

The New Testament Church

Revival #2: Calling on the Name of the Lord: What Might Happen when God Moves?

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I What is Revival and when does it Come?

- A. Revival means to come alive again – meaning we have grown cold and withered
- B. God uses dry hearts and a dark culture to produce desperation – hunger and thirst
 - 1. God’s goal for revival is to restore the Great Commission to every believer/church
 - 2. This means we all learn to share the gospel as well as help disciple others

II The first revival in the book of Genesis

- A. Genesis 3 background – a crisis of individuals in the line of Cain or Abel
 - 1. The line of Cain represented the domination of sin – Cain (“possessed”) killed Abel
 - a. The fruit “was good for food” - the "lust of the flesh" - no consequences (**pleasure**)
 - b. "pleasant to the eyes"; "the kingdoms of the world"; "lust of the eyes" (**power**)
 - c. "desired to make one wise"; the "pride of life" (**pride**)
 - 2. The line of Abel (“breathing spirit) represented humbly calling the name of the Lord
 - a. Seth, the son that “replaced Abel” – meant “anointed, compensation, appointed”
 - b. Seth’s son Enosh means “man, person, mortal” – he knows his own frailty
- B. Genesis 4:25-26 – **Calling on the Name of the Lord as a remnant**
 - 1. Adam & Eve, Seth and Enosh - “*then men began to call upon the name of the Lord*”
 - 2. Three generations call on God together – the first 275 years or more – Anno Mundi...
 - a. objective, (vs. subjective feeling oriented); outside of man; restraining pleasure
 - b. absolute truth (vs. relativism), conform to the truth; influence over power
 - c. answer-oriented (vs. crisis motivated), simple solutions; dependent upon God

III The revival of Jacob – Genesis 35:1-15 – bringing home the backslider

- A. Genesis 28-34 – background context – at least 2,200 years from Creation – Anno Mundi
 - 1. Jacob had a crisis in his family
 - a. He was a conniver, manipulator, liar and deceitful
 - b. His mother helped him trick Esau for the blessing
 - 2. Jacob’s crisis is met by God twice before revival comes
 - a. Jacob meets God at Bethel (God’s house) – a ladder to heaven (commune)
 - b. Jacob then meets God in a wrestling match!
 - 1. Esau comes to meet him with 400 men...
 - 2. Jacob “cried out to the Lord... I am not worthy...” (Genesis 32:9-10)
 - 3. Jacob prepared gifts to be given to Esau – to “appease him”
 - 4. Then God came in the form of an angel and “wrestled with Jacob”
 - 5. Jacob’s hip was put out of joint, but He would not let go without a blessing
 - 6. His name was changed from Jacob (conniver) to Israel (ruling with God)
- B. Genesis 35:1-15 – **A revival of brokenness in returning to Bethel; the house of God**
 - 1. Put away the foreign gods that are among you – repent
 - 2. He built an altar to God, and appeared to Him, affirming his name change
 - 3. Embrace your destiny to bless many generations and nations
 - 4. He made a pillar of stone and poured oil upon it – calling it Bethel!