
Revival

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What is REVIVAL?

Does anyone feel something stirring?

There were "Awakenings" or Spiritual Revivals that took place through the 18th 19th, and the 20th centuries.
2 were recorded in the 18th century

1727

1792

3 recorded in the 19th century

1830

1857

1882

5 Recorded in the 20th century

1904

1906

1909

1930

1970

Each revival came from a time when morals were on a serious decline. Chaos described each period before revival.

The lands were filled with all kinds of godlessness

The prince of this world was having a field day!!!!

When we think of the last recorded awakening, 1970, what was taking place in the U.S. prior to this time?

History.com

The Culture of the 60's

In the second half of the decade, young people began to revolt against the conservative norms of the time, as well as remove themselves from mainstream liberalism, in particular the high level of materialism, which was so common during the era.

This created a "counterculture" that sparked a social revolution throughout much of the Western world. It began in the United States as a reaction against the conservatism and social conformity of the 1950s, and the US government's extensive military intervention in Vietnam.

The youth involved in the popular social aspects of the movement became known as hippies. These groups created a movement toward liberation in society, including the sexual revolution, questioning authority and government, and demanding more freedoms and rights for women and minorities.

The Underground Press, a widespread, eclectic collection of newspapers served as a unifying medium for the counterculture. The movement was also marked by the first widespread, socially accepted drug use (including LSD and marijuana) and psychedelic music.

Crime

The 1960s was also associated with a large increase in crime and urban unrest of all types. Between 1960 and 1969 reported incidences of violent crime per 100,000 people in the United States nearly doubled and have yet to return to the levels of the early 1960s. Large riots broke out in many cities, such as Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York City, Newark, Washington, D.C. and Oakland. By the end of the decade, politicians such as Richard Nixon and George Wallace campaigned on restoring law and order to a nation troubled with the new unrest.

Now, let's look at the Twenty First Century

The Culture and Media Institute conducted a national survey depicting who is on what side of the culture war and how the war is faring.

A total of 2,000 American citizens were surveyed in December 2006.

Thirty-one percent of the public is Orthodox - America's most religiously observant people who consider deep religious faith to be the most essential ingredient for living a good and moral life.

Progressives - those who advocate a secularized approach to private and public life and reject the notion that living a moral life requires deep religious beliefs - accounted for 17 percent of the public.

And 46 percent of the public are Independents - those whose guiding principle is neither religious revelation nor secular ideology. Independents view religious beliefs as just one of many ingredients needed to live a moral life.

With that, a major finding in the study showed that the majority of Americans, from the Orthodox to the Independents, ***say they believe the moral values in America are weaker than they were 20 years ago. Overall, 74 percent said so. Nearly half went further to say moral values today are much weaker.***

America's Cultural Decline (2011)

Review by Jeffery t. Kuhner of the Washington Times

Laura Ingraham's latest blockbuster, "Of Thee I Zing."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/nov/2/americas-moral-decline/>

What Ms. Ingraham describes in her book about the twenty first century is the natural, almost inevitable culmination of the 1960s sexual revolution.

Radical leftists championed personal liberation and a godless society. They began what they called the “long march through the institutions.” They have succeeded.

They now occupy the commanding heights of our culture - the dominant media, universities, public schools, Hollywood, television, the entertainment industry, nongovernmental organizations and the arts. Even many religious institutions have been infiltrated.

The result has been a sea of misery. Abortion has slaughtered nearly 50 million unborn babies.

Millions have died from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Out-of-wedlock teenage births have skyrocketed. Divorce has soared. The family has broken down.

Drugs, pornography and permissiveness are rampant.

Homosexuality and sodomy have been elevated to the sacred status of marriage.

In short, we have created a culture of death.

Unless America returns to its Christian values, we are doomed.

2 Chronicles 7:14

English Standard Version (ESV)

14 if **my people** who are called by my name **humble themselves**, and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

MY PEOPLE – This does not require one person in prayer.

This requires the corporate cries and pleas of the church with focused and deliberate prayer.

We are at the most moral decline that we have ever seen. Darkness is at its darkest in the last century.

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v. 14 HUMBLE THEMSELVES

We must learn to humble ourselves before the LORD.

Jonah 3:6-8

6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, **removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.**

How many kings to do you know who would humble themselves in this fashion?

Jesus certainly did.

Let us get all pride in check and stop believing that we can change America through mere talk.

We are in a spiritual war and it completely depends on GOD. God reacts when we step out in faith.

In Luke 11, Jesus Said

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V14 SEEK

This is why we not only pray, but truly seek out God. We must fast and pray until we see His power.

Daniel 10:2-3

2 At that time I, Daniel, **mourned** for three weeks. 3 I ate **no choice food**; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

Daniel fasted and sought the Lord!

The Lord answered through an Angel sent to Daniel.

Daniel 10:12

12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you **set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God**, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Daniel humbled himself through fasting and prayer

Daniel 10:

13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia

There was a spiritual war going on. The darkness was so heavy that it prevented this angel from reaching Daniel.

We are to pray continually. Do not relent! Your prayers unleash the heavenly places.

V14 REPENT

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We are to repent! We are to ask the Lord to forgive our nation and it starts with us turning and repenting from the things we are praying against!

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IF WE DO THESE THINGS, GOD WILL HEAL OUR LAND.

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THAT?

This is the only century since the 1700's that we have not had revival.

This is one of the **longest periods of time** that we have gone without revival.

WE MUST PRAY AND UNLEASH GOD'S POWER UPON OUR CITIES.

We must all lift Holy Hands in praise and prayer for our city, our state, our country, and even the world.

We must turn from our wicked ways

If we want to see a change in the twenty first century, then we need to be ready to devote ourselves to fervent prayer.

If the church isn't praying for radical change, who is?

What brought about the revivals in the past? It was dedicated, fervent prayers of the church.

Billy Graham Crusades in the 1960's

Billy Graham held numerous crusades during the 1960's and 1970's. Countless numbers of people came to Christ. Prayer teams went into each town and prayed constantly for revival and reform.

The Jesus People of 1970 (Wikipedia)

Secular and Christian media exposure in 1971 and 1972 caused the Jesus movement to explode across the United States, attracting evangelical youth eager to identify with the movement.

Perhaps the height of the Jesus movement was in the week-long gathering in Dallas, Texas known as Explo '72.

This gathering attracted 80,000 young people and brought the hippies of the Jesus movement together with young people from traditional Christian families and churches.

The event was organized by the very traditional Campus Crusade for Christ and involved such traditional leaders as Bill Bright and Billy Graham.

Many of the young Jesus People attending Explo '72 discovered for the first time these and other traditional avenues of Christian worship and experience.

Throughout every revival, there was fervent corporate prayer, fasting, repentance, and seeking.

It takes great sacrifice and a sincere desire.

We must press into the LORD at all times and cry out for an awakening.

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ARE YOU READY TO ABANDON YOURSELF FOR THE WAY OF THE LORD?

CHALLENGE

Week 1

- Fast from something for one week.
- Devote 15 minutes a day to praying for your revival in your city.

- EVERY PLACE YOU GO IN YOUR CITY TAKE A MINUTE AND PRAY, ASK GOD TO BRING REVIVAL INTO THAT PLACE
- Come together and pray for revival in your prayer meetings. Be specific about the changes. Pray against each moral issue that is not from God.

- EXPECT MIRACLES
- EXPECT CHANGE
- EXPECT GOD