

- I. Text: Exodus 33:1-11
- II. Major Objective: Consecrational
- III. Central Idea: God hates sin in his people but will forgive
when they repent in their hearts.
- IV. Subject: Can We Expect A Revival?
- V. Thesis and Goal:
 1. Proposition: We can expect God to give revival to His people only when certain factors are brought into play. *Vague*
 2. Specific objective: For Christians to meet the conditions for revival contained in the example of Israel.
- VI. Introduction: *Is it really?* Revival is a law of nature and a law of progress. A seed must lie in the soil and be revived into fruit before a crop can be harvested. In the course of man's history revival has played an important role. Before the Reformation of the 16th Century there was a great revival of learning and exploration which laid the foundations for the greatest movement since Pentecost. It has always been true in the history of God's people. Their story is a monotonous cycle: the people sinned, God sent judgment, they repented, and God forgave, then they sinned again, etc. Revival is a blessing from God. It is a special privilege when a man is permitted to be in the midst of the moving of God. Deep in the heart of every Christian there is a yearning for another moving of God's Spirit among His People.

But can we expect revival again? We read of the revivals of history and our hearts are hungry for that manna. We say with the old Negro preacher who stood over the grave of Wesley, "Lord, do it again." Revival does come from God, but man has a part to play in it. Just as the farmer must plant, cultivate, and harvest, even though God gives the life to the grain, so we must plant the seed, dig up our fallow ground and then God will pour out His living Spirit upon us.

In the verses just read we have the account of a great revival. Israel had committed a grievous sin. Their true character sprouted in the absence of Moses and they made themselves a false God, breaking the second commandment. Because of their sin, God determined to destroy them, but Moses prevailed upon God to forgive them. In the remainder of the story is revealed the mighty revival which came to the people of Israel. We can only expect revival when our course is that taken by Israel. We CAN expect Revival.

VII. Body:

I. We Can Expect Revival When God's Word Is Proclaimed.

(Exodus 33:1-4) "And the Lord said unto Moses.."

1. God's Word reveals the condition of the people.

(Exodus 33:3) "a stiffnecked people.."

2. God's Word Reveals God's anger at sin.

(Exodus 33:3) "I will not go up in the midst of thee.....lest I consume thee in the way."

3. God's Word convicts of sin. (Exodus 33:4)

"they mourned.."

This is a
preparation
is a little

II. We Can Expect Revival When God's People Repent of
Sin. (Exodus 33:4-6)

1. We must listen to God's command. (Exodus 33:5)

"therefore now put off.."

2. We must have a sincere sorrow for our sin.

(Exodus 33:4) "they mourned: and no man did put
on him his ornaments."

3. We must forsake our sin. (Exodus 33:6)

"..stripped themselves of their ornaments."

III. We Can Expect A Revival When God's Blessing is Sought.
(Exodus 33:7-11)

1. There must be unity of people in the seeking.

(Exodus 33:7) "..everyone which sought the Lord."

2. There must be individual worship in the seeking.

(Exodus 33:10) "...and worshipped, every man in his
tent door."

3. There must be a faithful leader in the seeking.

(Exodus 33:9,11)

VIII. Conclusion: Recently the newspapers carried the tragic
story of two man dying in the crash of a jet bomber. One
man parachuted to safety, the others did not. It was
disclosed that all three men must exit in 1-2-3 sequence
and if number one fails to eject the other two cannot.
Number two man froze and failed to eject, killing not
only himself, but also causing the death of the third man.

This may
have been
true

not correct interpretation
of the verse

One Christian can cause the revival to pass our church by, if he fails to do his part. The rest of the church cannot be victorious if there is one "frozen" in his heart. He will quench the fire of God's Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the people were together with one accord and God blessed. Every child of God must do his part for the needed revival. If we are not willing to pay the cost of a genuine blessing then we do not mean business with God. We can expect Revival only if you pay the price.

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Exhibit 3
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