

A fresh visitation from God would set the Church on fire and it would become militant! No longer would its messages be "icily nice and splendidly nil." As revival flames burned and blazed in the hearts of its members, the Church would not only be able to face the enemy, but conquer it in the Name of her risen Lord! Without question the enemies of the Cross and the Church can be routed and defeated and the Blood-stained banner of our Christ can be waved in splendid victory in the surging sweep of a glorious revival.

These are facts which cannot be denied. Revival is our greatest need! Then let us put revival first! Let us emphasize and re-emphasize this fact. Let us change the direction of our activities and the diversified objectives of the average church program. With might and main let us "spend and be spent" in the interest of revival. Let us bend every effort, invest every energy, utilize all of our ingenuity, direct our teaching and preaching, sacrificially give of our means, all bathed deeply in agonizing prayer toward the revival we cannot do without!

The times are desperate, the crises are tremendous! Time is running out, the need is tremendously urgent! May God help us to sidetrack everything else and give of our best in an all out, determined offensive for revival. Revival is our greatest need! Revival must come first!—Herald of His Coming.

## THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD AND THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

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they struggle to govern themselves in the energy of the flesh, which forms a King Saul dispensation. This struggle ends in utter failure. At the time we recognize our absolute failure at self-amendment, and throw ourselves on Christ alone, and are justified by simple faith alone, we then accept Jesus as our King. But though Saul, the head of our sinful life, is killed, yet his seed remains, in the form of a carnal mind, and struggles for the kingdom. Then ensues a protracted war between Christ's authority in us and the seed of Saul, or the old man.

If we should study closely the wars between the house of Saul and the house of David, we should discover some startling likenesses to the conflict between grace in the believer and his unsubdued propensities. We read that "the house of David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker." (2 Sam. 3:1). In like manner, the believer who clings to Jesus will find the power of grace waxing stronger and stronger, and the old self-life waxing weaker and weaker.

Notice that, although the house of David waxed stronger and stronger, yet that did not of itself make him king over the twelve tribes, but there was the death of Ish-bosheth, the man of shame, and a type of unholy desire and temper in the heart, and then the anointing and crowning of David the second time, which fittingly typifies the anointing of the believer with the Holy Spirit, and the enthronement of the pure, blessed royalty of Jesus over all the man—spirit, soul and body.

And as all the twelve tribes sent their elders or delegates to crown David king, so the heart sends all its affections, and the mind sends all its thoughts and perceptions, and the will sends all its choices and decisions to crown

Jesus with one voice King over every part of our hitherto disobedient and refractory nature. Again, the league which the twelve tribes made with David was based on deep relationship, for they said, "We are thy bone and of thy flesh." This is exactly what the New Testament affirms of Christ and His saints, that they are the same bone and flesh. Herein lies one of the most blessed and sacred forces in the believer's sanctification, namely, to discover the intimate relation between Christ and ourselves.

There are so many profound and beautiful ties between Jesus and His true believers, which are shadowed forth in the tender relationships between Adam and Eve; for Adam was in reality both father and mother to Eve, and then she was not only his child, but his sister as well, and also his wife, and also his most dutiful and obliging servant.

### Jesus, Our Lord and King

Now all these pathetic ties are like golden cords that bind us to our blessed Jesus, who is our Father, our Brother, our Bridegroom, our Master, Lord and King.

And when we get a clean spiritual discernment of this multiplied relationship, it breaks us into perfect abandonment to Him, and draws us like the resistless tide of a sucking whirlpool, down into the fathomless gulf of His love, where it becomes our supreme delight to yield Him absolute servitude. These blessed truths can grow on us, until they sweetly despotise our whole souls. Oh, there is no joy in creation like the joy of loving Jesus, and of loving to crouch under His blessed feet and have no choice about anything except His own. Oh, the peace, the unruffled tranquility of being utterly conquered by such a Saviour.

After David was crowned a second time, then there opened up a wonderful career of growth and prosperity. He then captured Jerusalem moved his throne to that city, and the margin beautifully says that "David went going and growing." (2 Sam. 5:10). Now all this illustrates that however much the cause of Christ may wax stronger, yet the Millennium will not come gradually, but there will be a great crisis, with an overthrow of the opposite governments, and the enthronement of the Heir of David over the world, and then follows the matchless growth and marvelous prosperity of the Millennium kingdom.

### Christ's Undisputed Divine Authority

In like manner after the believer has crowned Christ Lord of all, there follows a reign of true spiritual progress, involving many blessed epochs of light and love and fire that herald the downfall of all inward rebellion to His enthronement as our lawful Prince. This downfall is followed by Christ's divine and undisputed authority over all the powers and faculties of our whole being whereby He is able to present us faultless before His glory with exceeding joy.

## BEFORE CHRIST RETURNS . . . CAN WE EXPECT A GREAT REVIVAL?

By Maynard G. James

So far as we can see from an honest examination of God's Word, this age will end in the way it began—with revival and judgment; with outpoured blessing and outpoured wrath. In less than forty years after the crucifixion

of Christ, the new dispensation witnessed its greatest revivals and its most terrible judgments. Jerusalem was visited by the Holy Ghost in blessing and by the Roman legions in destruction. Rivers of righteousness were followed quickly by floods of wrath.

In the short time that now remains the saints of the Most High can experience wonderful movings of the Holy Spirit if they will use what we might term the "heavenly atomic weapon." It is that of prayer and fasting. We put special emphasis on the word "fasting" because it is so neglected by the Church of God today.

Conventions, youth rallies, and study circles are the order of the day in modern evangelical circles. And we thank God for them. But how many Christian leaders really believe that the real secret of revival at this late hour is revealed in Joel's prophecy chapter two? In view of impending doom upon the nations God there calls His people to "sanctify a fast" and to "call a solemn assembly." The ministers of the Lord are exhorted to "weep before the porch and the altar," and to cry mightily unto God for His blessing. Then comes the promise of deliverance and revival. Hallelujah!

### Protracted! Urgent! United, Importunate Prayer

The call to seasons of united prayer and fasting is not of human dictation. No Christian leader can compel his people to have a two or three days' "Prayer and Fasting Convention." But if only a company of people—no matter how small they are—would break through the conventional routine of the usual week-end services and would hold a series of prayer and fasting meetings instead, wonderful things would happen.

If we really believe Armageddon is near and Christ's coming is imminent: if we are truly filled with the Holy Ghost and a burning love of souls, then we shall be prepared to use extraordinary measures to combat the unparalleled wickedness of our times.

Prayer and fasting is no vain thing. It yields "atomic" results. Who among us will lay hold of this divine instrument of revival?—The Flame.

### WHEN WILL HE COME?

The Lord Jesus is to come a second time; and when will He come? He will come when man's hope is a failure. He will come when iniquity abounds and the love of many hath waxed cold. He will come when dreams of a golden age shall be turned into the dread reality of abounding evil. Do not dream that the world will go on improving and improving and that the improvement will naturally culminate in the millennium. No such thing. It may grow better for a while, better under certain aspects, but afterwards the power of the better element will ebb out like the sea, even though each wave should look like an advance. That day shall not come except there be a falling away first. \* \* \* When every hope shall seem blotted out and nothing but grim ages of anarchy and ungodliness are to be expected, then our Deliverer will come.—Spurgeon.

Your knowledge of missions is a measure of your Christian attainments.

Your participation in missions is an evidence of your Christian efficiency.—Selected.