

Text: II Kings 18:1-8; II Chron. - general agreement. In the need of revival - interest - Chayim = revival under i. teykhah = affected whole nation - some reb. spiritually, economically, entirely - while manifestations differ, principle always remain the same.  
 Revival Sovereign but uses human means - supernatural but natural - sudden but gradual.

I - a Discerning Spirit - the ability to see & interpret the situation - Agivris

- 1 - See the judgment of G behind the scene = the national problems were the result of sin, not poor diplomacy
  - Two ways of viewing life (1) the worldly way: natural causes & natural cure = alliances w/ foreign nations.
  - (2) Biblical way: See these things as the judgment of G & reverse of sin
- 2 - ~~See sin as judgment.~~
  - This is a moral universe - when moral laws broken, there is a reaction. Some say war, etc a sign no moral, no G. On the contrary, proves it is so. If man could sin, etc w/out law, sins, etc = no G, no moral law prescribed cure
- 3 - Sees a return to G as only hope II Chron 29:10 = purposed in his heart - not to restore economic, political & military prospects, but a covenant w/ G
- 4 - Sees the real idols = The brazen serpent = a xian idol

II - a Determined Will - II Chron 29:10 - "it is in my heart."

- Phrase expresses a "fixed determination"
- 1 - Does not wait for others to concur: He made up his mind & told the priests - Joshua - "as for me & my house..."
    - a one-man operation.
    - (1) In the face of apathy = Priests & Levites
    - (2) In face of difficulties = tearing down altars
  - 2 - Acts simply.

## III. a Devout Heart - 1 Kings 18: 3 - "like

David..." the highest compliment -

- 1 - trusted in the Lord 2 - clung to the Lord 3 - obeyed the Lord 4 - blessed of the Lord
- The Unity of the Bible - OT & NT  
Pentateuch

"He trusted in the Lord the God of Israel" - That is the summary of his character - that sums up

The godly man - says it all - vs 5 - Then

v. 6 & all that follows is a description, amplification,

& explanation of that: "FOR"

1 - he clung to the Lord - security, hope

2 - He followed the Lord - guide

3 - He obeyed the Lord - master

"and the Lord was with him"

"and he prospered"