

Ready for Revival

Jesus told us to build our life on His word by doing it, not just knowing it. This is the commitment of a heart that genuinely wants to work in our midst. Such a commitment is preparing us for revival.

Scripture(s): Joel 1-2, Amos 5

I. The first way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is to notice their _____!

Christians, it is up to us to _____ to the voice of God for the lost do not often hear it!

Joel 1:2-13

II. The second way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is by _____ one another to respond. God's people must prepare for the Day of the Lord for it can be both a glory and a _____ for us.

Joel 1:14 - 2:2; Amos 5:18-20 18 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light; 19 as when a man flees from a lion and a bear meets him, or goes home, leans his hand against the wall and a snake bites him. 20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, even gloom with no brightness in it?

Malachi 4:5-6 5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. 6 He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

✓ Take a long look at where you _____ compared to where you understand that Jesus wants you to _____.

III. The third way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is _____ their sins and struggles. If Christians are going to be salt and light, the focus of their discipleship must be on themselves and not on those in whom they have no _____.

Joel 2:12-17; 1 Peter 4:12-19 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? 19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

✓ Identify the specific sin or struggle that _____ at your commitment to follow Jesus whole heartedly.

Remember this - We are ready for revival when we stop using the failures of others to _____ our own.

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