Praying For Revival

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Thirsting for Revival

E. M. Bounds said, "Heaven is too busy to listen to half-hearted prayer." God cannot tolerate lukewarmness. As long as we are contented with our present life, God will not bless us with more. Self-sufficiency is the great obstacle to revival. Without an intense desire and thirst for it, revival will not come.

A genuine thirst for the Holy Spirit revival will set our prayer aflame. This deep thirst will increase in intensity as we thirst after revival wholeheartedly. All revival begins in the heart of one or more people as God deepens our thirst for His divine working in our life, our group or church as we begin to seek Him earnestly.

Tarrying for Revival

John Wesley said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." God has promised to answer prayer by giving us revival but the trouble is, we are not ready for it. God will keep His word, in fact He is more willing to give than we are to receive. But we must tarry before Him in order to prepare our mind and heart to receive His glorious blessing.

The early church tarried for ten days until the day of Pentecost, and as a result they received a mighty Holy Ghost revival. We cannot store up grace, but we can store up prayer. The accumulated power of tarrying prayer can move great mountains.

Travailing for Revival

Robert Hall said, "The prayer of faith is the only power in the universe to which Jehovah yields." Prayer brings wonderful times of refreshing, but for mountains to be moved, at times it is hard work. Many Christians are spiritually sick and do not know how to travail in prayer.

Satan would rather we be busy for God all day than to pray for one hour. The time we spend before God will help us to accomplish more for His kingdom than all the things we have done. Travailing prayer will result in the revival we all have been waiting for as we desire and earnestly seek for it.

Timing for Revival

E. M. Bounds said, "Too often we get faint-hearted and quit praying at the point when we ought to begin." In God's time revival will come if we persevere in prayer. Praying for revival is not an easy task. Sometimes it will take months, other times it may take several years before the answer comes. We should not get discouraged and give up because we have been praying

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for a long time.

Remember, we cannot plan or choose the way God will work in revival. But we know that God has ordained to work through humans in preparing the way for revival. It is always His will to visit His people anew with spiritual revival.

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