

“So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.” (2 Chronicles 30:10)

*The world does not embrace true revival. Sadly, many so-called Christians do not either.

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:18–19)

B. A Greater _____

“So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.” (2 Chronicles 30:26)

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalm 16:11)

CONCLUSION

“And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.” (2 Chronicles 31:20–21)

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“For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not. 22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. 24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers. 26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.” (2 Chronicles 28:21–27)

INTRODUCTION

STEP 1. _____

A. A Rightful _____

“And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.” (2 Chronicles 29:2)

*Many things in life can be done half-heartedly—but not revival!

“Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:8b)

“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:8)

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)

B. A Revealed _____

“He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.” (2 Chronicles 29:3)

*What his father Ahaz had closed, Hezekiah opened. What his father had destroyed, he repaired.

*When we stray from God’s plan, we sacrifice God’s power.

STEP 2. _____

A. An _____ Perversion

“For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.” (2 Chronicles 29:6–7)

*A nation without God is a ruined nation.

“12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...” (Psalm 33:12a)

B. An _____ Purging

“And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.” (2 Chronicles 29:16)

*Revival today is dependent on an inner cleansing of the temple of God.

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6:19)

*A nation cannot repent as a whole unless the individuals who make up that nation are willing to do so.

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17)

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, Nor sworn deceitfully.” (Psalm 24:3–4)

STEP 3. _____

A. A _____ for Worship

“And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.” (2 Chronicles 29:28–30)

*Revival brings a burning and passionate desire to praise and adore God.

B. A _____ in Worship

*Twice it is mentioned that they “bowed” in worship.

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.” (Psalm 89:7)

“O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.” (Psalm 95:6)

“Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: But the proud he knoweth afar off.” (Psalm 138:6)

STEP 4. _____

A. A _____ of Deliverance

“And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.” (2 Chronicles 30:23)

*The Passover had not been observed for years – they had forgotten their deliverance.

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

B. A _____ of Duty

“And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.” (2 Chronicles 30:25–26)

*Our Christianity must never become mere formality or duty.

*God isn’t looking for good actors who worship. He is looking for a genuine authenticity in our worship.

STEP 5. _____

A. A Godless _____