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VERY YOUNG SURVIVORS
OF THE VOLCANO IN DR CONGO

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Beloved Friends and Supporters of GIMI,

Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus! It seems so hard to believe that another year has come and gone, and, we are now completing one of the greatest years of harvest that this GIMI ministry has ever experienced. Truly, as I have stated so many times down through the years, because of what God is doing through GIMI, we are reliving a Modern Day Book Of Acts experience. Surely, we must stop and meditate upon the goodness of God during this month of November. Our hearts and voices must be filled with adoration for our King, and we must continually offer thanksgiving to our wonderful Lord for the huge harvest of souls He has given us. Truly, it is absolutely mind-boggling to me when I ponder upon what God has done in all of our countries of ministry, especially during this second year of the

horrible China plague that Satan has tried to use to destroy so many lives and to cripple the work of world evangelism and outreach!

I would like to tell all of you precious GIMI Support Team Members that we certainly give God all the glory for the wonderful harvest He has given us, but it would have been impossible for GIMI to reach so many people with the Gospel message without the help of you dear beloved friends of GIMI, who have been so faithful to help us through your prayers and financial support. As I wrote in my book, "God's Biblical Blueprint For Missions", all who have been faithful in helping servants of God take the Gospel to a lost world will indeed share equally in the rewards that Jesus will give to those who are faithfully serving Him. For their genuine faithful service, they stand alongside of those of us who have been called by God to be on the frontlines presenting the Gospel message. If you might not believe this, please read the entire **Chapter 10, of Matthew's Gospel** as Jesus sent the disciples out to fulfill the Great Commission. Truly, there are no big or little people in the Kingdom of God! But, there are scores of people who have been saved, and then, called by God to surrender their lives to the work of the ministry completely, while God uses other faithful saints to be a strong encouragement and to help bear the load of those who are serving on the frontlines to present the Gospel to a lost and dying world. And folks, there has never been a time for so much needed encouragement as there has been in the past two years, all around the world, because of the rabid coronavirus, which the devil has blatantly used to try and stop the preaching of the Gospel message.

Therefore, as we celebrate a special time of Thanksgiving here in America during the month of November, let's thank God over and over for His tremendous blessings upon us! Also, Jo Anne and I want to thank each of you who has been so faithful and devoted to helping our entire GIMI family keep presenting the Gospel, our prayer is that God might reward you just like God tells us through Luke, the Gospel writer, in **Luke 6:38**—"**Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**"

Thus folks, God has gloriously promised to repay His faithful servants according to the way they give and share with others. So, please know that every one of you that reads our newsletter, and then, prays for us, and then after this, you invest in eternity by helping us financially, you will be rewarded equally when all of us stand before the Bema Seat of Christ.

Christmas Is Soon Coming!

As I have already mentioned, Christmas time is almost here. Truly, the reason we keep trying to carry on this great ministry is because of the Savior's birth, His life, His death upon the cross, and most importantly, because of the great resurrection of our Lord. That first Christmas celebration just outside in the fields near Bethlehem took place after 400 years of spiritual silence in the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament. When the angel showed up and told the shepherds that the Incarnate God had just been born as a man in the stable in Bethlehem, it was a time to rejoice because for 400 years, the world had been in spiritual darkness. So, the following words from Luke's account of this great event describe for us just how wonderful the coming of the Christ Child was for the entire world. Please read carefully the following verses. "**And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which**

shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:8-12) The announcement by the angel to the shepherds was that the Christ Child was born and that He would be the world's eternal hope and only means of eternal salvation. Thus, in a mixed up, sinful, and wicked world, the Gospel message came so that Jesus could give Himself for the entire world's sin. Whether one ever really gets saved is dependent upon every person's decision to believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If they fail to believe and repent, there can be no salvation for any person. And for sure, right now after all of our dealing with death for two years because of the pandemic, we need to not only realize that we can truly have a life that transcends this world, but we must be completely sold out to taking this message of eternal salvation to the entire world.

So beloved friends, on behalf of my wonderful wife and family, I want to wish all of you the best Christmas you have ever had. I pray it will be the most spiritual Christmas that all of us as God's children have experienced in our entire lifetime. If we know those who have not yet been saved, I pray that we will be busy introducing all of these unsaved people to the precious gift of eternal life, the Christ of Christmas! So, we must be careful to not be detoured from Christmas as the great hope of the entire world by the secular celebrations and activities we engage in. If we allow ourselves to do this, then we will nullify the true meaning of Christmas!



