

**"We Need Revival"**  
**"The Truth As We Know It"**  
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This week I want talk about our need for a true culture changing revival in our land. Just like the old familiar story about the frog in the pot of water with the heat gradually rising. The frog is unaware of his oncoming problems until it is to late and he gets cooked. Our culture has excepted a gradual decline in standing up for the vital truths of a loving God until I fear we are approaching a point of no return. God always allows a time to repent. He does not quickly judge a person or a nation for their sin. He gives everyone a chance to repent.

People will ask why are all these judgments happening to us? Why has God removed his hedge of protection from us? In Deu 29:24-27 we read, "Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what means the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them: And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:"

In the story of Israel being taken captive by Babylon, years passed before God would bring judgment upon them. Notice this story in 2Ki 24:3-4 where we read, "Surely at the

commandment of the LORD  
came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his  
sight, for the sins of  
Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for  
the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled  
Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD  
would not pardon." King Manasseh was long since  
dead, but God still brought judgment upon Israel  
because they had not repented.

We still have the opportunity to repent, to turn back to a  
merciful God, to turn from our wicked ways and receive  
His forgiveness. In that wonderful scripture in 2Ch 7:13-  
15 we read, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain,  
or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I  
send pestilence among my people; If my people,  
which are called by my name, shall humble  
themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn  
from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now  
mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto  
the prayer that is made in this place." The plea is for  
God's people to turn back to God in true revival. The  
wicked will always be wicked. Darkness can only be  
conquered by greater light.

We have excepted the lie that the separation of church  
& state is intended to protect the state from the  
church's influence, when in fact just the opposite is  
true. Therefore we as the church have stood by while  
they took prayer and Bible reading out of our schools,

abortion became legal in all stages of a pregnancy, and now homosexuality is being promoted as a normal and acceptable lifestyle. The water in the pot is gaining temperature and we are letting it happen.

In Pro 28:13 we are told, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy." And in Isa 55:6-9 we read, "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God will surely forgive us if we will repent, turn to Christ and change our ways. In Eze 18:27-28 we are told, "Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considered, and turned away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die."

God has promised a great revival to take place prior to the return of Christ. We can be part of that great revival in America if we turn back to God. In Mal 4:5-6 we read,

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." There is a great need for fathers to take responsibility for their families and be the leader in the home again.

God will forgive us if we as a nation repent and turn back to God. We have this great promise in Dan 9:9-11 where we read, "To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him."

Daniel excepted responsibility for the sins of the people before him. He had not sinned, but the leaders of Israel before him had. He said in Dan 9:3-5 "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by

departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:" He prayed for revival, even though he understood that God had promised an end to the occupation in Babylon in seventy years.

In Romans we read about a great revival among the Jews. There is good evidence that that revival is happening now. Many Jews around the world are receiving Christ as Savior. I pray that it is! In Rom 11:12-15 he tells us, "Now if the fall of the Jews be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? .... For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?"

Then we have the great story of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37. This is a prophecy of the rebirth of Israel, but it can also be applied to revival in America. This story is told in Eze 37:1-14 where we read, "The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, you know. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye

shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed it, says the LORD."

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there

is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.