



REVIVAL IS SEEKING GOD

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“The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,” (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

“But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?” (Nehemiah 4:1-2)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. Seek Him _____

Quote: “Anything done in my own strength is bound to fail miserably or to succeed even more miserably.”—**G.K. Chesterton**

Quote: “To be broken is the beginning of revival. It is painful, it is humiliating, but it is the only way into blessing!”—**Roy Hession**

A. Begin with a _____

Quote: “When revival comes to one person, revival has come.”

HE WEPT

Definition: *wept*—to weep in grief, humiliation, or joy; to lament

HE MOURNED

Definition: *mourned*—to feel or express sorrow, grieve; to make low, continuous sound like a dove, to grieve for one who has died.

B. Continued with _____

HE FASTED

“In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.”

(Daniel 10:2-3)

“And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” (Mark 9:29)

HE PRAYED

Quote: “Importunate praying is the earnest inward movement of the heart toward God.”—**E.M. Bounds**

Quote: “We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity but accomplish little. Many services but few results.”—**R.A. Torrey**

Quote: “The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God’s glory, they should pray until they get it.”—**George Müller**

2. Seek Him _____

A. Recognize His _____

EVERLASTING AND OMNIPOTENT

Definition: *LORD*—Jehovah or the self-existent One

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:10)

HOLY AND JUST

Definition: *great*—in magnitude and extent

Definition: *terrible*—to cause astonishment and awe

*“The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.”
(Psalm 145:17)*

*“Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.”
(Psalm 99:3)*

*“The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are
oppressed.” (Psalm 103:6)*

FAITHFUL AND MERCIFUL

*“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in
mercy.” (Psalm 103:8)*

B. Repent of Our _____

CONFESSING OF SIN

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

Quote: “Some confess their guilt (in the name of confessing their
sin) because they do not like the way they feel, but in reality they still
desire the sin.”

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whose confesseth and
forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)*

Quote: “Repentance is a discovery of the evil of sin, a mourning
that we have committed it, a resolution to forsake it. It is, in fact,
a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which
makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once
he loved.”—**C. H. Spurgeon**

NAMING OF OUR SINS

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and
forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)*

*“And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.
19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books
together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price
of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily
grew the word of God and prevailed.” (Acts 19:18-20)*

3. Seek Him _____

A. _____ His Word

“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.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

B. _____ His Word

C. _____ His Word

TURN

“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” (Corinthians 7:9-10)

KEEP

“Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.” (Psalm 86:11)

DO

“Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;” (Ephesians 6:6)

Quote: “I have always thought that the actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.”—**John Locke**

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)

CONCLUSION _____

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

