

Responsibility During Revival

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“When the day of Pentecost was fully come,” they were all of one accord (Ac.2:1). What a miracle! A hundred and twenty of Jesus’ closest followers were all in one place. “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven...” (v.2a). *Suddenly*. It doesn’t matter what amount of time precedes it, 10 days or 40 years. When *it* happens, it’s all of a sudden.

Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven, “as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (2:2b-4).

The Holy Spirit knows all the languages of the world, even ones buried in the dust of ancient civilizations – every dialect – and, more importantly, the language of heaven. He gives us a royal language, speaking through us to the Father such wonderful things our limited minds and vocabularies cannot even think.

The scripture continues to say they began to speak out in other languages (tongues) and the people around them (many foreigners from far away lands) “heard them speak in [their] own languages” (v.6). Many people take this to mean every time the Holy Spirit speaks through a person in a language not that person’s native tongue, that it should be an absolutely recognizable language to someone. Not true. When God needs to do that, He will. He does it to gain the attention of the one who hears and understands the language. There are documented instances where that happened and the hearer was divinely impacted by God’s message in his native tongue.

Remember, He is Lord. He will do what pleases Him and will accomplish His purposes – in every situation, in every meeting, in every home, in every circumstance. God will use a yielded vessel to reach individuals in families, on the job, or in social situations. God knows what needs to happen and how to effectively accomplish those things. Our part is to stay in tune with Him. “Lord, make me sensitive to Your Spirit, and then to Your people.” If I can be responsive to Him, I know I’ll be alert to others in the right way. If I pray only to be sensitive to God’s people, to an individual’s needs, I set myself up for manipulation. My first sensitivity must be to the Holy Spirit in me.

Now, what occurred in the Upper Room was the Holy Spirit visited in power and did something never done before. It was unique, unnatural, and therefore super – supernatural. The men in the area who heard these uneducated Hebrews speaking in their own native languages were astounded – totally amazed (v.7). They were amazed but doubtful. Amazed, but not impressed enough to turn to the Lord, the power behind the amazing display. Being amazed does not make them instant believers.

In the 1940’s and early ‘50’s, there was a fabulous outpouring from God. Miraculous healings were abundant, the result of His powerful intervention on this earth. The people were amazed, but not saved. Today, now, we have this erroneous idea that if God would just move in supernatural healings and other miracles in the church, that would attract and save sinners. It will not. Not any more today than 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. Not in the masses we hope for. Miracles have never been the *source* of revival. They have been the *experience*, the outflow, the result of His visitation.

I believe, however, that the miraculous flow will return in the next move of God – in a truly marvelous way. And, I trust it will happen in the pews. I believe the Holy Spirit will prompt one person with a word of knowledge about the person in the next seat. When God truly possesses you, and you are praying to be sensitive to His voice and direction, the Holy Spirit moves. One believer will lay hands on another, pray for God’s manifestation to come forth, and His power will flow – in the pews. That is how it should be. It ought to be the norm, the natural, the customary of the supernatural Spirit-filled life.

During the revival, what is our responsibility?

Let's look at three pairs of words, actions, all verbs. If we take them seriously, they will make a difference in the lives of individuals, and of the church. They do not reflect the busy-ness we might expect as revival breaks forth. They are meant to be personal and challenging.

1) Recognize and respond

Recognize.

I am concerned about the people of God today and their naiveté. Satan uses it against us, and it ought to make us angry that we allow him to get away with it. He is a clever expert at deception and is determined to cloud the minds of individuals, Christian and otherwise, about himself and his trickery.

Think about the focus of our entertainment over the past few decades. Gone are the musicals and family stories. Through movies and television, aliens have been brought to us as kind, cute, helpful beings, more intelligent than man. Some are very ugly but at the same time, cute or funny. Isn't that interesting to you? Is it true? Over time, are we being quietly desensitized to evil?

What about the toy and game industry over the past several decades? Our children *play* with grotesque and horrible monsters. Cartoons are replete with magical powers, not all "good." Evil is personified as superpowers that little boys love – to use to *terrorize* little girls. Little girls' dolls are called "Bratz" and could foster an internal attitude that is contrary to anything most parents want in their sweet little girls.

