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## EDITORIAL

### PREPARING FOR REVIVAL

Revivals come to those who prepare the way for them. There is a state of readiness which is necessary to a visitation of the Spirit. When conditions are right the blessing will fall. God waits to give victory to those who will clear the way for His coming.

Charles G. Finney said: "A revival is as naturally a result of the use of the appropriate means as a crop is of the use of its appropriate means." Just as the tilling of soil, the sowing of seed, and the care of the growing plant makes harvest time possible, so certain preparatory acts on the part of the Christian and the Church result in revival in the work of God.

Self-examination is the first step in the work of preparation. "Search **me** O God and know **my** heart, try **me** and know **my** thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in **me** . . ." is the beginning of revival. Our first concern must be personal. The spiritual need of the pastor, the other church members, the sinner, come in proper order and in the praying of those who seek an outpouring of the Spirit, but if we are to get started right our petition must be, "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me." We cannot "by-pass" needs in our own hearts and work effectively toward revival.

Confession often follows self-examination. When we allow ourselves to be held under the searchings of Him before whom all things are naked and open, we often find we are guilty or needy. The prevailing spiritual dearth has produced a state of spiritual coldness in the souls of many Christians and if perfect honesty follows introspection, many of us will humble ourselves and confess that the fire on the altar of the heart is burning low. Carelessness in the maintenance of standards which becometh those professing godliness, unkind attitudes toward those who have wronged or grieved us, a critical or harsh spirit, prayerlessness, neglect of the mid-week service, lack of passion for lost souls, these are some of the things we may discover and feel constrained to confess. Very often in the history of the church the fires of revival have been kindled by some

honest soul making humble confession of spiritual lack. The preacher, the deacon, the Sunday school teacher, the person whom we looked upon as in the best spiritual state is sometimes the one who leads the way to the place of blessing by a frank admission of their true spiritual condition. "Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed."

Fervent intercession is vitally essential to revival. God will not be indifferent to those who give themselves to prayer. "If my people . . . will humble themselves and pray . . . I will hear from heaven and come and heal their land." People may be confused in their doctrines but if they pray God blesses. A church may lack much of the programme regarded as necessary to religious services, but prayer, much prayer, will make her effective in the work of soul-winning. The greatest single reason for the lack of revival power in the church of today is the absence of intercessors. Churches that are blessed with prayer-warriors are enjoying blessing and realizing victory, but where none can be found to "make up the hedge and stand in the gap," religious worship and service reverts to a cold and powerless sham. Lord, give us men and women whose hearts are aflame with the love of God, who will weep between the porch and the altar and fervently cry: "I will not let thee go until thou hast blessed me."

If we get ourselves ready for revival we shall not have to wait long for its coming. When the altar is prepared we may pray, "Lord, send the fire" and get an immediate response. This is the task before us.

### USE YOUR TALENT

R. B. Warren

The parable of the talents (Matt. 25) and the kindred parable of the pounds (Luke 19) impress upon us the responsibility of living. Jesus taught the latter parable because he was nigh to Jerusalem and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. But the kingdom has not yet come in its fulness and it is still important that we diligently employ our talents till our Lord's return.

It was the one-talented man who failed. He did not spend it in riotous living as the prodigal, nor did he become involved in debt as the unjust steward. He simply buried his talent. He probably argued, "If I only had two talents or five talents I certainly would utilize them; but I have so little and my Lord expects so much." It must be borne in mind that there was no unfairness in the distribution for the Master had distributed to every man according to his several ability. Hear the words of scathing condemnation which the Lord pronounced on his return. "Thou wicked and slothful servant."

That the Kingdom of God is not advancing more rapidly is due in large measure to the one-talented people who are burying their talent. The early church was evangelistic. When the persecution broke the disciples were scattered abroad and went everywhere preaching the word. The great religious movements have been characterized by people of ordinary gifts zealously working for the salvation of their fellow-men.

What are you doing with your talent? Is it buried? Or are you using it for the kingdom of God? If you are, then in the day of reckoning you will hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

## QUARTERLY MEETING

District No. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 was held at Royalton N. B., Aug. 29-Sept. 1 inclusive. President Rev. H. M. Kimball presided at the opening service Thursday evening, which was well attended and a fine message given by Rev. H. C. Mullen, from the text: "They are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). A good testimony meeting followed and much of God's presence felt during the entire service.

Friday afternoon a good prayer service was engaged in and at night Rev. A. D. Cann brought a plain, helpful message on Christian perfection (Matt. 5:48) which all appreciated.

Another refreshing season in prayer was engaged in Saturday evening and the usual business meeting was held at 2.30 p. m.

It is to be regretted that so few ministers and delegates were present and that so few of the goodly number of churches of the district sent in written reports. Election of officers as follows: President, Rev. H. M. Kimball; Secretary, Lic. Alice Sterritt; Treasurer, Mrs. Boardman Burke; Highway Agent, Rev. A. D. Cann.

A few reports, both written and verbal, were received and a discussion as to ways and means of stimulating interest in the Quarterly Meeting was held. All were united in the thought that more of God's manifest presence is the great need for successful evangelism.

A warm vote of thanks was extended to the pastor, his wife and the church at Royalton for their whole-hearted interest in this meeting and for the kind welcome and entertainment received.

Saturday night Rev. H. C. Mullen spoke from the words, "For as the man is, so is his strength" (Judges 8:21). This was a forceful message and God's presence was much felt.

The Scripture lesson for the love feast Sunday morning, led by Lic. Alice Sterritt, was from John 8:37-43. A splendid testimony meeting was enjoyed by the many who gathered, until the house was filled to capacity when Rev. Mered Grant brought a fervent message of truth and blessing from the text: "For it pleased the Father that in him (Jesus) should all fulness dwell." (Col. 1:19). The meeting closed with God's special touch upon His people.

At 2.30 the church was crowded and a fine spirit upon the service. Lic. Burl Kimball brought a helpful convincing message from Jude, verse 21. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." Gracious and inspiring testimonies followed the message and the Lord was in our midst.

The closing service found the house filled again and Rev. Ralph Sabine brought the message choosing for his text Isa. 28, part of the 17th verse: "The hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies." The message was full of Scriptural truth making it plain that truly Jesus is the only refuge of the soul and greatly needed. As the altar call was given many felt their need of Jesus—the blessed refuge, and we pray they may get answer to the Spirit's call.

Thus ended the Quarterly Meeting which God had blest in a special way and we trust much good may follow the preaching of His Word. Every message brought a special touch of the Holy Spirit and the singing and testimonies were uplifting to the soul.

(Secretary) ALICE F. STERRITT