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A Sermon Summary on
“The Call & Theology of Revival (Psalm 85: 6 – 11)”
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A) The Source of Revival (v 4 – 6)

- From Psa. 85 verse 1:
“Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob”, the psalmist is pre-figuring the return of the Israelites to the Promised Land and the restoration of Israel.
- Ezra 9 :8 – 10 also expresses this similar situation.
- **What is “revival”?**
To “revive” is to awaken, to recover, to recall, to return or restore to life and activity from languor/lethargy /inertia.

- **Where / What /Who is the source of revival?**
Does revival come from Man, Angels, God, or some human philosophies?

What are the characteristics of revival?

- it can be on a personal(individual) or corporate(church) level
- it must be God – initiated, not men or methods
- it must be “Theo”–centric, “Christo” -centric and focussed on the Spirit of God
- it has to do with influencing the lives of people
- it needs God’s mercy and Holy Spirit in salvation power
- the work of revival can be invisible and intangible
- it needs repentance, fervent prayer, the Word of God and the working of God’s Holy Spirit to be effective and lasting.
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B) The Subject of Revival. (v 6, 7)

- Who, Why, When, What...” will thou not revive us again to rejoice in thee?” (v. 6)
- Who is the “us” in verse 6? ... ***We the covenant people of God are the subject of revival***
- Important focus in verse 8, “He will speak peace unto his people and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly” is on “thy people” who are the people of Israel that God has chosen.
- ***God’s focus and object of revival are His chosen people.***
- Many of the people returning to Jerusalem from exile were discouraged as they were unable to worship God in a foreign land and there was no Temple to worship in.
- During this period, a great revival arose among the people, i.e. “God’s elect”, who were already in the church and had heard the gospel.
- Revival thus also extends beyond those who are visible and goes into the lives of those who may not have come to Christ yet, as the Spirit of God works in them. We do not have any prior knowledge of who God has chosen as His elect. The gospel is to be preached to all
- The subject of revival is “thy people”, God’s elect, i.e. you and I, in whom God has caused an awakening back to God, to know and seek Him, to worship and love Him, to fear (revere) Him, to repent of our iniquities and to do His will.
- ***What was the local revival situation in Singapore and Malaysia in the 1930s like?***
 - God initiated a great biblical and spiritual revival locally when John Sung, originally from Fujian/China, was used by God to be a preacher and evangelist here, and thus the local Chinese church flourished with many souls saved including the Tow and the Queks .
 - This revival caused the local people to repent of their sins and turn away from their various contemporary vices to seek God and “get back in step” with His will and direction in life.
 - The Chin Lien Seminary (in Guillemard Road/ Singapore) was born out of revival of Dr John Sung which is still existing today.



- **The subject of revival is that Man is transformed, regenerated, awakened, repentant and comes back to the Lord in spiritual awakening.**

2Chr 7:14 states:

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”.

King Solomon spoke these words to the Israelites

after the Temple in Jerusalem was built and he prayed and offered sacrifices to God and later a great revival arose among them when they saw the glory of God under the godly leadership of Solomon.



C) The Purpose of Revival. (v 6 – 11)

- **What comes out of revival?** If we were to be revived, what will happen to you or me?
 - The result will be “that thy people may REJOICE IN THEE”. (Psa.85 v 6)
- **Can the Israelites still be able to rejoice in the Lord while suffering in captivity?**
 - Psa.85 v 9 also mentions that the final effect is “surely His salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land”.
 - With salvation and people who fear the Lord and the glory of God in the presence of people in the land, the ultimate purpose of revival is for people to “REJOICE IN THE LORD for his glory”.
- **Can we rejoice again? especially given the current global pandemic situation resulting in many trials and tribulations? Can we still say that the joy of the Lord is our strength?**
 - A calamity may bring people back to God or draw them away from God, especially when the life of a church is affected and people were not able to worship there for a season.
 - Many church worship programmes and attendances were affected, even after some of the subsequent safety and precautionary measures for the covid-19 pandemic were partially lifted. But God is still on the throne
 - Some church leaders found it challenging to get their worshippers/congregation to return to church services on site as many people had gotten so used to virtual services that they lost the zeal for corporate worship as a gathered church. (Heb. 10:24,25)