We Need \$15,000 To Buy The Christmas Cows For Uganda

Most of you dear GIMI Team members know that for more than 30 years, Jo Anne and I have raised money to purchase cows in Uganda so that these precious inmates can have meat to eat on Christmas Day. We started doing this over 30 years ago because the inmates in the Ugandan prisons rarely ever get a meal with meat included. This happens because of the scarcity of food and hundreds of other necessities of life. So, with the help of God's precious people, we have the cows purchased and then held until Christmas morning. Then, the cows are cooked and prepared midday, and then, late on Christmas day, the inmates are given their Christmas meal with meat, along with many other delicious food items. Last year we were able to purchase 40 cows at \$250 each and give them to the prisoners. This year because of the pandemic, the cost of each cow is about \$300, and we need to buy at least 50 cows and have them prepared on Christmas Day!

Because this edition of our GIMI Newsletter will come out in November, I would like to ask every one of you readers to prayerfully consider giving right away so that we can get the funds to go ahead and purchase the 50 cows. If you can help us with this special offering, I would ask you to send in your gift to GIMI, P.O. Box 667, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Please designate this special gift by indicating on the envelope what it is for.

Beloved folks, there is just no way for me to describe what a gigantic Christmas gift this is as we try once more to provide a very special Christmas meal on Christmas Day for our Ugandan prisoners—both men and women! Most importantly, with these hundreds of meals, we will share the Gospel message with every meal distributed! If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to let us know. You may contact us by e-mail or by telephone! Please don't ever forget that we celebrate Christmas every year because Jesus came to this earth to be the Bread of Life for everyone that would believe and repent. Therefore, because you and I have eaten from the Bread of Life, our Lord Jesus, I ask all of you to help us provide physical bread for these precious inmates. Don't forget that everyone who eats this Christmas dinner will receive

the Gospel message, which of course, is the greatest reason for celebrating Christmas!

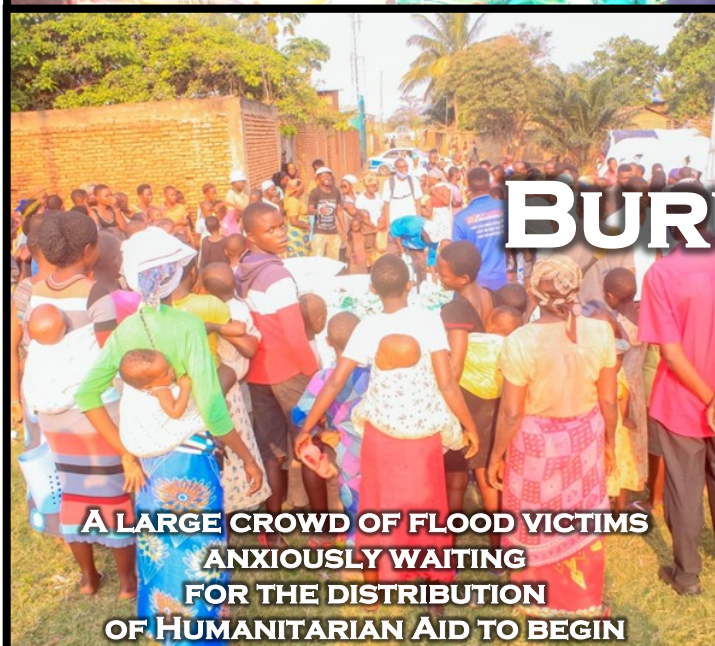




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DELIVERING A HUGE AMOUNT
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**A LADY CHURCH LEADER OFFERING
THANKS TO GOD FOR THE MANY GIFTS
FROM GIMI FOR REFUGEES**



**PASTOR ROBERT PREACHING THE GOSPEL
TO VOLCANO SURVIVORS IN THE ROCKS**



**PASTOR ROBERT SHARING THE GOSPEL
WITH MORE VOLCANO SURVIVORS**

Are You Attending A "Woke" Church?

