

The Possibility of Revival

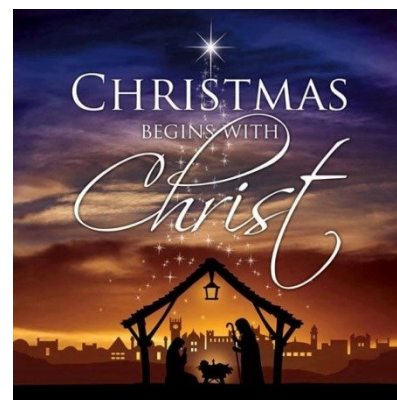
"Revival is just the life of the Lord Jesus poured into human hearts."—Roy Hession

"Revival is God accelerating, intensifying, and extending the work of grace that goes on in every Christian's life."—J.I. Packer

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

I stood in a church service and listened to the testimonies of broken-hearted saints sharing how God had met them in a fresh way. It was thrilling! Openness led to brokenness and brokenness led to oneness. People were praying, weeping, sharing, getting right with one another, and rejoicing. After the meeting a little boy came and told me how he had trusted Christ to save him. It sure is good to be in town when God is!

Is the day of great spiritual experience a thing of the past? Are the times of divine visitation relegated to the pages of history, as some propose? Is revival still possible? The answers to these questions are not only relevant, they are essential if we are to see revival in



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our day.

Without question God has moved in momentous and powerful ways throughout history. Many of us have been tremendously encouraged and inspired by reading these magnificent accounts. However, our purpose here is not merely to give a history lesson on this subject. There is a remnant who are not interested in reading history, but in making it. Let me say unequivocally— REVIVAL IS POSSIBLE in our day!

Theological Fatalism

One of the great deterrents to revival in our time is religious pessimism. The blight of fatalism has stripped multitudes of any hope that God might, again, do great things. Defeatism has captured the larger part of Fundamentalism/Evangelicalism. Entire theological schemes have been devised that rob God's people of anticipation for a better day. These "air-tight systems" explain away the potential for any supernatural interruptions.

One of the greatest myths ever foisted on the end-time saints is that we are doomed to mediocrity because we are living in a predetermined age of "lukewarmness."

The seven letters contained in chapters two and three of Revelation were written to the actual churches in Asia Minor. These were local assemblies consisting of baptized believers, not figurative or imaginary symbols. The problems addressed in these letters were first-century concerns, and all of these problems have been present in every century since. The Lord never insinuated the Laodiceans were "O.K.," because they prefigured the church prior to Christ's return. He never encouraged them in modeling "lukewarmness" as role models for the enlightenment of future generations. Not once is it even remotely intimated that they were destined to be like Goldilocks' porridge, neither cold nor hot. In no uncertain terms, He commanded them to "REPENT!"

If you really believe that God has predestinated us to spiritual "lukewarmness," then you will quietly accommodate yourself to the "will of God" by conforming to the laid back, comatose religion which is so prevalent today.

Institutionalized Unbelief

A Bible college graduate related how his professor, instructing those preparing for the pastorate, "should not expect too much." This misguided teacher reasoned that God is not working today like He used to, therefore, the soon-to-be pastors should anticipate only "five or six conversions a year." Another highly respected leader commented how the church in America was "right on track." He went on to explain that these are the *last days* and the great *falling away* is up-

Our Schedule

- January 3, 2016
Good News Baptist
Roanoke, VA
- January 8-10, 2016
First Baptist Ch of Kingstowne
Alexandria, VA
- January 28-30, 2016
Men's Prayer Advance
Sheraton Hotel & Conf. Cen.
Roanoke, VA
- February 5-7, 2016
Mt. Airy Bible Church
Mt. Airy, MD
- February 28, 2016
Brookside Baptist Church
Brookfield, WI
- Feb. 29 - March 3, 2016
Falls Baptist Church
Menomonee Falls, WI
- March 17-19, 2016
Ladies Prayer Advance
Holiday Inn - Tanglewood
Roanoke, VA
- March 20, 2016 (PM)
Valley View Baptist Church
Buchanan, VA
- April 3-6, 2016
Crossroads Baptist Church
Fredericksburg, VA



Prayer Advance Testimonies

"Thanks for putting together a great Men's Prayer Advance! We had a wonderful time in the Lord! He stirred my heart anew for revival and the need to keep pressing onward for the Lord Jesus."

