

(Compilation) Facts on Revival

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Leonard Ravenhill emphasizes the necessity of complete surrender, prayer, and holiness for true revival to occur in the church and individual lives.

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Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Isaiah 6:3, Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 5:27, Philippians 3:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 12:14, James 4:8, Revelation 4:8

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for believers to pay the price for revival, to sanctify their whole lives, and to seek a deep, speechless form of worship. It recounts the impact of past revivals where individuals fully surrendered to God, leading to transformation and the spread of revival. The importance of being a prophet, seeing what others don't, and suffering for the sake of others is highlighted. The sermon challenges listeners to seek purity, holiness, and a God-filled personality, emphasizing the necessity of the Holy Spirit in true evangelism and revival.

Transcript

The reason we don't get revival is we don't pay the price for it. We don't want to die, do we? As Paul said, we won't die. The Lord sanctified bits of me, but He says, sanctify your whole life.

I believe that the highest form of worship is speechless. In fact, Dr. Chaucer said, I can gaze and gaze and gaze. David told about making vows, it's easy to make them in the heat of a meeting and then tomorrow there's no atmosphere.

You face the world of flesh and the devil. You won't gain an inch of ground in this meeting, but what the devil will try and get five inches back. And while he was there, W.C. Burns came.

W.C. Burns. The whole city shook with the Holy Ghost revival, St. Peter's was packed with people. They'd revival in the schools, they'd revival in the university, they'd revival in the business houses.

Conversation wasn't football, conversation wasn't sport, it was God, it was eternity. All through a little man who had prayed and prayed. So what did he do? Book him up to go to London, New York, nursery.

God takes hold of him and drops him in China. He died in China unknown. Jonathan Goforth, American, went in that area in that revival.

Why? Because the salad ground was broken up, the seed had been sown. One man sows and another man reaps, this man comes in and reaps in a harvest. He died unknown.

He belongs to the most amazing group of men that ever walked the earth. He's a prophet. Prophets are different.

Prophets are dangerous. Prophets are defiant. The other name for a prophet is a seer.

He sees, he sees what nobody else sees. The people don't understand him. A true prophet suffers for the people, he suffers with the people, he suffers by the people.

Come on, do you want to be a prophet? Oh, I'd like to see a burning bush, would you? If it takes 40 years? And Pompey exploded, he said, I came all this way. You tell me your God is there and he's not there to see me? It's total darkness. And he blazed off in his anger.

Where is God? Where is God? Where is God? What do you do with the modern church? You come to the tennis courts and the volleyball courts and the other courts and teenagers come to find God in the sanctuary. He isn't there. We're trying to worship a God that isn't there.

How many times do people call me and say, Mr. Raider, there's something wrong in our church. There's somebody, something missing and not something, somebody. Can you have a dead meeting if the living God is there? Dear God, wouldn't it be wonderful instead of trying to persuade people God's here because we trap our feet and say he's not there.

If God's in the place, brother, you'd rather go out with a heart, your tears streaming down your eyes, that you're redeemed, you're going to live with him for a million years from now, or you go with a broken heart. The whole physical world is going to hell. If you say you're in a meeting tonight and in the mercy of God he moves you and you say tomorrow, last night God moved on me in that meeting, it changed my life.

Listen, there's only one proof of that. It changes your lifestyle. You can't store it in your mind because you get to know a bit more about the Holy Ghost than last meeting or that.

God didn't ask you to be a walking library. He asked you to be a God-filled personality. I want to be where God wants me to be.

Somewhere the fire of heaven is going to fall. People are going to go out totally transformed without one desire to be known, without one desire to have an increase of anything. There's not a preacher in the world I envy.

But Jesus says you need more than some emotional stirring. You need the Holy Ghost. Well, listen, friend, if they needed the Holy Ghost, how much do I need it? You know, I think our evangelism today is very much like a man tying up Niagara Falls with his boots on.

What chance would he have? The key that goes forth was weeping. It's amazing. Paul says to Trinity, I remember your tears.

Did he give you five lessons on weeping? Jesus wept. Are you better than Jesus? Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord. Change the word.

Without purity, no man shall see the Lord. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they see God. They see God in events even now that they couldn't see until God touched their eyes and gave them a cleansing.