In Paul the Apostle's last letter to young Timothy, before he was beheaded in Rome, he stated the following words. ***"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more that lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sin, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."*** (II Timothy 3:1-7)

Without a doubt, these are some of the strongest words that ever came from the Apostle's pen, and they are some of the strongest words that every child of God should be aware of in this generation of defiant wickedness and blatant rebellion against God, and yes, against everything in our past history that made America so wonderfully great!

Folks, just imagine how Paul felt as he, under the power of the Holy Spirit, wrote these words to warn Timothy of impending judgment upon the world because of evil people with wrong motives who would eventually try to turn the true Gospel into a new fake and phony gospel which would only satisfy the desires and lusts of the flesh. Just stop and think what Paul would say today if he were here witnessing the fulfillment of his predictions. If Paul believed that things would get worse and worse during Timothy's day, what would he say if he were here 2,000 years later witnessing the deterioration of every Biblical principle that has ever been believed because of the defilement of wicked men and women, especially here in America?

What Does The Word "Woke" Mean?

Before the present misinterpretation of the word "woke" in our cultural and society, the word "woke" just simply meant to be awake and open to whatever is going on before you. But now, this word no longer just means to show us how to be aware of what is going on. Instead, the word "woke" as defined by Merriam/Webster means to be awake

and aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues, (especially issues of racial and social justice).¹ In other words, this Post-Modern generation of professing Christians that believes and practices this "Wokeism" just simply has come up with this word from his or her composite mess of false teaching that originated in Marxism. Although very few people will admit it, so much of what is today being taught in our perverted schools colleges, and universities, is simply an anti-God and Atheistic philosophy collectively being taught to do away with God because of their hatred for Him and Christianity. You see folks, if we can do away with God and Christian principles, then, evolution might be true and there is no God that we will have to answer to. But, anyone with an ounce of teachableness and common sense can't believe these horrible things that "Wokeism", or Marxism, teaches unless of course, they are trying to find a way to fulfill their lusts, passions, and evil desires, with no obligation to worry about a judgment by God. So, I want to give you just a few thoughts that prove our country, our culture, and especially our churches are pushing for "Wokeism". And since I am a man of God, I will just deal with Christianity and the modern church and maybe allude to the country and our culture.

1. The very first characteristic of a church going "Woke," is that the leadership and people want to do away with absolute truth.

This means that they can't allow themselves to believe in a true and living God, because they would then have to receive confrontation and condemnation of their sins if they measured their lives by the absolute authority and principles of the Word of God. So, they are pushing to follow the teachings of Karl Marx when he wrote the "Communist Manifesto" in 1848, trying to lead people into communism. Beloved friends, if we do away with absolute truth, then we decide what is really truth for each of ourselves. Therefore, we cannot even contemplate departing from the truth of God's Word, which is infallible, inerrant, Divinely inspired, and forever our guidebook. Let me give

¹ The Merriam-Webster website, page 1.

you some words from the Southern Baptist Convention's "Baptist Faith and Message", 2,000 A.D. about the Scriptures.

"The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation."²

So, we do understand why our cultures, our societies, and yes, our churches are trying to do away with absolute truth. If there is no absolute truth, then, there is no absolute truth to be our measuring rod at the Judgment of Christ!

2. The second characteristic of a church going "Woke" is that the people no longer will accept the preaching of truth with the love of God, because the truth shows them who and what they really are.

Now, in this second point, I want to mention that in recent months I have had several people who have criticized me negatively because of my strong stand on the Word of God. Then, instead of giving me a Scriptural defense for their disagreement, these negative people have made strong accusations against me and my writings simply because they have no Scripture foundation for their disagreement with the truth of God's Word. Thus, if there is no defense from God's Word. Like the Marxists of the past, these people attack viciously, knowing fully well that they are defenseless, and they just don't want to ever admit any wrong! Thus, just like the Marxists of old, they can only defeat you if they can destroy you, your family, or your ministry. If you don't believe this is going on, just stop and think about the many liars in the government, and yes, sad to say, how many troublemakers our churches have in them.