"I will always remember my visit to the Ladies' Prayer Advance. I gave my life to Christ on March 13, 2008. Jesus loves me this I 'know.'"

"The Midwest Prayer Advance was Awesome! God met with me and our men in a special way during the Prayer Advance. The prayer times, preaching and singing were all focused upon God, and we could sense the presence of God in our hearts."

"God has done a work in both of us in the years we've attended the Couples' Advance, through talking about things we didn't before, healing, forgiveness, openness and honesty that were needed by setting aside time to focus on our marriage."

on us. He surmised since we are living during this foreordained period of apostasy, the low state of spiritual affairs is to be expected and accepted as normal. One evangelist said, "It's impossible to have revival today. About the best you can hope for is to see a few souls saved." All these men have adopted a theology of defeat that has hamstrung their faith and robbed them of the ability to pray and believe for "great things" from God.

Can you honestly charge God for making the Laodiceans lukewarm in order to typecast a future age? If blasphemy consists of attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan, then what would you call it when one assigns the work of Satan to God? Is it possible that a theology of despair has been formulated to justify our spiritual dullness?

Light in the Darkness

I too believe we are living in days of apostasy. The difference is I don't believe that Christ-loving, Christ-honoring, Christ-exalting churches are part of the apostasy! Sure, the mainline denominations have forsaken Truth, endorsed sodomy, and taken positions adamantly opposed to God's moral standards. Of course, a huge segment of contemporary Christianity has repudiated God's command of holiness. Yes, multitudes are going down the tubes of compromise, but we don't have to join them. Wake up, man! The true church came into existence with a burst of glory and the faithful churches and Christians can go out in a blaze.

Seasons of refreshing have come to God's people down through the ages. The darkness of night has been dispelled time and again as the light of God has burst on the scene. Just because the tide is out doesn't mean we have to content ourselves with the desert! We must reject the fatalistic tendencies which many of us have been taught our whole lives.

Listen to what one correspondent wrote about the conditions in Wales prior to the 1904 revival, "If I had been asked a month ago whether a revival was probable in Wales, I should have answered no. It seemed to me that the higher criticism had wrecked the ordinary machinery of a revival and that until theology had been reshaped, nothing would be done to disturb the prevailing apathy." However, God came down in Wales despite the conditions.

Limiting God

Hardly anyone would deny that God is sovereign in where He bestows the sacred flame. But who would dare deny that Israel limited God through their unbelief?

Sing above the
battle strife:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!
By His death and
endless life
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!
Shout it brightly through
the gloom,
When the heart for
mercy craves;
Sing in triumph o'er
the tomb:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!

Give the winds a
mighty voice:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!
Let the nations now
rejoice:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!
Shout salvation
full and free;
Highest hills and
deepest caves;
This our song of victory:
Jesus saves!
Jesus saves!

From "Jesus Saves" by
Priscilla Jane Owens (1829
-1907)

*"Neither is there salva-
tion in any other: for
there is none other
name under heaven
given among men,
whereby we must be
saved." (Act 4:12)*

Henry Ford said, "Whether you believe you can or believe you can't, either way you are right." And whether you believe God can send revival, or God can't, either way you are right! Personal revival, inter-personal revival, and local church revival are all gracious possibilities because our God still responds to humility, faith, prayer, and obedience.

Jonathan Goforth said, "We may be sure that, where there is a lack of the fullness of God, it is ever due to man's lack of faith and obedience. If God the Holy Spirit is not glorifying Jesus Christ in the world today, as at Pentecost, it is we who are to blame. After all, what is revival but simply the Spirit of God fully controlling in the surrendered life? It must always be possible, then, when man yields. The sin of unyieldedness, alone, can keep us from revival."

God has not permanently closed the windows of heaven. Neither has He put a yearning and burning in our hearts to mock us. Let the naysayers and fatalists console themselves in their skepticism. But as for you and me, let's believe God for *great and mighty things!*

"From **"Revival in Our Time: Outside the Box—Inside the Book!"** (Chapter 2) By Harold Vaughan - [CLICK HERE](#) to order from our web-site.

