

Five Pillars of “revival praying”



Pillar Number One: A sense of Spiritual BARRENNESS.

Revival praying begins when some of God’s people feel the lack of His working in our day.

Isaiah 63:15 (NASB) “Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me. God’s former power is not being experienced.

Isaiah 64:10-11 (NASB) “Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised You, has been burned by fire; and all our precious things have become a ruin.”

Isaiah 64:6-7 (NASB) “And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on Your name, who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us and have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.”

Isaiah 63:19 (NASB) “We have become like those over whom You have never ruled, like those who were not called by Your name.”

Revelation 3:17 (NASB) “You say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing.”

First: Saturate yourself in the Bible.

Second: Read church history and about the great men of God from the past.

Third: Study the revivals of the past. Read about revivals in the Bible or throughout history.

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!”

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Isaiah 63:15 - 64:12

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.

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."

Application:

Where is the proper balance between focusing on God's love and grace and focusing on His holiness and wrath against sin?

How can a person know that God has truly saved him?

What are the marks of genuine revival?

How can you set forth God's grace without promoting license?

Where are you in your relationship with God?

Is there a need for genuine revival to come to your heart?

What has the Holy Spirit spoken to your heart through His Word?

What act of surrender is God calling you to make?

What adjustment will you make to obey what God has shown you?

Memory verse: 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!"