**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Our homes and churches need revival.
   2. This nation and this world need revival.
   3. There is no military power, economic upturn, or election that can bring revival.
   4. Revival is the sovereign work of Almighty God.
   5. Here is the setting for today’s passage of Scripture:
      1. God’s people had been carried away into captivity.
      2. God’s work was in disrepair.
      3. God’s people were dispirited.
         1. They were much like the modern church today.
   6. The modern church has been carried away into captivity by the world, the flesh, and the devil.
   7. Many Christians are discouraged.
      1. They have no hope for revival.
      2. They do not even believe that revival is possible.
   8. Revival is not only possible, but it is also inevitable when God’s people get right with God.
   9. Why is there no revival?
      1. It is not because of the disunity of God’s people.
      2. It is not because we have not been evangelistic.
      3. It is not because God’s people have been worldly and compromised.
      4. It is not because of liberalism in the churches.
         1. If we get all of these matters changed, then there still would not be revival.
            1. These things are not the reason why there is no revival.

They are the result of no revival.

* 1. Revival is when God comes down.
     1. Isaiah 64:1
     2. Revival is a meeting with Almighty God.
  2. Most of us are seeking for God to do something.
     1. We want it for our church’s sake, our family’s sake, and our nation’s sake.
     2. We are seeking God’s hand and not His face.
  3. Our hearts need to yearn for God.
     1. We need to say, “O God, will You come down?”
  4. God loves to come down.
     1. He came down in the Lord Jesus Christ and was born on Christmas morning.
        1. He stepped out of Heaven and came down to this world of woe that He might save us.
     2. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down and baptized the infant church with wonderful power.
     3. Jesus is coming down again at His Second Coming.
     4. We find in the Bible that God has come down many times.
     5. In the record of the church in modern history, we find that from time-to-time God has come down.
  5. We need to seek God.
  6. Many people do not believe revival is possible.
     1. They think that the nation or church has to be changed before there can be revival.
     2. But we can have personal revival.
        1. We can have revival in our Sunday school, in our families, and in our church.
        2. We can have revival whenever and wherever we want.
        3. We can be a one-person revival.
           1. We can pray and seek the face of God.
     3. Revival is when God comes down.
  7. In today’s message, we will look at the following:
     1. The presence that produces revival.
     2. The problems that prevent revival.
     3. The prayer that precedes revival.

1. the presence that produces revival (isaiah 64:1-5)
   1. The presence that produces revival is God Himself.
   2. What will happen when God comes down?
      1. Mountains will melt.
         1. Isaiah 64:1-2
         2. Mountains of pride, bigotry, indifference, and all the things that seem to be obstacles to God’s work will melt away.
         3. There is nothing that can stop the revival fire of Almighty God.
            1. Do not insult God by saying that there are too many mountains, too many obstacles.
      2. Sinners will shake.
         1. Isaiah 64:2-3
            1. This is not to the church but to the adversaries.
            2. “*Terrible things*” in this passage means “awesome things”.
         2. When there is genuine revival and mountains begin to melt, then sinners will begin to shake.
            1. When they see something that they cannot explain, this brings Holy Spirit conviction.
         3. The lasciviousness of this world will shake in the presence of Almighty God.
         4. The unsaved will cry out to God for mercy.
      3. The righteous will rejoice.
         1. Isaiah 64:4-5
         2. God wants to meet with us.
            1. God wants to come down.
         3. We will have joy unspeakable and full of glory.
         4. Church will not be a bore to us.
            1. It has been said that you may have been in a boring church service, but you cannot have a boring worship service.

There is nothing boring about worshipping God.

1. the problems that prevent revival (isaiah 64:6-7)
   1. We are corrupted by our sins.
      1. Isaiah 64:6
         1. Our righteousness in God’s sight is like a filthy rag.
            1. “*Filthy rag*” refers to the infectious clothing that a leper would wear that was infectious.
            2. We dress up in our self-righteousness and go to church.