Games today toy with the imaginations of the players until, for some, it is difficult to separate reality from the imaginary. The Ouija Board has been around for so many years it became socially acceptable, but is a psychic tool. D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) is a devilish "game" that appeals to the very bright and highly intelligent. It is a clever way to open the minds of the participants to occult practices, including the casting of spells. A popular series of children's books present "magic" as entertaining and fun, depicting witches and warlocks as something every kid wishes he could become – for the power.

What actually has happened is the desensitization of both children and adults to the horrible, the grotesque, and the occult. They have lost their "fear" of the demonic because they've seen it all on television, or conquered it in moments in some video game. One of the best teaching methods is the use of humor – and we have allowed the enemy to present his evil to us through this medium. We think because something is funny or only a story, a cartoon or in a game, it's not dangerous.

So, I ask you – what visitation from hell would scare your children, or grandchildren? They have seen it all, most of them. They've heard the sounds and smelled the smells and they're not afraid.

Recognize.

This may be an even more subtle tactic of our enemy, the devil. Since the 1930's and John Dewey, who was the architect of our American educational system, and an avowed humanist, humanism has grown so big we barely recognize it as contrary to God's biblical worldview. We don't see it because we all have been educated through the system. Satan has used our own educational system to brainwash us into complacency. Humanism is its own god – *man* in control – supposedly.

In the church, we talk more about abortion and other *societal ills* than we do about Jesus and the Cross. It is good to take an absolute stand against the killing of the unborn. It is right to take a

definitive stand against free sex or drugs or the use of alcohol. We must aid the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the addicted. But, let's face it. We *talk about* all these things in the church, but it is the secular world that brought attention to these "evils" in society. They went after them while we in the church mostly talked about how bad things were getting and what could we possibly do?

As much as these problems in our society need to be dealt with, there is a more complex area to consider. Isn't it interesting to you that the devil *allowed* all these issues, these "evils," to become so obvious and engrossing that they had to be dealt with? He has kept us occupied and focused on *human* things for decades while he was patiently developing something else in the *spiritual* realm.

He was preparing the way for *spiritism* to come in a different package than it had ever been presented to the American society, and to the world. Instead of it just being a few little old ladies in a quaint little book shop that read fortunes through tea leaves and cards, he was approaching superstars and intelligent people who were able to influence the whole society with a need for something spiritual, but something that didn't confront them about their sin and moral failings. Think about Shirley MacLane. First, we had her cleverly written book. She wrote from the position of a doubter, not believing in a super-spiritual realm at all. Gently and tenderly, she was gradually influenced, not pushed, by a man who demonstrated to her peace and satisfaction in life. Things she coveted. And then she pursued him, not the other way around. In other words, he was a great witness!

Her story found its way to the television in a mini-series. Let me say here – do not avoid such things, like her book and the series, because we need to learn some things – but as the Lord leads us, and for His purposes. The TV series was even more clever than the book. In its slow progression of her experience of being introduced to some men (notice it was not "silly women" because we can all explain away the spiritual side of women and our openness to suggestion). We are introduced to logical thinking, manly men who yield themselves to become a "channel." How subtle and cunning! We were given a whole new vocabulary, not "spiritist" because too many would reject that as from the dark side, but "channel." Same thing, but now "new." A new wave! This should scare us a bit – but a big bit!

It goes on, introducing the viewers to this wonderful new experience of "channeling." I would have plainly called it a séance where the person yields himself to a familiar spirit and allows the devil behind all this to have free reign. They called it "channeling." It would not have been so frightening if it had been limited to this one superstar, but soon afterward, the media reported college students learning to channel in order to learn some things they needed to learn, by asking questions of the spirit with the "wisdom." So, while the enemy had us focused on things temporal that needed prayer, and needed to be opposed and corrected, we in our naiveté were blinded to an awareness of something that can only be dealt with in the spiritual realm.

What are the tools we need to battle humanism? Prayer, declaration of the Word of God, and the exercise of faith. But these are not effective tools against spiritual battles. The only successful weapon against spirit is Spirit. Remember, Jesus handled the devil's temptation in the wilderness by the Spirit and the Word. He quoted the Word of God and was victorious. But, when Satan quoted the Word of God, "It is written..." (Lk.4:10), it had no effect on Jesus. That is because Satan could not use the Word of God with the Holy Spirit's power making it come alive.

