

THE 9 FACES OF REVIVAL

When most people pray for revival, they are probably asking for a wonderful experience at church next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. But revival is more than a Sunday morning experience.

When you pray for revival, you're asking God for life-shaking experiences that will cost you plenty. It's agonizing because in revival you become terrorized over your sin and you repent deeply. It's consuming because in revival you have no time for hobbies . . . for chores around the house . . . for work . . . for sleep.

Revival crashes your Daytimer . . . interrupts TV times . . . demands your full attention . . . and wears you out. Usually when we pray for revival, we're telling God "sic 'em" on the bad guys. Little do we realize that revival begins with us, the people of God.

As a matter of fact, **we've got a suggestion for you who want revival. Don't pray for revival, just repent of all known sin, do everything you're supposed to do, give God all—not part—but all your time, and you'll experience revival.**

When the divine is poured into the human, expect the human to react in extraordinary ways." Some of these phenomena are prompted by God; at other times they are just the exuberant expressions of those who are experiencing God's presence. We have a word of caution to you as you read about the different displays of emotions.

First, don't seek the extraordinary signs of revival, for these unusual expressions are not what revival is about.

Second, don't measure the success of a revival by the intensity or amount of extraordinary signs, for when you do; you've missed the whole purpose of a revival.

Third, seek the Lord, because it is God who revives our hearts. Measure a revival by God Himself . . . is God present? . . . what is God doing (not what are people doing) . . . and what did God accomplish?

Since the days of Pentecost there is no record of the sudden and direct work of the Spirit of God upon the souls of men that has not been accompanied by events more or less abnormal. It is, indeed, on consideration, only natural that it should be so. We cannot expect an abnormal inrush of Divine light and power, so profoundly affecting the emotions and changing the lives of men, without remarkable results. As well expect a hurricane, an earthquake, or a flood, to leave nothing abnormal in its course, as to expect a true Revival that is not accompanied by events quite out of our ordinary experience. A. T. Schofield

No Church that values its own standards can afford to depreciate revivals of religion. The whole history of the Christian Church from its foundation until now is the history of revivals. It should always be born in mind that real revival is something infinitely higher than a mere gale of religious excitement sweeping over the Churches. A genuine revival is a manifestation of supernatural and Divine power. Australian Christian World Editorial (1888)

THE TEN GREATEST REVIVALS EVER

1. The Revival of 1904
2. The Great Awakening, 1727-1750
3. The Second Great Awakening, 1780-1810
4. The General Awakening, 1830-1840

5. The Layman's Prayer Revival, 1857-1861
6. The World War II Revival, 1935-1950
7. The Baby Boomer Revival, 1965-1975s
8. The Pre-Reformation Revivals, 1300-1500
9. The Protestant Reformation, 1517
10. Pentecost, the Beginning of Revival, A.D. 30

These nine faces of Revival occur throughout history and are found in the times we call the ten greatest revivals ever. Yet, in each of these ten periods of time, the expressions of revival all appeared differently in each revival.

These nine faces of revival in the book, **Rivers of Revival**, are:

1. **Repentance Revival:** emphasis on cleaning up one's life and society.
2. **Evangelism Revival:** emphasis on winning souls to Christ.
3. **Worship Revival:** emphasis on magnifying God.
4. **Deeper Life Revival:** experiencing God's indwelling.
5. **Spiritual Warfare Revival:** battling demons and Satan.
6. **Holy Spirit Revival:** emphasis on the Spirit's manifestations.
7. **Reconciliation Revival:** removing barriers to racial harmony.
8. **Liberation revival:** freeing from corporate and personal bondage to sin.
9. **Prayer Revival:** an enormous movement of intercession and prayer.

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