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# - Editorials THE BEGINNINGS OF REVIVAL

A genuine spiritual awakening is the world's great need. It is the one assuring answer to the question that disturbs and challenges thoughtful people: what can be done for a generation as needy as ours?

The problems that perplex, and the fears that annoy, can be solved or dispelled through the power of a Holy Ghost revival. In fact, revival is the only alternative to the threat of terrible catastrophe that hangs over the universe.

Political tension is near the breaking point, and there seems to be a dreadful possibility of sudden developments and rash decisions that would bring into use the devastating weapons of destruction that the nations have invented. Moral decline within the social structure creates the danger of judgment that always falls upon peoples who are bent to do evil.

Revival is our hope; revival that will bring men back to God, raise the standard of righteousness over our homes and communities, and shed abroad the love of God. This is not merely a hope, it is the hope; it is not just an answer, it is the answer. If we do not have help from God, fearful calamity awaits us.

But where and when will revival begin? From whence shall the mighty work of the Holy Spirit proceed?

Revival always begins with God's people. Spiritual awakenings within the community and the nation are born out of a resurgence of blessing and power in the hearts of those who love the Lord.

Vehement verbal assaults on communism and other false idealogies, will not turn back the tide of evil that is sweeping across the world. Tearful tirades against the sins of the day will not lift society from the moral quagmire into which she has willingly settled.

Error gains place in the thinking of men because truth no longer makes powerful impact upon them. Sin spreads like a cancerous plague because there is the lack of a vigorous righteousness to resist it. Truth and righteousness must become living and vital forces if error and evil are to be overcome.

Revival begins with heart-searching, confession, repentance. It is born in the hearts of those who are

prostrate in prayer before the altar of God. In Divine order, it begins in the pulpit, spreads to the pew, and from thence to the waiting, needy world.

If we are to have revival, the power that produces great spiritual awakenings must find a place to bring it to birth, and there is only one place for such a conception—in your heart or in mine. Let us therefore join in chorus, lifting our voices to high heaven, "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me!"

## HOME MISSION SUNDAY

October 9th, has been designated as denominational "Home Mission Sunday" by the Board having oversight of this vitally important branch of our work. It is to be hoped that the appeal sent to our churches will meet with a ready and generous response.

During the past twelve years we have enjoyed a gain in the number of churches in our connection of better than 30%. Some of the finest buildings and largest congregations we have at present, were products of the Home Mission programme of this period. Thousands of dollars have been given by those churches. And most important of all, many have been saved and sanctified through these Home Mission campaings and the churches established by them. These churches have also provided a large number of students for Bethany Bible College, three of the men now pastoring our churches, and now missionaries due to sail for Rhodesia next month, Dr. and Mrs. Emmett.

We have a fine Home Mission Board and a promising Home Mission programme. The men who are pastoring Home Mission churches and those who are prepared to pioneer in the establishment of others, are worthy of our strong support.

May the report of our Home Mission treasurer, following Oct. 9th., be a statement that indicates our interest and faith in this department of our denominational work.

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#### CALL TO PRAYER

October 7th. is our next denominational day of fasting and prayer, according to action of Alliance of this year, which calls on pastors and people, missionaries and members of our Church across the seas, to observe the first Friday of each month as a day of fasting and prayer.

Pray for our pastors and their pastoral service.

Pray for our evangelists and evangelistic campaigns. Pray for our missionaries and all projects related to our missionary enterprise.

Pray for Bethany Bible College, its staff members and students.

Pray for our superintendent that he may have wisdom and grace in performing the duties of his office.

Pray for revival, at home and on the mission fields.

#### HE KNOWS

"Lord, teach us to pray!"

Yes, Jesus knows! just what you cannot tell,
He understands so well!
The Silence of the heart is heard,
He does not need a single word,
He thinks of you;
He watcheth, and He careth, too,
He pitieth, He loveth. All this flows
In one sweet word; He Knows!

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