- In Psa.122 v 1, the psalmist said, “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord”. This is the view strongly upheld by most reformed and fundamental churches that believers should gather together physically in a church for Sabbath worship and fellowship.
- The goal of worship is that people come back together and rejoice as the gospel is preached, people come to know and fear God and salvation is achieved.
- As a result, the glory of God dwelt in the land, (Psa.85 v 9)
- ***Can it be true today that the glory of God has departed from some of the mega and liberal churches just as Ezekiel had observed and commented when he was serving as a prophet in Israel?***
 - The departure of God’s glory from our churches results in ineffectiveness and unfruitfulness
 - According to Psa.85 v 10 & 11, we noted what brings revival (i.e. Mercy and truth; righteousness and the peace of God)
 - Psa. 85 v.12 states that the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.”
 - This is the result of revival.
 - People need to come back and seek God in faith and repentance to be revived.
 - Psa.85 v.13 reads “Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of His steps”. This verse depicts “revival” as a change of direction, from a wrong direction to a correct one, so as to “set us back / (be in tandem with) the way of His (God’s) steps.”
- ***Can we still rejoice in the Lord despite being in difficult and harsh circumstances in life?***
 - Yes! It can be by humbly seeking the sovereign will of God.
 - In Ezra 9 v 8 -10, Ezra prayed fervently a humble prayer request to God for a revival.
 - The Israelites who did not come to worship in the new Temple in Jerusalem returned to worship and repented of their sins.
 - There were signs that showcase a genuine revival then.

CAN WE REJOICE IN THE LORD AGAIN?

Conclusion

1. Pray for a real spiritual awakening (revival) in our lives in the new year.
2. Pray that the gospel seed that you will sow this year will fall on good fertile soil.
3. Pray that the “cares of the world” and “deceitfulness of riches” do not choke our hearts this year and always.

Han Kin Hoong


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*The house is full! Praise God!
Do rejoice and uphold us in prayer!*

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Pray for the effectual teaching of the Word in the 2 Sun School classes and the Catechism Class.

Celebrating the 58th birthday of Bro Micheal, one of the fruits of our evangelistic outreach in Macpherson Estate.



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AN APPRAISAL AND UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL REVIVALS

JANUARY TO MARCH 2021

JANUARY

3RD

PSALM 85:6-11

The Call and Theology of Revival

10TH

DEUTERONOMY 31:6-20

The Focus and Foundation of Revival

17TH

1 KINGS 18:20-40

The Battle for the Revival of Hearts

24TH

2 CHRONICLES 7:1-14

Repentance, Humility and Revival

31ST

ISAIAH 37:14-36

A Jewish King's Triumph over the Foes

FEBRUARY

7TH 3RD ANNIVERSARY

1 CHRONICLES 16:8-20

Devotion and Gratitude to God in
Trying Times

14TH

2 KINGS 22:1-20

A Jewish King and the Covenant of Revival

21ST

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones Revived

28TH

NEHEMIAH 8 :1-20

The Word of God and Revival

MARCH

7TH

HOSEA 14:1-9

Healing of Backsliding and Revival

14TH

ACTS 2:1-11, 39-47

The Holy Spirit and Revival

21ST

ACTS 6:1-9

The Church Priorities and Revival

28TH

ACTS 8:5-24

The Danger of False Revivals/Conversions

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Memory Verse

Isa 37:20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand,
that all the kingdoms of the earth may know
that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Bro Joseph speaks today on **“A Jewish King’s Triumph over the Foes” (Isa 37:14-36)**, the 2021 Jan – Mar sermon series on **“An Appraisal & Understanding of Biblical Revivals”**.
3. Pastor Jack is the Lord’s messenger this morning at Gospel Light BP Church worship service. He will be back for the Shorter Catechism Class.
4. Rev Philip Heng speaks next Sunday at our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship Service on **“Devotion & Gratitude to God in Trying Times” (1 Chron 16:8-20)**.
5. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom.
8. We resume our **Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class this Friday night, 5 Feb at 7.30pm in church on the study of 2 Samuel**. Do come and join us for a time of learning God’s Word.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**