Here is the crunch, church. We have been taught in the church how to deal with humanistic kinds of problems, but this is a new day. *The only way to impact our society is to be totally possessed by the divine, supernatural, Holy Spirit of God, yielded to His reign in us.* We must have a revival of the Holy Spirit! Many of the problems we face today are of a humanistic philosophy, yes. We can and need to confront those issues with the tools God provided. But greater is the problem in the spirit-realm.

Responding to God.

There are so many Spirit-filled churches today, yet there are hundreds of people sitting in those pews that are NOT Spirit-filled themselves. We hear few sermons today about the *need* to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We are too “politically correct” to try to tell anyone else what they need. That amazes me! We have been duped into thinking that the baptism in the Holy Spirit was for a past experience, a previous move of God.

We say we want the deep things of God – the deeper life. What can be deeper than the Holy Spirit of God? If you are not literally possessed by God’s Holy Spirit, you are falling short in every area of your life. He is your enabler. Being Spirit-filled does not eliminate the problems of life, but He brings a deeply settled peace and deep-seated joy in spite of negative circumstances. Real joy, not some superficial “happiness.” Why? Because genuinely Spirit-filled people have been drinking – drinking deeply from the wells, the reserves of God’s Spirit. How long has it been since you’ve been spiritually inebriated? We need to be sated by Him so we can discern Satan’s counterfeit from God’s real.

Why does Satan send all of these things our way? The ugly, the filth, and the supernatural? First, it desensitizes us and we lose the fear of “ugly.” Second, he doesn’t intend to show himself “ugly” in the next move of God. He will come as an “angel of light” (2Cor.11:14), and his own contrast of himself, his disguise, will fool multitudes. The Bible warns us that many will fall in that day and be deceived, even believers (Mt.24:24). If you are not full of the Holy Spirit and exercised in discerning between good and evil (Heb.5:14), how will you know the difference? Does that frighten you?

Satan wants you to be afraid of the *supernatural voice*. Whose voice is it? He wants you to fear the voice of the Lord within you, afraid of being awakened in the night by a voice that ministers to you, afraid of the voice in the meeting that says to you, “Speak out in tongues.” He wants you to be afraid of the voice that gives you the beginning of a prophetic word for the assembly without knowing the whole thing. He wants you to fear praying for the sick or being a vessel (channel) for the true, living, Holy Spirit of God. God will rid you of that fear if you ask Him, if you are full of the Holy Spirit, because He is perfect Love and “perfect love casts out fear” (1Jn.4:18).

“Well, I’m afraid of error.” In the name of Jesus, get rid of that fear! “God has not given [you] a spirit of fear, but of...” (2Tim.1:7). Of what? Of *power* – a Spirit of power! Not a thought of power; not an intellect of power. A Spirit of power! *His* Spirit. The verse continues: a Spirit of love. And that same Holy Spirit brings a sound mind.

The Bible repeatedly presents us with the concept of *growth*. He encourages us to grow in grace (2Pet.3:18; Eph.4:15; 1Pet.2:2). Grow. Grow. Grow. He tells us to live in accordance with His instructions. Walk. Walk. Walk. (Jn.12:35; Rom.6:4;8:1,4; 2Cor.5:7; Gal.5:16,25; Eph.2:10;4:1; 5:8,15; Col.1:10;2:6;4:5; 1Thes.2:12; 1Jn.1:7; 3Jn.4). The Christian life is not to be stagnant. On the contrary, we’re to be making forward progress all the while. Progress. Progress. Progress from where you are today into His fullness, and then into more of His fullness.

So, our responsibility during revival begins with *recognizing* the revival is from God with its manifestations. Recognize the real. It begins with being so full of the Holy Spirit to be able to discern God’s real from the devil’s counterfeit. And then, we must *respond* to Him in this revival.

Respond.

In our *responding*, we respond to God, not to any of man’s gimmicks. At the wedding feast in Cana, Mary said to the servants, “Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it” (Jn. 2:5). And so shall we “do,” His 21st century servants. Here, we are talking about complete submission to *God*, not to a human, not to a specific church, church doctrine, or church tradition. That is why it is so important for us to grow to

the place with Him that we can discern Him accurately. We stand by our human leaders, but our consecration is to God alone. We come to Him and *respond to Him*.

