Clean Up on Aisle...Me!

Psalm51:10-13

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I love the 51st Psalm. It’s a very personal prayer of Confession - Self-Examination - A Cry for Forgiveness. I can really identify with the author of this Psalm. Not with what he did, but with his own sense and need for a clean-up on his Aisle.

Is safe to say that we as a church, we as Christians, as the whole Body of Christ desire revival! The question I want to pose this evening is, “What is Revival?

* Revival is not a week’s worth of meetings.
* Revival is not started in one day.
* Revival is not controlled by man or even a special speaker
* Revival is a heart thing.
* Revival is always brought on by repentance.
* Revival is renewed zeal to obey God.

In the year 2021, the definition for revival remains the same. Improvement, Advance, and a spiritual clean-up that makes everything better. Its cleaning off the shelves of our hearts with the things that shouldn’t be there in the 1st place and making room for what God desires to put in your there!

How do we have a revival? In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God tells us how: *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.*

Notice the blueprint to revival:

* Humbling of oneself.
* Secondly—Pray
* Thirdly—A seeking of His face.
* Fourthly—Turn from all wicked ways.

God says, “Then and only then, will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Again, Revivals are sometimes connected to a set of meetings with special speakers, to which God can and will anoint. Some even attend revivals and receive emotional touches. However, without submission, and a “cleaning up of your own Aisle”, it won’t last. It might feel good, but that’s not enough. Some seek for a spiritual awakening, and if this awakening is genuine, it will produce fruitful service, mixed with humility before God and man.

David learned shows us the path to cleaning up our hearts in order to begin to see Revival. Psalm 51:10-13.

* ***10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. 11Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spiritfrom me.12Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. 13Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.***

Revival is deeper and greater than just a set of meetings. Revival is a renewal, it’s an awareness of the filth of our flesh, and by faith through God’s grace & the washing of our hearts by the Blood of Christ, which was shed on the Cross, we become set free and clean!

Davis knew that he had made a huge mistake and that mistake was sin. It separated him from God and had made a huge mess in his life that he couldn’t clean up! David knew he need to clean up his heart in order to be revived!

* **He cried for repentance to be cleaned**
  + Prayed for clean thoughts and right desires
* **He cried for a Loyal (**faithful, devoted, steadfast) **heart & spirit.**
* **He cried out not to be BANISHED! (**Expelled, removed, or deported)
* **He cries out to be restored to the joy of Gods salvation**
* **He cries out for God to make him willing or eager to obey God and His ways.**

Then after the repentance he tells God “Then I will tell others about your mercy, grace, and salvation and they will turn their hearts back to you!

But in order to experience revival, we have to clean up our hearts! God has called us to be a Holy people!

* *(2 Timothy 1:10. He has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace)*
* (1 Peter 1:15-16) *“But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, ‘Be ye holy; for I am holy,’*
* Romans 12:1 teaches us to present our “bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,” because doing so is our reasonable service.
* The Bible also tells us to flee fornication and to “avoid fornication” (1 Corinthians 7:2).
* An interesting point about sin is the Bible tells us to avoid the very appearance of evil
  + (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Abstain from all appearance of evil."
  + NASB: "abstain from every form of evil."
  + NLT: "Stay away from every kind of evil
  + So, not only are we to avoid sin, we’re called in holiness to avoid the appearance of evil.

Our testimony needs to be Holy. Our Words, our actions.... Everything we are should resemble God’s holiness.

**What in your heart or Aisle needs clean up? Getting it washed by the Blood through repentance is your 1st step to Revival!**