

## Isaiah 64:1-9

### Prayer for Revival

This is a prayer for revival

For a year I have been praying for revival

1857 – The Great Prayer Revival

1902 Revival in Wales – Evan Roberts prayed for 11 years

Let's look at how Isaiah prayed for Revival

1. **ISAIAH PRAYED FOR A DESCENDING (1)** *Oh, that You would You would come down.*

This was a prayer that the God of Israel would reveal Himself in revival

OT is filled w/ revivals – Hezekiah & Josiah

NT – Pentecost was a revival – coming of HS – replicated in Samaria – Ephesus

Every revival is a replication of the Power of Pentecost – HS coming down

There is no revival w/out HS

He has already come down. He must come in fresh power

Dif. between Revival & Awakening

Revival will not guarantee a change or even survival of USA

We are under judgment – **Rom. 1:18-32**

2. **ISAIAH PRAYED FOR A SHAKING (1)** *That the mountains might shake at...His presence*

**Psm. 28:6, 7** – *In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to m God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.*

**THEN** the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, **because He was angry.**

**Psm. 144:5** – Bow down Your heavens, O Lord, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

**Isaiah's prayer & David's prayer will be answered during the Great Trib.**

Earthquake = 7x in Rev. Earthquakes 3x in Olivet Discourse which describes it

**What does this mean?** God uses earthquakes to get attention. He shakes things. When things shake, we need to look for God in the shaking

**V. 3** – *When you did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down & the mountains shook at your presence*

**Revival is a shaking up of the status quo – especially in His church**

If anything needs shaking up, the church does

Our government

Our Nation

The people

Nothing will happen until the church gets shook up – PRAY FOR THAT!

- 3. ISAIAH PRAYED FOR A BURNING (2)** *As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil – to make Your name know to Your adversaries, that the nations may bramble at Your presence!*

**BRUSHWOOD BURNS UP & FIRE CAUSES WATER TO BOIL**

God wants to burn up everything not of Him and set to boiling everything left

**Mal. 3:2** – *He is like a refiner's fire."*

- Fire is used as a metaphor for judgment
- Revival is often compared to fire, because of its rapid spread & purging effect
- Revival & judgment are related
  - (1) In times of revival, sinners are brought to the judgment of the cross.

- (2) In, believers' sins are purged after confession & repentance
- (3) The HS's work in revival is much like fire – it spreads

An observer of the 1904 Welsh revival said, "If it be asked why the fire of God fell on Wales, the answer is simple. 'Fire falls where it is likely to catch fire & spread.' As one has said, 'Wales provided the necessary tinder.'

In Wales thousands of believers, unknown to each other, in small villages, in great cities, cried out to God day after day for the fire of God to fall.

This was not merely "a little talk w/ Jesus, but agonizing intercession.

**G. CAMPBELL MORGAN** – "If you & I could stand above Wales, looking at it, you would see fire breaking out here, & there, & yonder, & somewhere else, w/out any collusion or prearrangement. It is a divine visitation in which God...is saying to us: See what I can do in answer to a praying people; see what I can do through the simplest, who are ready to fall in line, and depend wholly and absolutely upon Me."

**Revival is God's gracious response to the prayers of His people.**

**4. ISAIAH PRAYED FOR A CLEANSING (6, 7)** *We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags (garments)...You have hidden Your face from us.*

- 1. God will not answer the prayers of unclean saints. He hides His face.

**Prov. 28:9** – *One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.*

**Psm. 66:18** – *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*

**James 4:3** – *You ask & do not receive, because you ask amiss (w/ **diseased,, evil, sick motives**), that you may spend it on your own lusts.*

2. God hides His face from saints who live in sin.

**II Chron. 7:14** – *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, **THEN** I will hear from Heaven & forgive their sins and heal their land.*

**Isa. 59:1-2** – *Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have **hidden His face** from You.*

**We can't have revival when God is hiding His face from us.**

**We need to:**

- (1) Humble ourselves
- (2) Pray
- (3) Seek God's face
- (4) Turn from our wicked ways (repent)

**Then God will:**

- (1) Hear us
- (2) Forgive our sins
- (3) Heal our land

**Psm. 27:8** – *When You said, "Seek My face," My **heart** said to You, "Your face, Lord I will seek.*

**God is after your heart!**

**Revival is all about the hearts of God's people!**

5. **ISAIAH PRAYED FOR A RESHAPING (8-9)** *We are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.*

**God told Jeremiah:** *go down to the Potter's House & there I will cause you to hear My words / Then I went down to the potter's house & here he was making something on the wheel / And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again good as it seemed good to the potter...*

*Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "O house of Israel, can I not do w/ you as this potter?"*

**Here's the question: Can I not do w/ YOU as this potter?**

**God wants your WILL to be reshaped to His.**

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

Melt me, mold me

Fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

**CONCLUDE: read vs. 4-5 – 3 Promises for Revival:**

1. God will work for you if you wait for Him
2. God will meet you if you rejoice in doing right
3. God will remember you if you remember His ways

**Revival will come:**

1. When you wait for Him in prayer – *If my people who are called by My name...*
2. When you meet Him in righteousness – *Seek His face*
3. When you commit to His ways – *Turn from your wicked ways*

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