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2-7-2024

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USA Revivals

- **The Great Awakening, 1734-43**
  - Jonathan Edwards
  - George Whitfield
- **The Second Great Awakening, 1800-1840**
  - James McGready
  - Charles Finney
- **The Businessmen's Revival of 1857-1858**
  - Jeremiah Lanphier
- **The Civil War Revival, 1861-1865**
- **The Urban Revivals, 1875-1885**
  - Dwight L. Moody
- **The Revivals of 1905-1906**
  - Billy Sunday
- **1970 Asbury College Revival**

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(v.3-5)
- (God is not neutral towards sin. He is angry at sin; He hates sin.
- Note: There are generational effects of sin (v.5))

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Ex. Revival in NYC which sparked the "Great Awakening"
Ex. The Welsh Revivals

All were a result of <u>prayer</u>

- II Chron. 7:14 - 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.

- Jer. 33:3 - Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

- James 5:16 - Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

There has never been a revival apart from an intense burden to pray.
(ex. The Businessmen's prayer meetings in NYC)

II. The <u>PRODUCER</u> of Revival is <u>GOD</u>

("<u>Thou</u>")

Revivals don't come out of the brief case of a pastor; They don't come merely because advertisement is made (flyers are mailed etc.); They don't come merely because a special speaker comes to preach. Rather, they are God-sent at His sovereign time of choosing.

Revival comes particularly via the Holy Spirit!

- The Holy Spirit is the giver of Physical Life

    - Genesis 2:7 - And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

    - Job 33:4 - The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

- The Holy Spirit is the giver of Spiritual Life (the new birth) (John 3)

- The Holy Spirit is the giver of Revival (ex. The Book of Acts)

III. The PURPOSE of Revival is RENEWED LIFE

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To "re-vive" means to impart life again. Note the scene of vv.4-5.
When God revives a person he is spiritually refreshed. The windows of heaven seem to open.
Showers of blessing are poured out. The darkness & gloom of one's soul turns to light. The lethargy & luke-warmness of one's life turns into zeal & fire for God.
One's life becomes filled with a new burden to pray; A fresh interest in the Word; A deeper love for fellow believers; A deep concern for lost souls; A genuine conviction of sin.

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Unbelievers cannot be revived since they have never been "vived" in the first place.

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However, when sweeping revivals occur, lost sinners come to Christ by the masses!

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True joy is found when one's life is truly right with God!

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