

## Don't Pray For Revival

DON'T PRAY FOR REVIVAL! Yes, those words startled me just as much as they probably startled you. The Holy Spirit got my attention when those words rang in my heart. My response was, "What do you mean, don't pray for revival?" After He (the Holy Spirit) explained the meaning of that statement, it was then that I understood how much God desires to pour out revival in our lives, our cities, our nation, and throughout the whole world.

Somehow we have conceived the idea that in order for us to experience a move of God we must first beg and plead with Him to give revival. And many, it seems, are compelled to inform God that if He does not do something quickly we are "Going down the tube" so to speak. In essence we are saying, "God, the next move is yours." And all the while He is waiting for us to do something.

Please understand that I am not belittling the importance of prayer for a supernatural move of God by the Holy Spirit. In fact, church history reveals that every move of God has been preceded by enduring prayer. The important issue is what and how we are to pray. When we pray correctly, then we release the ability of God to get involved in what we are praying for.

I believe we all would agree that our nation is well on its way to ruin. And that filters down to our states, cities, communities and on to our individual lives, the grass roots of America. But let's get real; if the church (the body of Christ) had been doing what it should have been doing then our country would not be on its way to devastation. We cannot put the blame anyone but ourselves, as the church. For God has given to His people every necessity with which to overcome all the wiles of Satan. We do not have any excuse.

When the Holy Spirit told me not to pray for revival, He instructed me in how I should pray. He said to ***PRAY FOR REPENTANCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE.*** He explained why it was necessary to pray this way.

***REPENTANCE IS THE PIVOTAL POINT BETWEEN RUIN AND REVIVAL.***  
Repentance in our lives is what God is waiting for us to do. To repent means to

change our mind. Someone described repentance as an ***INWARD CHANGE OF HEART THAT LEADS TO AN OUTWARD CHANGE OF DIRECTION.*** When the way we think is changed, then our actions will change and conform to our new way of thinking. It is the Word and the Holy Spirit that causes our thinking to change.

Notice what God told Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

*“If my people which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.”*

Can you see the results and benefit of repentance? **REVIVAL ALWAYS COMES AS A RESULT OF REPENTANCE.** That is why it is so important to pray for repentance in the lives of people. When we repent then revival follows, without having to pray and beg and plead for it.

Repentance is not only necessary for sinners but saints also. For saints, repentance occurs most often during our sincere, earnest prayer time. May we encourage you to submit yourselves to God in fervent prayer and He will bring forth godly change in you life.

We trust this has not put you under condemnation but has inspired you to get in the flow of what God wants to do in these last days. The waves of revival are beginning to roll throughout the land and we are sure that you do not want to be left out.

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