When we are sold out to God and His purposes, we must also expect something and not be shocked or surprised when it shows up. There likely will be reproach and persecution as we follow Him so closely. Think of the 120 in the Upper Room (Ac.2). Miracles occurred. The Spirit of God had been poured out in abundance, and these followers were changed by His power. The people in the streets heard messages in their own languages and were amazed, but doubting. They said, “They must be drunk with wine!” An accusation that was totally untrue. Let’s understand that this is the least persecution His followers ever received. Note also, it was not only the leaders who were unjustly accused and scorned, but everyone who was there in the outpouring.

I seriously wonder if one of the things that holds back “the day of Pentecost” that needs to “fully come” today – I wonder if the revival, the renewal, the next move of God is delayed today because of our fear of persecution. Could that be a great deterrent to us – to our giving God full reign in our lives? The truth is, we know nothing about real persecution in our country. We crumble at a raised eyebrow that questions our stance as Christians, let alone what a verbal attack produces. There is something inside of us that panics at the thought of being “persecuted” or criticized, especially for our “religious beliefs.”

Be encouraged though. Read Isaiah 41:10 in the Amplified Bible – “Fear not; [there is nothing to fear, for I am with you; do not look around you in terror *and* be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen *and* harden you [to difficulties]; yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up *and* retain you with My *victorious* right hand of rightness *and* justice. [Ac.18:10].” What a glorious promise from our God! That He would harden us to difficulties.

When I first became aware of this verse, I was eager for God to do it. What He showed me was in order for me to be strengthened, we (God and I) needed to go through a few “difficulties” together, so He could teach me how to “go through” with victory. Victory in such times has to do with tenaciously hanging on to God because you are convinced of His faithfulness in seeing you through.

Being strengthened by God does not mean we are impervious to attack. We are never immune to trouble. What it does mean is that we learn how to handle the hard things of life *with God*. The same old things will no longer trip us up as we gain His perspective on what’s important. It will now take a greater attack to knock us off our feet. And when we go with God, we are able to recover much more quickly and get back on track.

Respond.

God is getting us ready for some things, church. True, we are preparing for a glorious next move of God, but at the same time, we must realize the truth of Hebrews 13:13: “*We ought to bear His reproach outside the camp*” (paraphrased, ital. added). Bearing His *reproach* outside the camp. “He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows...” (Is.53:3; Ps.22:6). That was outside the camp. Are you willing to bear His *reproach*? (Where are all your “Amens?”).

Look at it another way: you will bear His reproach either joyfully and successfully, or you’ll cry all the way through it. Let’s keep our focus on the last book of the Bible. In the Book of the Revelation of John, it reveals a group of people robed in white – joyful, victorious, singing and praising and worshipping God (Rev.4). Who are these in the vision? They’re the ones who “overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony;” the ones who “loved not their lives unto the death” (Rev.12:10,11). Who is more important to you? You or God? That’s easy, we know it’s Him. And, we truly mean it. That is consecration and He sees it in you – a witness of your spirit to the Holy Spirit.

Why will we have to have *reproach*? Because everything God does is contrary to society's norms. We haven't had much reproach yet because He hasn't violated the status quo very much. In fact, the Lord has been answering our prayers for blessing for many decades. He has blessed our plans and programs and brought church growth with increased numbers of people. He's provided finances to carry out these plans. He's caused businesses to succeed as we have asked. It's as if He said, "I'm going to teach My people that whatsoever they ask in My name, I'm going to do it (Jn.14:13,14). My people have asked and I'm going to give – blessings on top of blessings, gifts on gifts. Whatever they want!" He has blessed and blessed and we are full – but still not *satisfied*!

"You want quail? Fine. Have quail. And have some more and some more and more." And we are at a place where we don't even know what to ask Him for anymore. We've found fulfillment wasn't in the abundance of "quail" – not in numbers – or success – or in the power of the dollar. We have it all in the church today, and yet there is still an emptiness inside our spirits. We go from conference to conference, from church to church hunting for something, some "word," to satisfy our longings. "What is it, God? What are we missing?"

His only response can be, "It's Me. What you really want (need) is Me!" When we have been satiated by the things and yet are still empty and hungry, what we need is more of God Himself. We must learn to press into Him for Him, not for what He can bring to us or bestow upon us. "Oh, Lord. Hear my prayer. I need more of You. I want You, God. Thank You, Father, for all the answers to my prayers, but I need more of *You*."

