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SPIRITUAL RECOVERY AND REVIVAL

Require Man's Response To God's Call

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Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10.12

Our trouble lies in our unwillingness to follow God's recipe for spiritual recovery and revival. We are too easy upon ourselves.

We are not yet ready to get on our knees and come clean with God. In short, we are not willing to "break up the fallow ground," sow the seeds of truth, and then let the great "Lord of the Harvest" rain righteousness upon us. We need seriously to face up to Hosea's message.

If America wants a spiritual awakening, she can have it. If the Church wants a revival, she can have it. If you want a revival in your own heart, you can have it. But let us all remember that we can never have it on any other terms than those which God has laid down—the confessing and forsaking of all known sin.

God's word to us is plain: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:7).

"It Is Time To Seek The Lord!"

There are Christians who think that revivals come only when God is of a mind to send them. From the standpoint of Scripture, I challenge that viewpoint.

God is always of a mind to blot out the guilt of confessing sinners. God is eager to pour out His Spirit upon His consecrated people. God is yearning with desire to send revival to His confessing, repenting, believing, praying Church.

The delay is not in God. It is in ourselves. It is time for us to seek the Lord! The trouble is we are not willing to break up the fallow ground of our hearts. We are not willing to go all the way with Christ. We need to stop

dilly-dallying, and begin in dead earnest to seek the face of Almighty God!

It is time for this nation to seek the Lord! It is time for Christians everywhere to seek the Lord. Our hands are not altogether clean. Our pride of position, our sectarian bigotries and jealousies, our comfortable way of picking others to pieces and enjoying our polite cannibalism, our unconcern about the crying needs of people out of Christ—is all an indictment! We sorely need revival!

Then in Heaven's name let us have it! God's skies are bursting with blessing! Why do we not break up our fallow ground and receive the delicious drenching of His Spirit's power and peace?

—"Herald of His Coming"

ARE YOU SEEKING CHRISTIAN HOLINESS?

Faith is the sole condition to sanctification. Consecration is a condition to the condition; it takes that to get on believing grounds; but we have found that one may be on believing grounds and not believe.

The time element between justification and sanctification can not be measured by days or weeks, but depends upon how long it takes the converted soul to learn his deeper need and God's supply for that need. A man without those two lessons might even be consecrated without having reached the distinctive, full experience of sanctification. He may will to do God's will, he may delight in divine things and deplore the corruption of his own nature, and still go mourning all the day long, because he has not caught the vision of Scriptural holiness, available for him, here and now, through the blood of Christ. Or, less probably, he may say yes to every order of God and place all he has and all he is at the divine disposal without having his eyes open to see the corruption of his heart, and with the innocent conceit that his heart is clean when it is not. Thus in one's consecration he may be on believing ground without believing.

The brief order of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount is very instructive to the seeker of holiness: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst." This is untechnical, untheological; but it deals with full salvation, full deliverance from sin, with a meaning destined to grow richer as the individual advances in the scale of spiritual understanding. The thought is that he who comes into the fulness must first want it, with a passionate desire analogous to the master passions of the human body, hunger and thirst. Man is capable of stronger and more dauntless desires than any other creature in the world. One desire can attain such enlargement in his nature that it reduces all other desires and holds the citadel of his soul. Thus would Jesus have us to desire holiness, so passionately that no choices can be set over against it by the tempter, with such momentum of soul as to laugh at prices and trample obstacles under foot; and faith enters to crown with triumph the prayers of true seeker.

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If Satan accuses, plead the blood of Jesus Christ, taking the shield of faith. If once you receive the tempter's suggestion, immediately darkness will come over your soul, and you will get under condemnation. Remember, we are sanctified by faith, and faith is taking God at his word, and in order to retain the experience it is absolutely important that we obey the Holy Spirit upon every point. Resist the devil, rely upon the Holy Ghost, and you will certainly prove that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

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