

Why Pray for Revival

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We should pray for revival because it is an act of God through man that restores Him to His position of lordship, is the most effective way of reaching the lost, and can save our country by establishing righteousness.

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Description

Manley Beasley emphasizes the necessity of praying for spiritual revival, highlighting that such awakenings are acts of God that restore His glory and lead to the salvation of many. He discusses the importance of faith in experiencing revival and how it can correct and enlarge the church, as well as save nations through righteousness. Beasley encourages believers to understand the true meaning of spiritual awakening and to actively seek it through prayer and commitment. He believes that a genuine revival can transform not only individuals but also social structures, leading to a more righteous society. Despite his personal struggles with health, Beasley remains hopeful and passionate about the potential for revival in the church and the world.

Transcript

Greetings, my friend. It's certainly a joy and a privilege to be with you again this month. I trust as you listen to this tape that the phone happened to ring or some doorbell rings or something abnormal.

That's not probably abnormal for your house, but it is sort of abnormal for me to be making a tape under these conditions, but this past week I have been nursing a problem with the flu and another little problem that has come up and so I'm having to do this tape today in my living room and I'm somewhat weakish yet over the flu and we're going to have to leave here in a few hours and so you will excuse the environment. I trust it will not be a distraction to you. It's certainly always a joy to come to you by the means of tape each month and we hear from so many of you and it's just such an encouragement to see how the Lord is blessing and see how he's directing and to have you to write us and suggest different things as well as ask us questions.

I would appreciate you praying very much for our office because we are growing and doing so many different things that it is in a constant transition condition and it's almost impossible for a person to work under our particular conditions and I mean room wise. Now it may be that the Lord will have solved that problem by the time you get this tape, but I wish you just keep the office and its activities on your heart and

mind and pray as the Lord would give you liberty. Now the Lord has definitely speaking to my heart telling me that he's going to sustain my going in and coming out and coming out and going in and over and over he has told me that through the years and I believe he will complete the course that he has put within our hearts and I praise God.

I think I can say with Paul it would bless me to be absent from the body and present with the Lord, but it also blesses me to be able to continue and preach and pray and study the word of God and live for Jesus. So I trust that you will pray about these matters and I want to introduce something to you that I've been wanting to do for many many many years and um that is um I have had it in my heart to teach younger people or even elderly people what I know about trusting the Lord. I feel like it's such a vital part of Christian life.

There should not ever be any kind of Christian experience apart from faith and so realizing more recently just how central this message was how important how relative it really is I began to see some light that I wanted to teach you younger people how to trust God and yet here the Lord had entrusted me with all this uh years of experience and so you know I want to teach them. So out of this has come great desire through the years to have a school of faith. Now we have put out a set of tapes we refer to them as a school of faith but this school of faith is actually a chorus correspondence type chorus that would actually get you more involved in reading books and listening to tapes and watching video tapes that would go way beyond anything I have suggested.

In fact it would be like a classroom situation where you would get three hours credit for you know so much work done. Now this particular course has two objectives. One is to impart the truth to you about the message of faith in the Bible.

Now of course we can all get involved in this pretty easily but the second objective of this study is to get you living in the position of faith. Now that's not going to be a small challenge to us but I believe the Lord is in it and it certainly solves a problem with a lot of people trying to travel with me because it would cost any person a fortune to just travel with me you know because my travel is so expensive. Now if you are interested in getting into this tape the school of faith tapes and the books and so on what will happen is that you need to write us and let us know that you're interested then we will write you a letter telling you in detail you know what is going to happen and what we're trusting the Lord for in this particular involvement and of course at that time you will have the option where you want to really get in it or back off and of course we trust that everyone would get involved in it because I just believe it it's going to be such a unique study.

