

# A Man of God - Part 5

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*The sermon emphasizes the need for revival in modern Christianity, focusing on the importance of prayer, the presence of God, and genuine conversion.*

**Duration:** 9:36

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 51:10, Matthew 6:6, Acts 3:19, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 4:16, James 4:8

**Topics:** "True Revival", "Fervent Prayer"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for genuine revival and a return to fervent prayer and true conversion. It contrasts the dedication and sacrifice of past revivals with the lukewarmness and lack of spiritual depth in contemporary Christianity. The speaker highlights the importance of seeking God's presence and power rather than relying on human efforts or entertainment in church services.

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## Transcript

No houses with bathrooms, they kept what they call a pot under the bed and they'd always empty it and people would run out throw it from the window and throw urine on them and they say we kept two coats you kept an old one with eggs and you went home and scraped them off and then you put your Sunday best on and he said Bert he said who cares when there's revival as I said to you you don't have to advertise a fire.

Colonel Bringle was the biggest auditor in America and I don't know it was it was a multimillionaire's offer to build him the biggest church in America give him the biggest salary if he would stay he said I'm going to London why because there's a fire there's a man called William Booth who was a Methodist they got rid of him and he's having revival and he went and had revival and he gathered all kinds of people to him but the secret again but they had a burning you went in a prayer meeting you you know you felt the glory the majesty of God and now you don't do that like I was with the team not long ago well before the meeting at night we went in the side room and they'd hot tea and cold tea and drinks and fruit and everything and trivia talking and straight off there to the platform how

do you suddenly turn off and sort of become spiritual we traveled the country but I wore the length of England wore the breadth of England with five college fellows we slept in fields at night we slept in churches we didn't get a penny wage in six months and nobody ever said a word because at night we'd kneel in the street at 10 and 11 o'clock at night and people get saved in the street you don't care who

where you sleep we slept in sleeping bags for three years slept on the floor of churches anywhere they'd take us in but we had revival the churches are still standing today but now I go to a meeting everybody's silly oh nice to see you and they want to talk and say leave me alone well we went by the way we had a solid hour of prayer together 11 o'clock to 12 in the morning then we had a

bit of a rest in the afternoon and mostly went to prayer then we had a prayer meeting one hour before the night service went on the platform charged with the power of God and full of expectation and faith and now by night the elders were lined with people we don't do that today we've got miss so-and-so she's number one on the charts we've got so-and-so and it's humanism we're depending on something we have I mean you go to one charismatic meeting you've been to them all you stand and sing for 30 40 minutes we're trying to work something up when God has to send something down I can remember dear brother when you went to a holiness meeting in England or Pentecostal there were more people at the altar before the service than after I used to fear going when I was 14 I used to go my daddy used

to take me to a Pentecostal meeting and the whole row of the throne before and they'd be praying with energy and and crying to God one old man particularly said come Lord and walk in our midst I used to think I hope he doesn't because I'm scared to death he would but God used to come in the meeting and then at the end he didn't have to beg and sing emotional songs there's room at the cross forget it there's room on the cross forget there's room at the cross get on the cross and as Tozer said a man going down the road with a cross you know one thing about him he wasn't coming back how people don't want to die there's only two kinds of people in the world those who are dead to sin and those who are dead in sin and we're in one of two in fact you talked about victory they laugh at you oh you

can't live in victory well then why don't you be a buddhist to somebody what do you do with somebody that says look I don't just want to get set I want to be pure in heart you can't be pure in heart who says so one of the latest books off the press says you can't who cares a hell of a what does the word of God say what did Jesus say to the bad woman that came to him go and sin less he says that to a woman who's been spending an immorality before the cross what does what does Paul say let him that stole steal less no study is cut off what we need in America dear brothers is more than ever we need people to go forth with a new birth message forget all about tongues forget all about miracles and signs and wonders in case they're not happening anyhow let's get back to real genuine conversion

why most of our kids are teenagers they go to a they go to a christian camp well christian camps are much better than others I mean I had a mystery here maybe one of the few men I really respected the world he came from India and he came through Hawaii so he went to a very famous bible school there what do you think they said well he said the girl's shorts were so bad where they came toward me I was disgusted when he went the other way it was worse so he said to the world famous leader you've no dress code here he said what do you mean he said well the girls come towards me he said you can't tell their shorts on the social when they go the other way they're terrible and the reply he got from the famous leader was as long as their cheeks are not showing they're all right so as a girl's

backside to be showing they you can't even not preach holiness you can't preach modesty these days because kids are used to getting saved and going straight back to the old way they go mix mate mix many some of the meetings around here they'll have two mystery groups go to wet and wild but what the guys want to stand with the half naked women women in bikinis or as near as they can to that and a man came to see me a few weeks ago and he said he'd been to a minister near here and he said I went to the meeting last night it was very good they enjoyed it but then he said this morning they said we were

meeting at a swimming pool he said there was my wife for the first time in her life my five children saw the mother almost naked standing in a pool and I realized this is not for me and he left

it another man left up after it and he said we if you can't have modesty where can you have it and they don't want to pray they don't have a type of prayer but the old salvation only thrived on prayer the greatest revivals in history shang tung revival when uh what was over there monson was there and the woman that died last year of a hundred years old berthia smith with the southern baptist she was born again she appeared with the holy ghost in that revival and they expected god to move in phenomenal ways they didn't advertise he don't have to advertise it what we need is god in the midst if god is in the midst a lot of our stuff will never take place just let god come his very presence that happened in the welsh revival you know when you go to a revival now the big guy gets up they sing

then they've shared somebody's gonna sing then something else and so and it's all programmed beforehand how can god come in but one of the things that i i as i said i went with that man who that welshman who went through the revival with uh with william booth but then i said what about the world should have this i'll tell you what happened in the world revival he said i was with william booth in his office we were having meetings uh in london and somebody sent me a note my wife revival is broken out there's a young man in his 20s heaven robbers and he's packing everywhere he goes he won't even let them publicize him he won't let them put his picture in the paper they'll just announce he's coming to swansea and every church in town is filled because they don't know where he's going so he

said well i knew i friday afternoon i had i could leave friday afternoon and that's saturday free and i can come back sunday and get to the office for monday morning so i said i went there meeting was crowded in one meeting evan roberts comes in there's 800 people which isn't big for america but there it's the largest hall in town and evan walks to the front seat sits down bows his head and prayed for three hours our people walk out but then he stood up for 15 minutes he said you know i don't like it in your life the holy ghost came upon him he was a big man when he prayed god just came down as he jumped in the audience and that happened more than once but he said once i did that young man and of course the can sing like nobody on earth god knew thou great jehovah these are the great

hymns and he said at the end of the meeting he said of course you ended the meeting was no no no no no he just after he'd prayed for three hours and spoke for 15 minutes he went out at 10 o'clock at night he prayed the whole night for the anointing for the next day our guys don't do that they go sit and talk and say civic jokes we want to be spiritual and carnal spiritual carnal hot and cold all out for god all out for the cowboys god says no and you've done it for 25 years why don't quit start something different okay so then he said i i stayed the first day boy he said i was hooked here's this young man preaching like nobody had ever preached in my life praying there's nobody that prayed

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