

The New Testament Church
 Revival #11: *The Gospel of the Kingdom*
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 Daniel 2:34-35; 44-45; Matthew 13:31-33

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 of hunger such as...
 1. **Enos** calling on the name of the Lord; **Jacob** calling on God from a place of brokenness
 2. **Joseph** prepared by God to preserve life and impact Egypt; **Samuel** bringing hope
 3. **Asa** and **Jehoshaphat** bringing awakening and reformation; **Elijah** and **Elisha** passing the torch in humility; **Jonah** embracing a heart of mercy for the lost; and **Josiah** renewing a seeking of God and His Word!
 4. **Returns** illustrate revival (*Zerubbabel*), awakening (*Ezra*), reformation (*Nehemiah*)
 5. **Fire and Glory** are key ingredients in Revival; we are changed by His fire and glory

II Thy Kingdom Come – Jesus and the Kingdom; beyond the individual, family, church and experience

- A. What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?
 1. Kingdom - *Basileia* – “**sphere** where the King rules” – “where His sovereign power reigns”
 2. Heavenly **authority** - “*My kingdom is not of this world...* (John 18:36)
 3. **Eternal** - “*God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed*” (Da 2:44)
 4. “*this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, and then the end*” (Mt. 24:14)
 - a. A shift to an emphasis on His reign on earth the closer we get to His return
 - b. Distinct from an improper emphasis on the gospel of the church, family or benefits
- B. The manifestation of the Kingdom is the *ultimate goal* of **revival**
 1. “**Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand**” - Matthew 4:17, 10:7
 2. “*Unless one is born again... he cannot see... or enter... the kingdom*” – John 3:3,5
 3. “*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*” - Matthew 6:10 (prayer)
 4. “**Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...** - Matthew 6:33 – kingdom priority
- C. The Kingdom comes *within us* (**awakening**)
 1. “*If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word... We will.. make Our home with him.* – Jn 14:23
 2. “*For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.*” – Luke 17:21
 3. “*where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there...*” – Matthew 18:20
- D. The Kingdom manifests *on earth* – progressively in history (**reformation**)
 1. “*if I cast out demons... the kingdom of God has come*” – Matthew 12:28 - **deliverance**
 2. “*go heal the sick... the kingdom of God has come*” – Luke 10:9 - **healing**
 3. “*You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world*” - Kingdom birthed through **service**
 4. “*I will give you the keys of the kingdom...*” – **church dismantles the gates of hell**
 - a. Christianity is always blamed for all the ills of society... by what standard do we judge?
 - b. Rome luxury for few, rampant disease, inequality, slavery, racism & unity only in Caesar
 - c. What did the *stone cut out without hands* do? It crushed the image at its feet (people)
 1. Health care, cemeteries, a loving community, caring for one another, ideas of liberty, God-given rights, equality, unity within rather than from the State...
 2. Persecution demonstrated how illogical Rome actually was – it exposed tyranny
 3. Church growth was exponential in the first century – from ...
 - d. If God did it through a handful of believers in the 1st century, what might He do now?
 1. The growth of Bible believing Christians continues to soar around the globe!
 2. “*fowls of the air lodge in it... till the whole was leavened*” – Matthew 13:31-33

“*the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord*” Revelation 11:15