

# Crossroad of Truth Ministry

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# The Publican's Prayer

## Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own **righteousness** and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to **pray**, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that **I am not like other people**—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

12 **I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get**

Spiritual teaching against the self-righteous

We are to go church with a specific task

Only God declares/judges who is righteous  
(Rom 3:10; 3:23)

This prayer is directed towards boasting of himself for his works of doing “good” (Eph 2: 8-9)

# The Publican's Prayer

## Luke 18:9-14

13 "But the tax collector **stood at a distance**. He would not even **look up to heaven**, but **beat his breast** and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home **justified** before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be **humbled**, and those who humble themselves will be **exalted**."

So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen - Matt 20:16

Fear of the Lord;  
humility

The burden of his sin  
was far too great.

Why beat his chest? He  
knew that his sin lay  
within his heart.

The Pharisee, a teacher  
of the Word, is rejected  
by God, and the sinner  
(tax collector) is exalted  
by Jesus.

# The Disciple's Prayer

**9** In this manner, therefore, pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

**10** Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**11** Give us this day our daily bread.

**12** And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

**13** And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

**GOD**

**US**

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# We Pray, Then What?

We are to pray for

1. Our salvation
2. God's Will

What does God want **MOST** above all things?

- His lost childrens' soul
- To carry out God's Great Commission of all His disciples
- We need a burden for lost souls and ultimately Revival

How do we have a Revival?

# The Current State Of Our Church?

How many of our churches are more than half empty Sunday after Sunday? How many mid-week prayer meetings are alive and prosperous? Where is the hunger for spiritual things?

On Church Missions—the lands beyond the seas —what are we doing? Does the fact that multitudes are perishing ever cause us an anxious thought? Have we grown selfish?

What about the tremendous wealth that God has given us? How many Christians are giving God even the tenth of what He gives them?

Then take the rise of false religions, false prophets, and occults. We are being told that Jesus never performed any miracles, never rose from the dead, and was not born of a virgin, did not die as our Substitute, and is not coming again. Oh, what blasphemy!

# The Current State Of Our Church?

How many professing Christians are living the Christ-life before others? How like the world we are becoming! How little opposition do we find. Where are the persecutions that once laid against the Early Church? How easy it is now to be a Christian!

And what of the Ministry? Does the minister grip, convert, and save by his message? How many souls are won through the preaching of the Word? Oh, my friends, we are loaded down with countless Church activities, while the real work of the Church, that of evangelizing the world and winning the lost, is almost entirely neglected.

Where is the conviction of sin we used to know? Is it a thing of the past? Sin flourishes on every side. The pulpit fails to grip. I believe nothing less than the outpouring of His Spirit can change this situation. Such a Revival has transformed hundreds of communities, and it can transform ours.

# The Greatest Verse On Revival

## 2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will 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. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.



# The Greatest Verse On Revival

- We are chosen by God.
- What a mercy it is that our God is ready to forgive us!
- This is NOT a verse to the lost people.
- Lost people do not need revival, they need to be saved!

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# The Greatest Verse On Revival

Whenever we sin, we  
are to...




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# The Greatest Verse On Revival

When we repent\*,  
God gives us not  
one, not two, but  
THREE promises of  
hearing, pardon,  
and healing.



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# The Enemy of Revival

“if My people who are called by My name  
will humble themselves,  
and pray  
and seek My face\*,  
and turn from their wicked ways”

## The Enemy

- 1) Pride
- 2) Prayerlessness
- 3) Priorities
- 4) Presumption

# The Enemy of Revival: Pride

**How can you tell if you have a pride problem? You...**

1. Refuse to listen and always interrupts others.
2. Like to talk about yourself all the time.
3. Have an intense desire to be noticed.
4. Believe that you deserve everything you get.
5. Are not thankful.
6. Cannot be corrected.
7. Do not like to follow instructions.
8. Exalt yourself in the presence of others.
9. Criticize and try to makes yourself look better by putting others down.
10. Thinks of your own needs first.

# The Enemy of Revival: **Prayerlessness**

We pray around issues and never really get down to trusting God by faith.

Our prayers leave our mouths, but they do not move God in Heaven.

We recite our prayer lists to the Lord and make our requests for our fleshly, material desires and we think God is going to move in with mighty revival power. Well, it is not going to happen.

How few of us find time for prayer. There is time for everything else: time to sleep, eat, read books, visit friends, for everything else under the sun, but little or no time for prayer, the most important of all things, the one great essential!

# The Enemy of Revival: Priorities

“Seeking His face” - the word “seek” means “to search out by any method, especially by worship and prayer.”

Far too many people are caught up in what God can do for them. But, “seeking His face” means that we hunger for Him more than for what He can do. He wants us to love Him for Who He is! The essence of genuine revival is falling in love with Jesus all over again.

## John 5: 19-20

Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

# The Enemy of Revival: Priorities

1. If you had to be really honest today, what is the #1 priority in your life?
  - Is it your job? Is it your bank accounts or retirement? Is it your family? Is it your church? Is it your spouse? Is it your hobby? Or, is it the Lord?
2. If you really want to know what your priorities are today then ask yourself three questions: 1) What activity do you spend most of your time? 2) What do you spend the bulk of your money? 3) What do you dedicate your thoughts on?
3. Where does God fit in the equation of your life? Is He your FIRST priority?

**If He isn't your #1 priority in life than you are not a candidate for revival.**



# How Can There Be Revival?

1. Deep conviction of sin and repentance
  - Review Darryl McKinnon's Learning Resource on Sin and Repentance
2. Am I grateful?
3. Do I love the Bible?
4. Do I spend time in prayer?
5. Do I have small sins to bring up with God?

# How Can There Be Revival?

## Revival is

1. NOT a church campaign
2. NOT dependent on human leadership or sermons
3. NOT limited to time

# How Can There Be Revival?

## Revival is a result of

1. A price paid
2. Travailing in prayer
  - Matt 11:22-25
3. Preaching of God's Word
  - God's word is a hammer, fire, and sword
    - Jer 23:29; Heb 4:12
  - To always preach on Sin, Salvation, Heaven, Hell, and Eternity
  - We must work in the anointing of the Holy Spirit
    - Acts 1:4, Luke 24:49