week. They're romanizing our Protestants. Oh, get your sins forgiven and go back and do the same lousy thing.

It's ridiculous. You don't do that if you go to death. When you die to self, you die to business promotion, you die to ambition, you lay it all out and say, we mean this with this, let God go on record, put us on record.

We're not going to do anything unless we get there. What do we have not long ago? Do you remember A. A. Allen? A. A. Allen used to have meetings. You get 500 come forward on the way home to his hotel.

He called his call girl and she met him there. He died with liquor bottles, whiskey bottles all around his room. There's a whole bunch of men done that.

You don't find anything like that amongst the old fashioned revivalists, true revivalists. That's why I like to read a book like this one on the accounts of revival. I mean, it's something we don't know a thing about, dear God pity us.

We say we have the same Bible, the same Holy Ghost. Why do we get the same results? The menace of any of our meetings is we're trying to get people saved. They don't know they're lost.

Come forward. The Lord loves you. The Lord loves you.

The Lord hates you. Why do we put a stunk instead of this bumper sticker? God loves you. God is angry with the wicked every day or the wicked should be turned into hell.

We'd soon be in trouble. But we don't do that. We don't even preach it.

Well, I know there's a hunger across America by the phone calls I get and the guys are going to a stone wall now. There isn't a church in this town that's having a move of God they say. They'll pray till the rains get together.

The prophet Amos said behold the day is safe for the days come sayeth the Lord that I will send a famine in the land. Yes. Not a famine of bread nor thirst for water but of hearing the words of the Lord.

And they shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it. Is that literally like no bibles or is it that the word is a living word? It doesn't. I mean you can read it.

I go and hear a fellow and he preaches. There's no passion. There's no tears.

There's no you know. I'd rather like Richard Baxter. I preached as if to never preach again and as a dying man's a dying man now.

You think this fellow's a professional gets paid when he steps out to the pulpit. He says hey John what about a round of golf on Wednesday or Thursday and immediately they switch from the spiritually eternal to some stupid thing. I wouldn't take any notice of them anyhow.

I said pastor live it live it live it. Don't tell me to pray. Meet with me in the in the church.

When I got saved and then after I trusted not to sanctify because of the blank in my life and that first thing I went to the pastor said pastor I want a prayer meeting on Wednesday night on Friday night for the young people. Oh well it's not good for young people to meet together. So you come and supervise it.

You think we're going to fool around. So we started a prayer meeting on Friday night at seven and we prayed till nine. I started a prayer meeting at seven Sunday morning and I lived on outside the boundary of town.

I walked to the prayer meeting. Walked home for breakfast. Walked home for the morning service.

Walked home for lunch. Walked back for the afternoon service. Walked home for supper.

Walked for the night service. And God began to move and people in the neighborhood got saved that had never happened before. But you see once you've been in that it's like like I said not Colonel Brinkle but Major Thomas said no Major Russell that once he got back in the fire of the Welsh Revival everything he didn't burn he got on the train and going home to he couldn't get back to London quick enough to tell that the Holy Ghost had fallen and then I mean the first greatest revival in England was the Western Revival that went to 90 no the Western Revival and then the next one was the Salvation Army which they went into

70 countries in 90 years not 70 but 70 countries.

Dear God they had the most amazing night prayer meetings and training students and getting down to the Bible and prayer and every week they were taking to a night of prayer. They were taking to street meetings somewhere in London. They were meeting Sid head on visiting taverns talking to the harlots which nobody does now except just about Dave Wilson and Tim Delaney down in uh in the Motor City there doing the same thing but we're all sitting inside for our Ted John Wigwam.

I said why do you sit inside a four wall singing let the earth hear his voice it doesn't make sense let the earth hear his voice get out stand on a box call a man to witness call a woman to witness sing a hymn you can't preach very much to crowds but before long you say we're going to be here every Saturday night for the next winter and or summer and they come with expectations to plan the shopping like people used to do with they plan to come shopping on Saturday Friday night and Saturday night because we're in the town square and we didn't miss for three years and our young people came you didn't have to whip them they came eagerly you know giving a chance to witness it I said if anybody stands on this box who isn't telling the truth you interrupt them because I'm the leader and I said I'll check on them don't let a man talk when he's not walking if he's walking in it if the man is in your factory your office uh if they're not telling the truth come and tell me you know chase them off well we didn't need to advertise in the paper dear god I was the best known man in town even though the cathedral is only 300 yards away from us magnificent cathedral I only got 500 Sunday night they stood outside and lined up like a movie house but the cathedral got 50 so where'd you go I mean the cathedral is ornate it had gold plates on the on gold uh communion things and candlesticks on the altar it was like a miniature western established stained glass windows but what is that to the glory of god I mean our place was packed an hour before time our prayer meetings were packed we had three prayer meetings a week and three street meetings and that's why that church kept in continuous revival for the three years I was there and it's still there today well brother now what I want to say is that either the bible is absolute or obsolete which is it is god all he says he is is Hebrews 11 6 what we need to rediscover he that cometh to god must believe that he is what's it matter about swagger and all the rest I know it's it's it hurts and people tell me now they're already cracking jokes about swagger if uh if god told me could go on preaching the guy told me that somebody said well if god says he can go on preaching the message in why didn't god tell him there's a cup following him out the road in a car so the mother's demons they appear to be I think it all boils down to one of the oldest hymns we hardly ever sing it trust and obey there's no other way no other way it's hard on the flesh it's hard against the lifestyle of preachers around the baptist but what does god want I'm not going to the judgment bar of the assemblies of god or the first baptist church I'm going to be assembled I'm going to judgment bar of Jesus Christ and I live with that every day

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