I wish I had had someone to commit themselves teach me how to trust the Lord when I was a young man but nevertheless we're doing that we're going to impart the truth about the message and then we're going to then lead people into that truth and work with them you know until we believe that they have come to understand the basic issues that they face and how to deal with them by faith so I'm really excited about this and again let me say that if you write and tell us you're interested in this then we will send you a detailed letter as to what it would cost how you pay for it and and how many books you get and so on and so forth in fact your first order of books and tapes will exceed the amount that we basically are asking people to give to get involved in it and so I know you would want those details so we have a letter written up explaining what we're going to do and when you receive that letter then you have an option as to whether or not you want to go ahead with it and if you do of course you can let us know and then we'll put you in the list for the tape ministry. Now I trust you're praying for me because I am really having some ups

and downs physically you know it's nothing abnormal there's one one thing that if the Lord doesn't stop a problem in my hands I could start losing my fingers joint by joint and of course I don't anticipate that in a pleasurable way but I know the Lord is still Lord and he's in charge and at this point I'm thinking he's going to clear those fingers up but nevertheless I need your prayers about this whole thing because I just believe God would have my friends like you to pray that the Lord will reveal his will and we'll be able to trust him to see his will done in earth as it's being done in heaven. Now you probably have noticed I've had a little trouble talking and I'm sorry I apologize for that but as I said I have been going through an experience with the flu and it's been pretty devastating and so I'm not a hundred percent today.

Now I want to read a passage to you in relationship to the message today and let me say this before I get into this message you may have received a tape from me in the last six months that deals with the matter of revival along these lines although I felt that I was too in fact I felt for two weeks now that I was supposed to bring this particular type of message to you and so I'm going to do that and I pray that you'll be able to respond to it. You know it's very important that we not only hear the word but we mix the word with faith and when we do that then then the Lord is able to convert that truth off the pages of the bible and convert it to reality in our lives so you look with me and we will go through this message as the Lord has put it on my heart.

The scripture reading that I want to do is found in Joel it's an old testament passage and of course when you're dealing with joy you know you have to deal with a historical fact to the book and and the present application of the book and so also the prophetic revelation so a lot of these passages we're dealing with definitely deal with prophetic revelation but I want to make a practical application out of this passage it's found in second chapter Joel 2 chapter 16 gather the people sanctify the congregation assemble the elders gather the children those that suck the breast that the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber and the bride out of her chamber or closet that the priests the ministers of the lord weep between the porch and the altar and let them say spare thy people oh lord and

give not thine heritage to repose that the heathen should rule over them wherefore should they say among the where is their god then will the lord be jealous for his land and pity his people yea the lord will answer and say unto his people behold I will send you corn and wine and all and you shall be satisfied therewith and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen now I realized that this passage you know in its literal interpretation which is applied here to the prophetic revelation is somewhat limited to the nation of Israel but I think the principles that are laid out in this portion of scripture can be a real encouragement to us and I think the lord can make this particular portion of scripture a promise to us for our given situation now the title this message today is why

should we pray for our spiritual awakening now of course you realize that I have been dealing with this spiritual awakening issue a good while and I don't know that I'm going to say anything different than I have said before but I'm impressed to deal with this so I'm going to deal with it the best I can can you know in this length of time and with the preparation I have had so um if it sounds like something I've already said I would suggest that you listen for a twist of an emphasis that have not been said in recent months so why should we pray for a spiritual awakening a number one reason we should pray for a spiritual awakening it is a it is a act of God through man where God really is given all the glory I know you've heard me say that a revival would restore God to the to the position

where people would bow down and say he is the Lord he is the living God he is the mighty God and of course what I basically am making reference to I'm talking about the lost people of the world will recognize

that our God is the Lord the living God the only true and living God and you just can't imagine how badly that's needed because most people will come up with a statement like this well we're all headed to the same place we're just getting there differently and they're referring to the division among Christians but I just have a difficult time accepting that permissive type of view and so I just believe that God so wants to manifest himself that even the heathen will bow down and say he is Lord he is the living God he is the true God surely he is the son of the living God who died on

the cross to save us surely the word of God is true see I believe that God can send such a mighty awakening among us that the lost people in the world will literally realize their position and they realize that the Lord God is the king of glory now I don't mean they all get saved but definitely the Lord will bring glory and honor to himself and as far as I can tell this is the only real genuine motive we should have when we pray for revival or a spiritual awakening I may use the word revival meaning a spiritual awakening those two terms mean so much the same to me that I use them without thinking so we must get back to a real genuine spiritual awakening because this is a whereby God is glorified because this is the motive that really can be blessed and also it's the motive that God can

