

GOD'S DAY IS TODAY

God's Time Is Now! This Is the Day of the Lord For Another Great Spiritual Awakening

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A fundamental element in connection with every great revival has been the use and emphasis of the Word of God. The present century has witnessed a vast amount of discounting of God's truth. The Bible has been robbed of its divine inspiration. It has been dissected and analyzed until men have lost the meaning of its vitality. It has been explained by many until it has been explained away.

The sword is the weapon that is used in hand to hand combat in battle. The sword of the Spirit is the word of God for use in hand to hand combat with the enemy of our souls. (Eph. 6:17). The great Reformation under Martin Luther accepted the Bible as the infallible, inspired word of God. Every great revival in American history, without a single exception, accepted the Bible as the Word of God.

Another fundamental element in every great revival has been that of going to the people. Some plan or method must always be devised by which to go to the people. Every great revival has broken over the walls of the sanctuary of the churches. The first revival in Church history sent the disciples out upon the streets. From the Upper Room they went to the streets to witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. The conversion of three thousand people on the day of Pentecost did not take place in the Temple of Jerusalem, nor in the Upper Room, for it would not have held them but upon the highways and the thoroughfares of life where the currents of life flew swiftly.

The great Wesleyan revival sent the leaders and the workers out to the coal mines and the Commons. Street preaching was characteristic of the Wesleyan revival. The preachers in the Wesleyan revival went to the coal mines in the early morning, holding services as the miners arrived for work, and also as they came up out of the mines.

Field preaching was a characteristic of the great revivals, of 1734, of 1800, and 1857. It was in the great awakening that George Whitefield, that matchless preacher, spoke to as many as 20,000 people on the Boston Commons. Later the great revival of 1800 gave birth to the Camp Meeting.

The Camp Meeting was held in the open spaces, and made a special appeal to the people, and it was on these camp grounds that people were converted by the tens of thousands. It is estimated that as many as 30,000 people were in attendance at the famous Cane Ridge Camp Meeting in Kentucky in 1803.

Every great revival has given large emphasis to the work of the Holy Spirit in His convicting, regenerating, witnessing, sanctifying and guiding power.

We can lay hold of the promises of God and His divine word. We must not delay the matter of laying hold of God's word to store it in our hearts. We can go to the people. We can do house-to-house visitation. We can promote street meetings. We can honor the Holy Spirit. God's day is today. God's time is now! This is the day of the Lord for another great spiritual awakening.

We need a revival today, a mighty heaven-sent revival that will move at floodtide across the world. We need an awakening that will submerge our selfishness and unbelief with revival power, sweep away our sins, personal and individual, and then sweep out as a mighty saving influence over the whole earth.

"Christianity is not worth a snap of your finger if it does not straighten out your character."—Moody.

The King's Highway

QUIET — Guest Editorial

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In quietness and confidence shall be your strength (Isa. 30:15).

Be still and know that I am God (Ps. 46:10).

Drop thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our striving cease:

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of thy peace.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

Tension is the worst of all depressants of the spirit. It draws off energy needed for daily tasks. It places all social contacts in a distorted light and causes the soul to see slights where none were intended.

"Be still", that is, reduce your activity; stop your rushing about; be quiet; quit your talking. Agitation wears us out. Anger burns us up. Unquiet people burn out their life forces. Fussiness does not get us anywhere.

When you have slowed down your tempo of life and quit your efforts at self-indication, then you are ready to hear the voice for which the soul is listening—"I am God".

Above the human scene hovers the divine order. We cannot derive satisfaction from our feelings, but we can gain deep springs of contentment from our faith in God.

Realize that you cannot run the universe. You are not arbiter of other men's lives. Leave those things to God.

When your tensions mount because of "the prosperity of the wicked," sit down and wait in patience upon God. Remember He said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people," and that goes for individuals as well as nations.

Life is full of examples which show that implicit reliance on God is a sure way to victory. There grows within the soul the exultant feeling that here is reality—certainty. Here is balm for our aching hearts and troubled spirits.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?"

Get out into God's light and the darkness that has frightened you will be dispelled. Lean upon Him, He knows the end, and He knows how to take you through to complete deliverance.—O. G. W.

UNION WITH JESUS

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have such mean thoughts. He doesn't say: "If I were rich," but out of the abundance of his poverty he pours into the lap of the world's needs: and, like the widow, he gladly gives all his living to save the world; and when God looks about for a man to stand up for his honor and warn a wicked world and offer terms of peace to sinners, this man doesn't say, "If I were only educated or gifted I would go," but with a heart flaming with love for Jesus and the world he has bought with his blood, cries out, "Here am I; send me."

Do you ask, "How can I enter into this union?"

Read God's promises until you see that it is possible. Especially read and ponder over the fifteenth and seventeenth chapters of St. John.

Read and ponder over the commandments until you

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