

Introduction and Review:

**Pillar Number One: A sense of Spiritual barrenness.**

**First:** Saturate yourself in the Bible so much that when you hear of the worldliness of the modern church, you are appalled.

**Second:** Read church history and read some of the great men of God from the past.

**Third:** Study the revivals of the past. Get a understanding of how God moved then as a clue of how He desires to work today.

**Pillar Number Two: An act of SURRENDER.**

**Revival praying lays hold of God as He has revealed Himself.**

**A. God is the holy and glorious God who DWELLS IN HEAVEN.**

Isaiah 63:15 (NASB) "Look down from heaven, and see from Your holy and glorious habitation."

Isaiah 6:1-4 (NASB) "In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke."

**B. God is the mighty God who ACTS WITH AWESOME POWER.**

Isaiah 63:15 (NASB) "Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds?"

Isaiah 64:1-2 (NASB) "Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—as the fire kindles the brush-wood, as fire causes water to boil—to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB) "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

**C. God is the sovereign God who JUDGES SIN.**

Isaiah 63:17 (NASB) "Why, O Lord, do You cause us to stray from Your ways, and harden our heart from fearing You?"

Exodus 4:21 (NASB) "The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go."

Deuteronomy 2:30 (NASB) “But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand.”

John 12: 39-40 (NASB) “For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, “He has blinded their eyes and He hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.”

**D. God is the gracious, compassionate Father who WILL RESTORE US TO HIMSELF.**

Isaiah 63:16 (NASB) “For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not recognize us. You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Your name.”

Isaiah 64:8-9 (NASB) “But now, O Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; behold, look now, all of us are Your people.”

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NASB) “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

1 John 2:1-2 (NASB) “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”

**Invitation:**

Do you sense a lack of God’s working in power in you life or in the culture in which we live?

Have you failed to lay hold of God as He has revealed Himself:

As a holy and awesome God who:

- ♣Is glorious in every aspect of His nature and character.
- ♣Is mighty in power and acts in behalf of all who truly seek Him.
- ♣Is a sovereign God who cannot tolerate sin and must judge the sins of man.
- ♣Gracious and compassionate and will forgive our sins and restore us to Himself.

Based on what we have looked at this morning how should you respond to God?

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