All of this is not to paint a negative picture of the coming revival. On the contrary. We serve a mighty, benevolent God! We are not a puny little lifeless people. We are a people with the sovereign God *in us*, Who never ever gives us something to do that He doesn't also give us everything we need for success (1Cor.10:13; 2Pet.1:3). You will not face anything you are not prepared by God to handle. You may sometimes *feel* unprepared, but you will be able to watch yourself sail through your difficulties, look back and say, "God, I didn't know I could handle that." And, He'll respond to you, "I did!"

2) Reach out and reveal

During Revival, we *recognize* God and *respond* to Him. Now, we'll look at how we can *reach out* to others and *reveal Him*.

Proverbs 10:5b – "He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame!" Harvest is coming. We have been taught to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers (Mt.9:38). You cannot pray that prayer if you are unwilling to be one of the workers.

In the next move of God, thousands of people will accept Jesus Christ as Savior. *God intends to turn around the diabolical filth of our contemporary society*. He will do it by creating a spiritual hunger and thirst in the people. The devil's counterfeit will not satisfy their "new" desire, but will leave them still thirsty. And that, church, is where we come in. God will turn things and people around, but, woe to us as sons of God if we sleep through the harvest-time!

Let's understand the purpose of revival – it is to reveal God – first to His people and subsequently *through* them to the world. Revival. To awaken His people! A powerful time for *revealing* God freshly to them, and then for *them* to go out and *reveal* Christ to others.

Right after the first day of Pentecost (Acts 2), Peter and John were at the Gate Beautiful where they encountered a man begging for money. "We don't have anything – no silver, no gold, but 'such as I have give I thee'" (Ac.3:1-11). Hallelujah! "In the name of Jesus rise and walk." What did Peter *have* to give? The name of Jesus! He didn't *have* healing. He had the name of Jesus! In the name of

Jesus cast out the devil. In the name of Jesus, “Be healed!” In the name of Jesus, “Be set free from humanistic patterns of thinking.” In the name of Jesus there is supernatural power for enabling. It’s the name of Jesus. Blessed be the Name!

We have made some mistakes in the past moves of God. We said, “In the name of Jesus rise and be healed,” and they were. Then when they arose and were healed we said, “I have the gift of…” and we became experts in those fields. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for real, but we must understand what they actually are. They are operations of the *true gift* which is Christ in you – the Holy Spirit in you. He is the gift.

We need to let that sink in deeply. Rather than doubting the truth, we should adopt the attitude, “Oh, if they only knew what or who is in me!” There would never be anything we might meet we couldn’t handle. I have developed this habit: when someone calls to me, before I ever turn around I say, “Help me, Holy Spirit.” I never know what the “someone” may want. If it’s a question, I want to be able to answer it. I know on my own I have no wisdom to respond. And that’s good to know because then, God always gets the credit. And it is one reason He can use me – or you.

Remember the story in John 21? Jesus arose from the dead and appeared to the disciples, then disappeared. They were less than happy about how things were progressing. They were not content. Everything was so different. Peter decided to go back to fishing. “One thing I’m good at – I can fish. I was a good fisherman before the Lord came and I can still fish now that He’s gone.” None of the disciples knew what to do without Jesus right there, so they followed Peter to the boat. Of course what they didn’t realize was while everything was different with Jesus since His resurrection, everything had changed for them too. Peter was no longer a great fisherman. They fished all night – and nothing!

The church has become proficient at “fishing.” We don’t care if we catch anything or not (Selah!). We’re proud of our fishing. Would you like to see our fishing poles? These are our programs. You want to see our bait? We’ve got the best singers – the best preacher – the most beautiful building. We can fish.

For Peter and the disciples in John 21, everything’s fine until Jesus shows up. And He has the nerve to ask that horrendous question – “Have you caught anything?” “No, Lord. These are nightmares.” “This is a dark place. This is really tough ground. There are a lot of intellectuals here. It’s hard to reach *them*.” But we can fish a lot – all night long.

Jesus said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat.” Can’t you imagine that these “professional fishermen” had already tried every side of the boat possible? The whole point of fishing with nets is to try every imaginable place, not just one side or one spot. We must assume they had tried everything they knew to do, in the natural. Let’s learn from this that *without the direction and timing of God, we can do nothing*. No matter how good we are, we need His direction for the moment. Once they had Jesus’ instruction and followed it out of pure obedience, it simply exploded! The fish were there.

