

## **WHY WE NEED REVIVAL** **(II Chronicles 7:14)**

**Romans 9:23-26; II Corinthians 6:19** In case someone wants to argue that this verse is specifically for the Jewish nation regarding the dedication of Solomon's Temple I remind you that all that is written in the O. T. is for our example, (**I Cor. 10:11**) and that through the grace of God we are now the people of God and God the Holy Spirit resides in every believer's body (temple) so this verse speaks to us.

Do we as a church or as individuals meet God's qualifications for revival? Are we humble before God? How is our prayer life? When was the last time we really wanted to have a face to face with God? Have we repented of every sin that holds back God from hearing us? What do we need for revival?

## **WE NEED REPENTANCE**

**I Corinthians 3:1-3** We need to repent (sorrow and deep contrition of sin, a change of mind) of our individual and church family carnality (fleshly, worldly, envy, selfish, prideful).

**Isaiah 31:1; Jeremiah 5:12** We need to repent of being prideful and self sufficient, relying on self and the government for safety and not seeking the help of God for our daily needs (**Mat. 6:9-13**).

**Matthew 24:12; II Timothy 3:1-5** We need to repent from a cold, indifferent heart. Think about this: Who comes first in your daily life, you, your hobby, family, friends, work, or God? Most believers love their dogs more than friends, family, neighbors, or even God? We want to say "your wrong brother" but how much time, affection and effort do we give to each of those things mentioned.

**Revelation 2:5; 2:22; 3:3; 3:19** Far too many believers are looking at the world all around us and seeing the horror and sinfulness of our country and the whole world and we say that the world needs to repent. Repentance in the strongest sense in scripture is for the people of God both O. T. and N. T.

## **WE NEED RESTORATION**

**Psalms 51:12-13** David knew that if he was going to get back to having fellowship and a right standing with God he needed to be restored (renew, reestablish, to bring back). We will never be able to fellowship with God or to be able to teach and win others to Christ without being restored.

**Jeremiah 29:13; James 5:16** Both the O. T. and the N. T. teach us that being halfhearted in our efforts to get God to work in our lives does not work. We need to restore our sincerity toward God.

**Matthew 13:23; Acts 17:11-12; II Timothy 2:15** We need to restore our conviction toward the perfect word of God. Without a steady diet of bible teaching and preaching we are left with weakness in what we believe and how we live as believers. Many of God's people do not read, study or understand the bible. How can we reach others if we are not knowledgeable and are weak in faith?

## **WE NEED TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH**

**Jude 3-4** Jude tells us things that most believers are failing to do. We need revival in order to 'contend' for the faith. To 'contend' means (to strive, to agonize, to struggle, to use earnest effort). When was the last time we 'agonized and earnestly struggled' to contend for the faith?

**Matthew 28:19-20; John 15:16; II Corinthians 5:20** We have failed the Lord in contending for the faith because He commanded us and ordained us to be His witnesses and ambassadors in the world.

**Ezekiel 3:17-19; II Corinthians 4:3** We need to contend for the faith because our families, our friends and loved ones, our neighbors are dying and going to hell because we have failed to warn them.