I would like to tell you that the main reason we

are having so much trouble in our society about homosexuality, lesbianism, and transgenderism today is because this "woke" generation which doesn't want absolute truth, erroneously and diabolically believe that since there is no absolute truth, they can be whatever they choose to be, regardless of which sex they were born. In other words, as I have mentioned in this newsletter, if we make ourselves believe that there is no God or absolute truth, then our individual truth is just what every person thinks it to be. And yet, in **Genesis 2:21-25**, we are distinctly told that from the beginning God has never created anyone, except for men and women. And yet, we have all of these idiotic "woke" people telling us that we can be whatever we feel like being, and thus, the products of going by our individual feelings ends up being these wicked perverted lifestyles. I must mention that these same perverted people are now trying to get this wicked sexual behavior taught in our public schools, even to our preschool children. Truly, these are the worst sinful practices that every demon in hell and on earth want to advertise and promote.

3. The third characteristic of a church going "Woke" is that instead of preaching the Gospel and winning the lost to Christ, these "woke" people just simply spend all of their time talking about social justice and humanitarian work.

I have been in the ministry for almost 56 years, and I have never seen what I am now witnessing. Because of the absolute truth of God's Word, which so many people don't want today, we are watching almost all churches going in the direction of social justice and humanitarian work instead of making evangelism, outreach, and missions the main emphasis of their church life. And yet, it is sad to say, but these "woke" professing Christians talk more about doing social activities and humanitarian work than they ever get around to doing very much. Then, too, I have watched these "Progressive Radical Woke People" for the last several years. They are doing more damage to our local churches than ever before. They love to scream about old problems with race relations, while at the same time, they put down the white race and they demand reformation and reparations for the sinful behavior of our ancestors years ago. In fact, these

² Baptist Faith and Message 2000 Website, page 1.

screaming people who want to fix problems that occurred back 150 years ago, in another generation, are trying to bring back racial segregation that was dealt with here in America back in the 1960s. This new segregation is simply a retaliatory response to try and wipe out "white supremacy", which doesn't even exist!

So, those in our churches, including a lot of lazy pastors, who don't want to go soul-winning or visit any of the mission fields and talk so much about social justice, very seldom do anything about real or genuine problems. Therefore, in the place of preaching and teaching soul-winning, outreach, and missions and giving to missions, these "woke" church leaders promote recreation, entertainment, fellowship, and other activities. If you are leaning toward "wokeism" and don't believe what I am saying is the truth, then you need to check some of the horrible declining statistics in every kind of church throughout the world. Oh yes, we do have some large churches that love to teach about finding our destinies and how to be successful in life, including getting rich and never being poor. But, most of these large churches that are numerically big usually got this way by drawing in multitudes by the things I just mentioned. So, my friends, while there are almost three billion people in the world that have never heard the plan of salvation, these social justice and humanitarian church members just go on trying to be religious or promoters of "good works", but very little is ever said about the new birth, people getting saved, or taking the true Gospel message to a lost world. Thus, while millions of people are dying lost, especially right now from the coronavirus, very little is being done to bring people into the Kingdom of God. So, I would make an appeal for every truly saved person who is reading this newsletter to chunk most of this recreation, fellowship gatherings, entertainment attachments, and so many of the unnecessary activities, and just get busy with evangelism, outreach, and world missions. Why? Simply because our Lord Jesus is coming back to this earth very soon to rapture His bride, the Church. Truthfully, this is the only motivation we need to help us carry out the Great Commission and keep it great!

Now, I would like to quote a long quotation from a new book, entitled, "Christianity And Wokeness" written by Owen Strachan. Please pay close

attention to what this young pastor says about Wokeness.

"First, wokeness corrupts true justice, making it distributive and not retributive.

According to Critical Race Theory and intersectional thought, civil law and basic institutional structures throughout society need to be re-envisioned. The law has heretofore supported inequity, so the argument goes. Thus, the law (and hiring practices and admission policies and other sorting elements) needs reformulating such that is not a tool of retributive justice (rendering to each what they deserve), but a tool of distributive justice (reapportioning privilege to those without it). Equality of outcome, not equality of opportunity, is the desired result. Said differently, in CRT thinking, the fundamental concern of civil law is not to apply justice proportionate to human actions, but to enact 'social justice' based on cultural considerations."³

"We can quickly note that minority groups have been discriminated against in many cases in history, in some cases to a terrible degree. Furthermore, law enforcement officers must be held accountable for their actions, and police officers who err should be disciplined like any other person. None-the-less, if we relinquish the law, demonize law enforcement, and defund the police, we descend into anarchy. We create an unstable society. We wrong many who would then live without justice and would be preyed upon by evildoers."⁴

Now, let me give you another short paragraph to help us get things in order in our churches.