And they're not double-minded, they're single-minded. They don't have their own mind, they have His mind. Because they're soaked in the very word of God.

You never have to advertise a fire. You don't have to advertise in the newspaper. Forget it.

You let the glory of the Lord fill the temple, people will come a hundred miles. No church could function these days without a whole night of prayer. And I don't care how rich you are.

God has no problems, we have them. We're His problem. We're the biggest problem the Lord has.

It's not Rome, it's not humanism, Mormonism, any other ism. It's the Christians that are holding up the blessing. Friends are criticized, ridiculed, scorned.

You know, sometimes you discover the finger of scorn can do more than the fist of adversity. You say, why aren't the heavens opening to me? They will do, in a crisis moment. In a situation that you wish to God you could get out of.

But He wants to put you in there. Every person God takes out of your life, He will move in in power. Everything He takes out of your life.

A woman asked me one day, what university did you go to? I said, Bush. She said, Bush? Do I know anybody that went there? I said, Moses. She said, Moses who? God, what are we the habitation of tonight? Capitalism? Pride? Selfishness? Boasting? Ministry? God, what is in it? Lord, work by your spirit tonight.

A ministry that hangs on dollars isn't of God. We need the Holy Ghost, that's all we need. He has no degrees, that's an advantage.

He hasn't been to Bible school, I think. That's a great advantage, nothing to mess his mind of. I'm sick of mediocrity.

Boy, I can predict everything that goes on in a meeting. If you want to get old quick, get a prayer life. It will drain your body, it will drain your nerves, it will drain your emotions.

If I could find two or three hundred men that would spend three days on their faces, and if I find, I'll go and tell some of you men to come. God, God, make us unafraid of tears. Make us unafraid of brokenness.

Make us unafraid of public opinion, pastor's opinion, deacon's opinion, anybody's opinion. Just come and whisper that we're right in the dead center of the will of God, that's all that matters. I know wealthy people, I know many millionaires, I know lovely people.

And I believe God lets them have a ministry in supplying needs. But the church of Jesus Christ, when the church is prosperous, he never has revivals. The country is poor, prayer is the language of the poor.

Bow down thine ear and hear me, for I am poor and needy. The self-satisfied don't need to pray. The self-sufficient don't want to pray.

The self-righteous cannot pray. For the man who realizes I need something outside of anything that's human at all, he wants to bathe his soul in prayer. Holy, holy, holy.

Your spirit, your soul, and your body. You can't have a sanctified mind without the rest of your body being sanctified. Your spirit, your soul, and body, he says.

I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. The great lack today is holiness.

There's no insistence on holiness. We're looking for a formula, there isn't one. There's no formula, it's a person.

The doctor is an egg, it's a person. It's a blessed person of Trinity. And when he comes and invades human personality, everything goes.

A man becomes God-controlled, he thinks like Christ, he sees like Christ, he loves like Christ. You see, you want to say a magic thing and leave it. We don't resist the devil.

We want to catch a bus and go home. Listen, when the devil has helped strain a personality for a year, he's going to leave it in 10 seconds. There's a persistence in faith.

There's a time when I will not let thee go. Oh, Jonathan Edwards preached one sermon on sinners in the hands of an angry God, but he prayed 500 on love that nobody mentions. Do you know what he did? The night before he prayed sinners in the hands of an angry God, he gathered the most prayerful people in town, and many of them for a week had fasted.

You can't die and revive without travail. Do you know what Jonathan Edwards did when others were riding horses and having fun? He read his Bible 13 hours a day. He made himself available to God.

Tear down. I've prayed it hundreds of times. God, don't let anything live in me that should die.

Don't let anything die in me that should live. Don't narrow my vision. Stretch my vision.

I'm going to eternity with God. Eternity, as you heard this morning, is the habitation of God. Pentecostal was pure.

It wasn't a begging organization. They didn't build monuments to themselves. God, help us.

Not one of those men wanted to go down in history. Hell knew them. Hell must fear them.

Do you think devils fear any of our TV preachers? God, help us. I don't. But God's going to get his men.

You know, it's hard to get to that place where we have nothing. No confidence in the flesh. No confidence in systems.

Just believing that somehow almighty God is going to break through and do some new thing. He's going to do that.

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