“I just don’t know how God’s going to get souls saved. It seems so impossible in these troubled days.” Know this: *He not only knows where the fish are, He can speak to them!* And, He even knows which one has the right coin in its mouth! (Mt.17:27). I believe He already has spoken to the “fish” and they are in the net. There simply are not enough mature laborers to pull those fish in – and then clean them.

Let’s recap for a moment. Our response during revival is to recognize Him and respond, reach out to others and reveal Christ. When Peter and John ministered to the lame beggar (Ac.3), he jumped up and praised God. The people all ran to see what happened and who caused it. Peter said, “Don’t look

on us as though we did it by some miracle in us. It is God Himself who has done this healing.” To *God* be the glory!

We dare not allow people to make us an idol. When someone wants you to pray because they think you have some special ability or gifted contact with God, turn it around. Have them pray and you be in agreement with them. Do not accept misdirected flattery. There is only one God and all believers have equal access to Him through prayer. It’s time we teach people to have their own direct line to God.

3) **Rejoice and revel**

During the Revival, we need to “party” in God’s presence! It is a time to celebrate His visitation. Of course, we remember that everything is to be done in “decency and in order” (1Cor.14:40), but this would be the celebration of all celebrations! The Almighty God is fulfilling His Word, pouring out His powerful Spirit, touching His people in fantastic ways. That should give rise to *rejoicing*, and even *revelry*, like nothing else could. If you can sit through this outpouring and not be dramatically moved and changed, we may need to check for a pulse.

During the Revival, is a great time to form habits of offering God thanksgiving, praise, and worship. Acts 2:46 and 47 says, “And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.” What people? The ones that were praising God.

Rejoicing – really rejoicing, in who God is and what He has done for us. Rejoicing in His faithfulness and love, His goodness and mercy, His grace and many kindnesses poured out so freely. Daily recognizing that every provision is from Him, and being thankful for that. Continuing in regular *fellowship* with the brothers and sisters in the church, sharing and praising God together for all He has done.

Fellowship to the believer can only come when spirit meets spirit. Fellowship does not necessarily happen just because we gather together for some “churchy” purpose. It comes when the Lord is the focal point for all of us. That is when one spirit meets another spirit and fellowship happens. It’s when we come together and share Jesus. It’s when we worship Him together – with “singleness of heart.”

We must forget about our “self” needs and worship Him. We need to become responsible for ourselves and grow up in spiritual things. That is a matter of priorities. Is your relationship with God your primary and ultimate goal? Is your relationship with Him one of fulfilling an obligation or duty, or does it bring true rejoicing to your heart to be able to sense His presence and receive His love?

When we get things right with God *and we live to honor and worship Him in everything we do*, then we can make other things work rightly in our lives as well. It is time to get all of our relationships in order – husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters. Include in that ordering of life, our financial affairs. We need to pay our bills and stop looking for the easy way out. We need to control our desires for things we cannot afford to pay for or should not be purchasing. If someone needs professional counseling, they need to get the help.

All of these things are important – but none will bring true fellowship and delight in Him. In order to be a *candidate* for fellowship, we need to get our lives in order. Once you get a handle on orderly living and develop habits of honoring God, begin to spend more time with Jesus getting to know Him intimately. And when you do that you’ll be able to spot Him in others. It will become increasingly important to identify other people who have a similar relationship with Christ. The Bible admonishes us to come together in fellowship – because we need one another – especially as “ye see the day

approaching” (Heb.10:25). We must cease looking at externals in others and discern spirits. Look for the Spirit of Christ indwelling people and you will find ones with whom you can have deeper fellowship.

Practice the *habit* of praise and prayer, for when your circumstances are darkest, when you find yourself imprisoned in the midnight hours, when every negative crashes in on you, you will experience your head lift as you begin to sing praises to the Lord. That is what Paul and Silas did in the Philippian jail (Ac.16:23-25). And the Lord came down and began to move everything that was round about them. They saw shackles drop off and the doors of the prison open. Everything that could be shaken was shaken and they were freed from bondage (v.26).

There are many things that we could and should be doing, practicing, and learning during Revival. We have looked at only a few.