honor and respond to and definitely we want to pray in line with what God is up to you see he's he says the word is settled in heaven and he tells us that God's plan is already laid out and we are to discover it by faith and make it operative here on earth so we need to pray for a spiritual awakening because it will return God to his lofty position of lordship whether these people get saved or not so we need to pray for spiritual awakening for that reason and then we need to pray for spiritual awakening because it's through the spiritual awakening approach that most people get saved and certainly the maturity of the converts are a great deal different than our other style of evangelism now I am not trying to say that we should do away with evangelism as such I don't think you'll ever get

out of the fact over the responsibility that you're supposed to be a witness every day every day wherever you are whatever you're doing you're supposed to tell them about Jesus now I don't mean a silent witness I'm talking about a person that is not only Christian in character but they are verbalizing their position and they're sharing their position with other people now but it's a fact that when a spiritual awakening comes just just many many people get saved and a lot of preachers will say well the lord did here in one day what it would take him two years to do without the holy spirit so I just really believe that the lord wants to send us a revival and we can pray for revival a spiritual awakening on the basis that it's a means a unique mean the best means by which are reaping the

lost really getting them saved by the grace of god and you know if you get a man down there I wouldn't baptize him and he's not really saved he's not going to help you much and uh not only that but he's not going to be an honor and glory to god now a spiritual awakening is um another great factor in church history now I'm talking about from the new testament day on or if you want to go all the way back through the old testament you can see this principle at right work when god got ready to correct his people will enlarge it other than just the church his people and when he got ready to enlarge his people it seems that a revival or awakening atmosphere was necessary for this to be done and so uh you know I really believe that we need to pray for a spiritual awakening not only that the lord

might be restored to his position of glory but that it is the most effective way of reaching the lost and thirdly it is a proven fact that god has always sent a mighty awakening to correct his people and enlarge his people and I would think that we need both of those areas in our lives we need the enlargement and we will as well as we need some correction so there's a third reason why we ought to have a spiritual

awakening why we need to pray earnestly for spiritual awakening and another reason is because the lord has promised an awakening in the bible and of course all faith is built off the truth and if we could discover the fact that god had promised a revival in the bible then we could stand on that promise and really claim the victory and I don't know how long it'd take to break

through the victory but we could stand on that promise and claim the victory now you might say well does the bible promise a revival in the last days well I know I've said this many times recently because I've been preaching some of the book of revelation but that passage said behold I stand at the door knock if any man will open the door he said I'll come in with him and sit with him and he can sit with me now certainly that's an invitation for revival certainly that's an invitation to all the churches at the end of the church age now he he turns and deals with them on this basis behold I stand at the door knock and so I think that is one scriptural reference that really would indicate that the lord is ready and willing to send revival now the measure of this revival will be determined

by the measure of your faith and very likely the measure of your faith will be determined by the measure of the truth you have received so I you know I'm not trying to put down a damper on this thing at all but I do know that revivals come in different measure and it's always in the measure of the faith that the people have so um I trust that we will be able to seek the mind of the lord on this and pray for spiritual awakening that the lord might be able to restore the church to new testament christianity at least new testament christianity now there's an old testament passage it talks about the former reign and the latter reign and some of the great men alive and you know I have said this over and over believe in the latter reign and I somewhat believe in it myself because I just believe

the only way the lord is going to be able to sanctify the church and iron it out and get all the spots and wrinkles out of it is by sending us a mighty spiritual awakening so if you go through the pattern of how god has corrected and enlarged his people and also the fact that you know he talks about a latter reign and he talks about standing at the door and knocking and so I believe that we can have revival anytime we personally believe willing to pay the price and we should pray for a mighty spiritual awakening because it will restore the church to a normal christianity and it will enlarge the church it will definitely enlarge the church now another thing and this may be a wrong motive here to deal with but I think well let's pray for spiritual awakening for the purpose that it could

save our country now the bible says that the righteousness exalted the nation and the sin is a curse now when revival comes people get holy they get right with god they get holy and I when you get people are holy you have a condition of righteousness and the lord said righteousness exalted the nation in other words if the lord had found x number of people in sodom and gomorrah that were righteous he would not have destroyed it obviously he would have given it more time well there's a lot of people out there that's been uh marked but we need to get out there and and live a righteous life before them and so they will have a real opportunity to come to jesus and at the same time save our country now you know I understand that the third world countries are outstripping all of the major powers