We look around in haughtiness and pride.

But God says that our righteousness is a filthy rag in His sight.

* + - * 1. We try to cover ourselves with the very thing that defiles and condemns us.
      1. Our faithfulness is like a fading leaf.
         1. “A*nd all we do fade as a leaf*.”
         2. Leaves turn yellow and brown; they fade, and they fall.

They will be on the trees looking good; but when the wind comes, they fall to the ground.

* + - * 1. Many people, dressed up in their own self-righteousness, are doing well; but when the wind blows and they have some difficulty that they cannot explain or understand, they are blown away.
  1. We are complacent in our sins.
     1. Isaiah 64:7
     2. Have you stirred yourself up to take hold of God?
        1. Are you simply a Sunday morning bench warmer?
     3. If we get serious, then God will send revival.
     4. Dr. R.A. Torrey: “There is not a church, a chapel or mission that cannot have revival, provided there is a small group of faithful people who will hold to God until He comes.”
        1. First, let a few Christians get thoroughly right with God.
        2. Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for revival until God opens the Heavens and comes down.
        3. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God to use them as He sees fit in winning others to Christ.
           1. This is sure to bring revival in any church or community.
     5. Get right with God, pray, and put yourself at God’s disposal.
        1. The problem today is that the church is complacent.
        2. If we do not get right with God, then one day we will wish that we had.
  2. We are consumed by our sins.
     1. Isaiah 64:7
     2. Our sins are eating us alive.
     3. God turns His face away from us.
        1. God has taken down the hedge of protection.

1. the prayer that precedes revival (isaiah 64:8-12)
   1. There is the prayer that recognizes God’s sovereignty.
      1. We have to believe that God is God.
      2. Isaiah 64:8
         1. The Lord is King, and He is sovereign.
         2. We are like clay, and He is the potter.
      3. God does not want a place in our lives and God does not want prominence in our lives; God demands and deserves preeminence in our lives.
      4. Are you willing to ask God to mold you and to make you after His will?
      5. What if God says to you, “I want you to do this thing or that thing”?
         1. Are you willing?
         2. Have you recognized the sovereignty of God?
   2. It is prayer that remembers God’s mercy.
      1. Isaiah 64:9
      2. God wants to extend mercy.
         1. God had much rather forgive sin than to punish sin.
      3. God does not hold a grudge.
      4. God cannot put away our sin by forgiving it, unless we put it away by forsaking it.
         1. The problem with many of our prayers is that we are not willing to repent.
            1. We want God’s mercy, but we seek no repentance.
            2. Prayer without repentance is a religious farce; it is some sort of smokescreen.
   3. It is prayer that respects God’s glory.
      1. Isaiah 64:10-12
         1. They remembered the glory.
         2. They remembered when God spoke to them from His sacred temple.
            1. What a glorious time it was!
         3. They wanted God’s glory again.
            1. That is what revival is.
   4. Revival is when God comes down.
   5. If we will seek God, then He will come down.
      1. God is waiting to come down.
   6. We do not have to persuade God to send revival, only permit Him to do so.
      1. Do you respect God’s sovereignty?
      2. Do you want God’s glory?
2. CONCLUSION
   1. If you have not yet been saved, then you need Jesus.
      1. If you die without Him, then you will be everlastingly condemned in a place the Bible calls Hell.
   2. If you want to be saved, God will save you today.
      1. You do not have to beg God to save you, but you have to be sincere.
         1. It is not your tears that save you.
         2. It is not your emotion that saves you.
            1. It is God who saves you.
   3. Jesus Christ hung on a cross for you.
      1. He paid in full your sin debt.
   4. If you will turn from your sin to Jesus Christ, then He will save you instantly, He will be with you continually, and He will keep you eternally if you will only trust Him.
   5. Proverbs 27:1
   6. Acts 2:21
   7. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   8. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16