



# DECISION

*Revival - part 1*

*The Prescription for the Apathetic*

***What comes to mind when you think of revival?***

***Why do we lack a fire and desire for revival?***

## *Real Relationship through Regular Maintenance*

*Isaiah 50:4,5; Mark 1:35; Genesis 19:27; Psalm 5:3; 55:17;  
John 5:39; Luke 10:39; Acts 17:11; Romans 12:11.*

### ***Relating to God***

Much dryness and defeat in the lives of many Christians can be traced to the absence of an enriching devotion. Regular and consistent devotions helps to keep the freshness of the spiritual life. Through it we maintain our spiritual momentum, sharpen our spiritual perception, cultivate intimacy with God and keep in step with the Spirit. Seasons of personal intercession, Bible reading, meditation and study help to fan the flame of God burning in the soul.

### ***Relating to the Church***

Regular attendance at fellowships provides us with necessary exhortations that help prevent the heart from growing cold, our spiritual life from growing stale and help to keep us on the path of righteousness (Hebrews 3:12,13; 10:25). Our lives come aglow with the glory of His presence. The longer we stay with God in the closet, the brighter we shine in our spiritual lives for we reflect His glory.

## *Looking Through Jesus' Eyes*

*1 John 2:6; Colossians 2:6; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 2:21;  
Hebrews 12:2; James 4:10; Romans 12:3; John 8:29.*

The only way to maintain an on going revival fire is to take on Jesus' outlook on life— humility, compassion for the lost, servanthood etc. If we walk like Christ walked, we can be sure that God's revival fire will keep burning in our souls. If the same mind which was in Christ Jesus resides within us, we will be able to keep on the firing line.

The rebellious will dwell in a dry land but those who are easily correctable, obedient and willing to do God's will surely will partake of the bounties of the land flowing with milk and honey (Psalm 68:6; Isaiah 1:19).

Our attitude should reflect the gentleness of the Lord as opposed to the bossy, authoritative poise of the Pharisees. It should reflect Christ's understanding attitude to human needs rather than the selfish outlook that we might find easier to default to.

If we please God always like Jesus did. our revival fire will of necessity keep on burning (1 John 8:29).



## *Commitment to Duty*

*Proverbs 11:25; Matthew 20:6; 1 Corinthians 15:10;  
2 Corinthians 6:1; Daniel 12:3; Hebrews 6:10-12; Isaiah 58:10.*

The path of duty is the path of growth and freshness. He that waters surely will be watered. God gives us grace to match our task and duty. The grace, power, anointing, insight, revelation that we receive from the Lord will be in proportion to God's expectation of us and our commitment to His work. God will not give His grace to those who want to be idle all day long for such will only receive the grace of God in vain (1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 6:1). God is always renewing the strength of those who are diligent in His service. It is good that we bear the yoke of Christ. It will not break us but discipline and develop us. Christ's yoke is easy, His burden is light! (Lamentation 3:27; Matthew 11:28-30).

## *Seeking Help in the Tough Times*

*1 Kings 19:1-21; Psalm 23:3; 73:2,3; Proverbs 11:14; 12:15; 13:10; 15:22; 20:18; 24:6;  
Numbers 21:4; Nehemiah 4:10; Proverbs 13:12; Psalm 27:14.*

Life is not a paved sidewalk, there are bumps and rocks along the way. Problems, crisis, disappointments, are all part of life. Problems can overwhelm a person, crisis can disorient him, disappointment can sap all of his vital energy. All the above can be sources of distress and if not wisely handled can destroy a person's life and quench the revival fire.

Immediately following the restoration of backslidden Israel and the revival of true worship of God, Jezebel's threat sent Elijah packing. He ran into the wilderness and wished to die. Elijah had no counselor or companion and when life's fiery battles raged, he could not stand alone. It is good at such times to seek counseling from godly companions and leaders. Such counseling will restore the confused soul, encourage the dampened spirit, boost our weakening faith, renew our confidence in the Lord and help us to keep on the firing line.