countries in reaching lost I understand that that's wonderful but still America is probably one of the largest contributors to christian causes of any nation in the world not only by personnel but by finances and so I think we need to pray for spiritual awakening for the fact that I believe it would literally save our nation I know that a lot of us think the men in Washington D.C. and so on so forth is really saving our nation but let me tell you something the people that's saving our nation are people who are righteous who are holy people godly people and I don't know how many times in a lifetime we would have a real experience of

coming to grips with the lord and have him to restore us to our righteousness that we ought to have but however many times we have we ought to be as righteous

as we can be and still be human enough that we can still work on this earth and so I trust that we'll pray for a spiritual awakening because it will establish righteousness it'll get all saved and get the right with god and so I believe it would just save a nation I believe it's the only hope of saving this nation is just get as holy as we can get and then god will move in his way if we'll make that a real priority in our lives now another reason why I think that we need to pray for a spiritual awakening do you know throughout church history every time there was a spiritual awakening the social order and social activities were just revolutionized now I realize we have a world of people out here in fact maybe half of the preachers in the country would rather be in social work than they are

in the pulpit and sometimes I wonder why they do not go out and get in the work world and and get out of the pulpit but here's what I'm trying to say to you is every time there's been a great spiritual awakening out of that spiritual awakening will come a number of humanitarian type social activities that really has made a contribution to the world and the culture that's in the world so we need a spiritual awakening for the fact that it will actually take on social activities now if we get social and just have a social gospel then we have destroyed people that's not what I'm talking about we preach a genuine gospel and have a spiritual awakening and it will just reclaim just so much activity that will just go on in a social level and not even a spiritual level of course you know you have

to realize that God is not only involved in just the spirit of a man the eternity for a man getting him heaven he is interested in that primarily foremost ultimately that's what he wants is to get people saved but he's also interested in people learning and studying praying and learning how to walk with him and really fellowship with him right here he's really after that and so you go on a little further he is also interested in helping people that are starving to death and people that are in dire need for different reasons and so I have found that if you have a spiritual awakening people will be awakened to their responsibility in this area and they will respond to it and I'm not so sure that we need organizations to help us respond to it but nevertheless though in other words a

spiritual awakening will it will literally affect really will affect human relationships and human activity in relationship to food clothing sickness and all this and so we need a spiritual awakening today in fact if we do not have a spiritual awakening you know I don't know what's going to happen to us and I think one of the reasons we do not have a spiritual awakening is that we do not have a clear definition of what a spiritual awakening is and as a result of that some person comes along with some kind of subjective experience and it's very real to him or her but in comparison to the word of God it's not real so they build kingdoms off of this subjective experiences are one experience if maybe more and of course you have new groups new denominations and all that started and we're

seeing a lot of this happen but I do believe that the Lord could send revival that would correct this but definitely we do not understand what a spiritual awakening is now when you do not understand what one is you naturally are not going to want something you don't understand and so we need to really should be able to share with people the meaning of a spiritual awakening and I think another reason why the spiritual awakening is hindered is because we are so stereotyped and institutionalized in our lives and in our groups that we work with that the Holy Spirit cannot work in that circumstances he has to have freedom and liberty to work so I think that's another reason why we're not seeing the glory of God like we should but let's do pray that God will help send us a mighty mighty

spiritual awakening now I don't know what kind of price you'll have to pay now I know Jesus paid for our sins at Calvary but I do know that man has to come to the cross daily and denounce himself deny himself and out of that you know will become living waters now here's what I really feel that if we just literally paid the price that God demands that we could have revival now I look at men today and they said they're paying the price and I see you know so little evidence that they're paying the price it really confuses me but I do know that if we paid the price God will come through God will definitely come through he will bring these things to pass and so I trust that you will pray for a mighty spiritual awakening now I trust that you will enjoy this tape that it's been a blessing to you

I know it's a little short but as I shared with you at the beginning of the tape I have a had a problem with the flu and it's lasted a number of days and even this morning I'm having difficulty talking as I share with you because of this flu but you know the Lord said through Paul that he's knocked down on many occasions but not knocked out and I think that's the way I feel today I've been knocked down but not knocked out but you pray with us and continue to rejoice with us as the Lord is supernaturally sustaining us day by day and keeping us going for his glory may the Lord bless you my friend Father Manley

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