

Jeremiah 2:13; John 7:38 – “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns – broken cisterns that can hold no water.” “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” People have been known to go on hunger strikes up to 40 days before death. The longest a person can live without water is about 3 days. In short, water is more necessary for survival than any other commodity. It is no coincidence that water is used as a metaphor for the Spirit. The church without the Spirit will die. The Spirit of God is all that can quench our spiritual thirst. Jesus said, “If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink.” The requirement for the filling of the Holy Spirit is thirst. That is the starting point of revival. There will be no revival as long as there is no thirst for the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have enough of the Spirit to be saved, but not enough to be filled. The church is hewing out broken cisterns that won’t contain the Spirit. Carnal Christians try to quench their thirsts by worldly imbibing. Paul addressed the issue in his letter to the Corinthians. He couldn’t speak to them as spiritual (filled with the Spirit), but as to carnal. The result was a church full of problems and Christians full of themselves. When the church is out of balance with carnality, it needs correction. The one hope for the church is revival, and saints don’t want to admit it. When the church is not thirsty for the Spirit, it dies. Paul warned the once spiritual church at Ephesus about it (Rev. 2:5). When Christians are not filled with the Spirit, the world doesn’t see what the church is meant to be. As the saying goes, “If it’s broke, don’t fix it.” Well, the church is broke, and only the Holy Spirit can fix it. It doesn’t depend on God, but on us. It depends on whether we want it fixed or the way it is. Pray for revival. HA