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EDITORIAL

WE MUST HAVE PRAYER

Prayer is a great indispensable to revival. It is possible to have revival without evangelists, without special singers, without many things commonly regarded as necessary, but we cannot have a revival without prayer. "Whenever God proposes to bless His people He first of all sets them to praying." Prayer precipitates revival; prayer supports and balances the spiritual awakening; prayer makes for permanency in the results produced.

It is possible to have much of what appears to be revival with very little of praying, but genuine visitations of the Holy Spirit come only in answer to the fervent heart cry of a prophet or people who are gripped with a consuming desire for such a visitation. Conditions may be difficult, problems innumerable, but when people begin to pray in earnest, hope for revival is reasonable.

When the heavy hand of Divine judgment was resting upon ancient Israel, one troubled soul cried out: "O Lord, revive thy work! In wrath remember mercy!" and God heard his prayer. When desolation and ruin were everywhere, and the people of God sorely afflicted, another "wept, and mourned, and fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven." Again the Lord was gracious and gave the help needed.

And so it has ever been, in times ancient or modern. Whenever the people of God are concerned about the lack of spiritual blessing and victory to the extent that they begin to pray for Divine assistance, the Lord begins to give "help that is mighty."

C. G. Finney relates the following incident: "In a certain town there had been no revival for many years. The church was nearly run out. Spiritual desolation reigned.

"There lived in the town an old blacksmith who stammered so greatly in his speech that it was painful to hear him. At work in his shop his mind became greatly exercised about the church; his agony was so great that he locked the door and spent the afternoon in prayer. He prevailed with God. He then obtained the reluctant consent of his pastor to appoint a meeting, but with no hope on the preacher's part of any attendance. But the room was more than filled.

"All was silent for a time until one sinner broke out in tears and begged, if anyone could pray, to pray for him. Others followed, and it was found that persons from every quarter of the town were under deep conviction—all dating their conviction from the hour the old man was at prayer in his shop.

"A powerful revival followed. This old, stammering man prevailed, and, as a prince, had power with God."

A promise of God which looms up as a perennial challenge to men and women of faith is: "If my people, which are called by name, will humble themselves and pray . . . I will hear, come, and heal their land."

RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

By the Associate Editor

We are rather late in reporting our meeting at Riverside, for a month has already passed since our camp-meeting closed, and no doubt many of our readers have been looking for a report of that meeting before this reaches them.

In some respects our meeting this year was about like it has been other years. The attendance and interest were about as formerly, also the visible results were much the same as last year, not nearly as large as we hoped to see. However, we felt that it was a profitable meeting and we were glad that we held it, notwithstanding it involved hard work for a few of us, first, in getting the grounds ready, which meant a lot of repairs to the buildings; then the getting supplies under the present ration regulations, etc., added to our burdens. But with it all the good Lord helped us and gave us grace and strength to carry on, and see the meeting through.

There was, however, one outstanding difference between our meeting this year and many other years, that was, we had a different evangelist this year. He was surely unique, and since I have said that, I know my readers will be eager to read what I am going to say next.

I have been attending camp meetings, evangelistic services for many years, and have heard men of various gifts preach the word of God. It has been my privilege to listen to some of the greatest preachers so called, on this continent. Educated men and men with great gifts; eloquent men, orators, great entertainers, some of them would play on the emotions of their hearers like a skilful musician could manipulate the keys of a piano, and bring forth a variety of sounds. Some would laugh, some cry, some shout for joy, while some others were only amused, to see how well the preacher could entertain his audience. I will confess that it takes some spiritual discernment on the part of the hearers to be able to tell when a man is preaching under the anointing of the Spirit or when it is only human ability to entertain by telling touching incidents or funny stories to make people cry and laugh, and praise the preacher for his gifts, without making them feel, and confess they want to be more like Jesus.

There is a mighty difference between preaching Jesus to people, and in merely entertaining them with stories and jokes. Some one has truly said: "If God's truth won't save people, it is certain that men's lies won't!" I know our Lord spoke in parables often to illustrate the truth of the gospel, but those parables were not like the stories or jokes that many preachers use these days to stir the emotions.

Well, what I started to say about Rev. Mr. Hannan, our evangelist at Riverside, was this: I have rarely listened to a man who seemed to always preach under the anointing of the Spirit as he did, and we did not have to look for the reason, for we have seldom known a man to spend so much time in reading his bible, and praying. The reason we knew that he was praying was because he prayed aloud day and night. You could hear that godly man crying to God for the salvation of the people, and for an outpouring of the Spirit on the church. In his preaching, the plowshare of God's word went deep, and we believe that many professing Christians saw their lack of deep spirituality, their shallowness of Christian experience who did not confess their need. But inasmuch as God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that which he doth please, we trust that the seed sown in our Riverside meetings shall yet bear fruit in the salvation of many more souls. The people generally responded well to the appeals for money to support the work, and we have to spend a large sum yet in repair, etc., on the buildings there to get ready for a great camp meeting next year if Jesus does not come before that time. So let us all pray and believe God, and do our best to get men saved before that great and terrible day when the Lord comes.

H. S. DOW

THE AIM OF MENNO SIMONS

A Model for Ministers

I have served you all with this small gift, as I received it from God. I gladly would that I could serve you longer with great and abundant grace, to the praise of the Lord. Therefore have I renounced praise, honor, ease, and forsaken all, and willingly submitted to the pressing cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, which oftentimes weighs very heavily on my weak flesh. I seek neither gold nor silver (the Lord knows this), but am ready, with faithful Moses, to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; and I esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for I know what the Scriptures have promised us, and this is my only joy and desire of my heart, that I may extend the borders of the kingdom of God, publish the truth, reprove sin, teach righteousness, feed the hungry with the Word of the Lord, lead the stray sheep into the right path, and win many souls to the Lord through His Spirit, power, and grace, and so act in my weakness, as He taught me who purchased me, a miserable sinner, with His crimson blood, and gave me this mind, by the gospel of His grace, namely, Jesus Christ, to Him be the praise and glory, and the eternal kingdom. Amen.—Gospel Herald.

SOUL TRAVAIL

Gods greatest gifts to man come through travail. Whether we look into the spiritual or temporal sphere, can we discover anything, any great reform, any beneficent discovery, any soul-awakening revival, which did not come through the toils and tears, the vigils and blood-shedding of men and women, whose sufferings were the pangs of its birth? If the temple is raised, David must bear sore afflictions; if the gospel of the grace of God is to be disentangled from Jewish tradition, Paul's life must be one long agony.—F. B. Meyer.