Looking Ahead

- **Men's Prayer Advance 2016** — [CLICK HERE](#) to register NOW for the Men's Advance on January 28-30, 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Roanoke, VA.
 - **Ladies' Prayer Advance 2016** — [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the Ladies' Advance at the Tanglewood Holiday Inn on March 17-19, 2016.
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See What's New

- [CLICK HERE](#) to see our Year End Letter
- Do you have something in your life—illness, family issue, depression, situations, etc.—that you just can't seem to overcome? [CLICK HERE](#) to hear a tremendous message from the Couples' Advance by Tom Palmer entitled **"When the Thorn Remains"** that can give you hope. (Please allow extra time for this page to load)

Prayer & Praise

- Physical strength and healing for Harold
- Men's and Ladies' Advances being held in new locations
- Wisdom as we plan for future Advances
- Thankful for a tremendous Couples' Advance
- Thankful for God's daily mercies toward us

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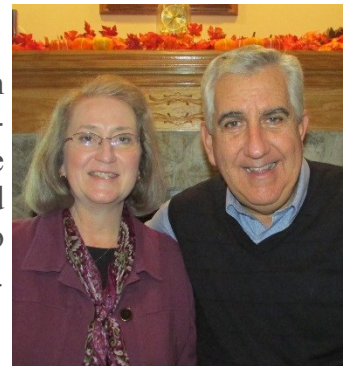
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Family News

Here is the medical update for Harold. The latest brain scan showed good blood flow and no apparent disease. The Neurologist says he has Horner's syndrome from which he should recover. The doctor wants to get both cholesterol and blood pressure down. At the doctor's recommendation, two November meetings have been postponed until next year.



Michael is on Humira for Crohn's disease. His family is settling back into life here in America.

Brandon and his family are well and very busy.



Stephen, our youngest son, gets married Dec. 5 in Stockton, CA to Emily Lopez. We are excited to be gaining another daughter.

"Live one day at a time, no more. It is the burden of one day that the Lord carries.

'Give us this day our daily bread.'" —Andrew Bonar

MEN'S PRAYER ADVANCE

WHEN: January 28-30, 2016

WHERE: Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA

NEXT PRICE BREAK DEADLINE: December 14, 2015

LODGING: We have a block of rooms at the Sheraton Hotel for \$89 per night per room. YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY DECEMBER 30, 2015 to obtain the \$89 rate. You can call the hotel at (540) 563-9300 and ask for the "Christ Life Ministries Men's Prayer Advance" group rate or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your room on-line.

MEALS OPTION: \$19 Total for three meals - Thursday Dinner, Friday Lunch & Friday Dinner. If you register on-line, the cost is already added as an option. If mailing in your registration, please add \$19 to the cost of your registration.

PRAYER ADVANCE REGISTRATION: You can [CLICK HERE](#) to register on-line for the Advance or you can mail in your completed registration form with payment or you can make your registration by phone by calling (540) 890-6100.

LADIES' PRAYER ADVANCE

WHEN: March 17-19, 2016

WHERE: Tanglewood Holiday Inn, Roanoke, VA

NEXT PRICE BREAK DEADLINE: February 15, 2016

LODGING: We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn for \$89 per night per room. YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY February 16, 2016 to obtain the \$89 rate. You can call the hotel at (540) 774-4400 and ask for the "Christ Life Ministries Ladies' Prayer Advance" group rate or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your room on-line. DO NOT change the "Group Code" or the "Rate" on the left hand side.

MEALS OPTION: Breakfast is available at the hotel for \$5 per day. Please ask for this option to be added to your room reservation when you check in.

PRAYER ADVANCE REGISTRATION: You can [CLICK HERE](#) and pick Ladies' Prayer Advance to register on-line for the Advance or you can mail in your completed registration form with payment or you can make your registration by phone by calling (540) 890-6100.

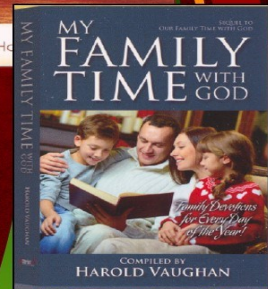
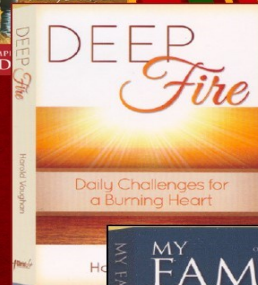
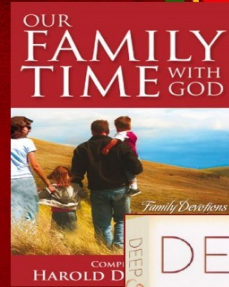
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