



A National Emergency and Spiritual Urgency

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- Throughout the Bible, national emergencies have resulted in spiritual urgency: with David, Josiah, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Joel.
- Throughout history, great revivals in the church and great awakenings in the city have been due to a national emergency.
 - We have had two Great Awakenings in America: one in the 1700's that led up to the Revolutionary War.
 - The other in the mid-1800's that led up to the Civil War.
 - National Emergencies should result in Spiritual Urgency—urgency to pray, fast, and seek God.
 - It would seem that, with God, the choice is judgement or blessing.
- We are coming into the most historic election since the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860—we are in an emergency situation.
- We are headed into troubles and these troubles are:
 - Political
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Racial
 - Spiritual
- The troubles are bigger than Donald Trump; bigger than Hilary Clinton.
- It is the discipline of the Lord over our country for our sin. God disciplines those whom He loves—He loves His church and God's not done with the church yet.
- God is disciplining the Church in America—Donald Trump as a candidate is the discipline of the Lord; Hilary Clinton as a candidate is the discipline of the Lord—they are us.
- Mr. Trump and Mrs. Clinton are a mirror of the church. We must pray.

- God is not done with His church—hundreds of thousands are praying! Remember the story of Abraham with Sodom, he pleaded with the Lord for Sodom: 50 righteous...45...40...30...20...10
- God is gracious and full of mercy!
- “I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
 - o I believe a great revival is coming to the church
 - o I believe a great awakening is coming to our cities
 - o But we must cry out, we must pray for God to come!

The Two Revival Passages in the Bible!

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

2 Chronicles 7:13

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

- “no rain:” Famine—At that time, this would mean kids dying in the streets.
- “locusts:” Economic devastation—stock market crash, banks going bankrupt, out of control inflation
- “pestilence:” Disease, pandemics, outbreaks of infections

2 Chronicles 7:14

if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

- A national emergency results in spiritual urgency, spiritual energy!
- “If” conditional to the work of the church
- Three conditions:
 - 1) Humility
 - 2) Prayer
 - 3) Repentance

2 Chronicles 7:15-18

Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, ‘You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.’

- God’s response: He will ...
 - 1) Hear us
 - 2) Forgive us
 - 3) Heal our land
 - 4) Sanctify His church
 - 5) Bless the land
 - 6) Provide strong leadership

“A true revival means nothing less than a revolution, casting out the spirit of worldliness and selfishness, and making God and His love triumph in the heart and life.” —Andrew Murray

“All revival begins, and continues, in the prayer meeting. Some have also called prayer the ‘great fruit of revival.’ In times of revival, thousands may be found on their knees for hours, lifting up their heartfelt cries, with thanksgiving, to heaven.” —Henry Blackaby

My definition: A true revival is a work of God in the church—a fresh passion to love God with all of one’s heart, soul, mind, and strength. An awakening is outside the church—the waking up of the dead, a revolutionary desire for God in the hearts of the unbelieving. Throughout biblical and world history, the key component for bringing in a great revival and a great awakening has been holy men and women committed to asking for it, crying out for it.