

THE PROPHET PLEA FOR REVIVAL -- a study of the minor prophets' messages of revival related to present day conditions and needs...

A plea for Reveival.

Some ~~words~~ terms are like drapes that have been exposed to the sun so long they have been drained of their color,...one side is bleached, drained of its color while the other still retains its original color. ~~Revival~~ "Revival" is such a word. But while from our side the word is ~~drained~~ bleached and drained of its original meaning, from the other side, the Biblical side, the original color and meaning is still there. That's going to be our viewpoint in this work.

I. REVIVAL IS A WORK OF GOD. It is not something man does for God, but something God does for the church. Immediately this ~~shows~~ presents modern Christian with a problem -- we're accustome to doing things for God -- the philosophy, we're God's team on the field, He's the coach who sends in signals from the sideline, but we're the team...If we don't do it, it won't be done.

Possible inclusions:

God: True or False, from Isa.  
Striving with Sovereignty.  
Seeking the Lord.

THE PROPHET PLEA FOR REVIVAL -- from all the prophets, both major and minor.

PART ONE:     ~~XXX~~ PURIFYING THE PURSUIT

God- True or False  
Seek The Lord  
What Is Revival? Hosea 6?  
The Revival We Need     Hab. 3:2  
PART TWO---The Need of Revival

Gray-haired Christians  
The Ultimate Famine  
Why Our Civilization Is Collapsing     Micah 3  
Amos: The shallowness and superficiality of ~~Religion~~ Religion  
Heaven's Hair Standing on End --Jer 2

PREPARING FOR REVIVAL -- Part Three

It Is Time To Seek The Lord     Hosea 10:12  
Praying for Revival  
Joel, The People God Revives  
The Conditions -- repentance, etc.

PART FOUR     RESULTS OF REVIVAL

Mal..The Refining Fire  
Joel: The Promise of Revival

The Proclamation of Revival -- Micah 6, What the Lord Requires?  
The Power of Revival -- The Holy Spirit

A study of Repentance, Prayer, Judgment, The Responsibility of God's People, i.e., the fact that God judges a nation not because of the ungodly but because of the backsliding of His people.

The ways of God in judgment -- using heathen nations as rod to chasten.

The fact that God's primary interest is in His people. In our modern brand of Christianity we have placed almost totally the interest on the lost, the unsaved world, the physical needy.

While God is desperately concerned with the lost, the socially needy, ~~xxx~~ it is unmistakably clear just from the standpoint of amount of space devoted to it that God is primarily burdened with His people.

Even when He expresses concern over the ~~needy~~ needy, its from the standpoint that God's people have ignored or taken advantage of them..

"Do good to all men, especially to those of the household of faith. This is a vision we must recapture. The Number One problem confronting the Christian church today is not the lost world, nor the fact that we're losing the population race....IT IS A BACKSLIDEN, IMPOTENT, DECADENT CHURCH.... We are trying to produce fruit without a healthy ROOT.

If the root is healthy, if the branch is abiding in the Vine, there will be fruit. WE WILL WINN THE LOST, WE WILL CARE FOR THE HUNGRY, THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, ETC. The resultm the end is not what I am arguing...but the MEANS, THE MANNER OF DOING IT. We're trying to save a drowning man with a lifeguard that's afraid of the water, with a lifeboat that leaks, trying to put out a fire with a hose that has no water pressure.