"The Church proclaims the Gospel and provides order to its disciples (**Matthew 28:18-20**), while the state promotes civil law and provides order to society (**I Peter 2:13-14**). It is not the job of the Church to police society, nor is it the job of the state to win souls."⁵ What I am trying to get across to all of us is that surely in our culture and our governments, we must have law and order for a people to be civil. But, it is not the church's responsibility to establish the government. However, from the pulpits of our land, we must

³ Christianity And Wokeness, By Owen Strachan, Salem Books, page 91.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid, page 93.

have preachers and teachers who will preach the absolute truth of the Word of God against wickedness, false teaching, diabolical behavior, and against those who would negate the truth of the Bible in order for them to live immorally and any way they want to. But, there is something very important that every American preacher or pastor must know and practice. This is that when people in the "woke" atmosphere of this wicked generation try to deny or even destroy the history of our nation, we must cry out against this. We as Christian families must make sure that we teach our children about getting saved, living for Christ, and living in obedience to God's will. Furthermore, we must get our children, our youth, and our young men and women out of these hellacious schools, colleges, and universities where these "woke" teachers indoctrinate them. The future of any nation is dependent upon whether the people repent of their sins and try their best to live in obedience to the Word of God, instead of capitulating the responsibility of training our children, youth, young men, and young women, to the wicked public school system and secular colleges and universities. I would remind you that wicked Hillary Clinton wrote a book entitled, "It Takes A Village". And whether you know it or not, she wrote this book after being indoctrinated by Saul Alinsky. Let me give you a few words about him.

"Saul David Alinsky (January 30, 1909-June 12, 1972) was an author, activist, and left-wing community organizer and rabble-rouser in Chicago who developed a method of local organizing that was widely copied by many politicians, including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton."⁶ Hillary's book was written in order to try and tear down the Nuclear Family and give the responsibility for training our children to the wicked socialists, or yes, even Communists. So my friends, it is still the responsibility of every Christian mother and father to train their own children in the admonition and nurture of our Lord. Please follow this verse carefully.

***"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4)** In other words, it is not the government's business in trying

to indoctrinate or train our children. It is the responsibility of both father and mother to train our children according to the principles and lifestyles described in the precious infallible Word of God! If we capitulate our children to these wicked secular people in our public schools, colleges, and universities, then, we will have allowed true Atheistic Communism to take over our precious nation.

4. The fourth and last characteristic of a church going "woke" is that the church members and attendees don't go to church to serve, but they go to ask and seek what the church can do for them.

As I list this fourth point, may I tell you that after 56 years in the ministry and pastoring eleven churches, I will just simply state that most of the church members and attendees that I have ever worked with in all of my churches have been those who want to know what the church can do for them, but not what they might do for the church and the Kingdom of God. A very scary thing in this generation is that most parents are so intimidated and spineless with their children to the point that the kids tell the parents where they will go to church. And here again, these selfish (because of the sin nature), immature children and youth lead their parents to the "woke" churches where they can be coddled and placated by the church leadership. The parents usually do this because they don't want to argue with their children, and they don't want the responsibility of leading and training the children according to those Biblical principles. Folks, all you have to do to see that this is true is to look at the way some parents and large numbers of children dress when they go to church. Because they have a sinful mindset, instead of reverencing the sacred house of worship, they go motivated by the world's system. Thus, they see nothing sacred about the house of worship. In other words, the world's system and the selfish ego of these parents and children determine the dress and conduct, which they live by, because they don't want to be told that they should be living according to the absolute principles of the Word of God. This is so stated in **Romans 12:1-2**, where we find these words: ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is***

⁶ The Conservapedia.com website, page 1.

your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." So, if we have people pushing to make their church a "woke" church, to where they don't have to abide by the principles of the Word of God, it might just be that these people are not even saved. They don't have a transformed mind, and their conduct or behavior is still determined by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Based upon present statistics, only 25% of those who attend church get involved in trying to serve, while the actual number of devoted and dedicated attendees who really serve is only 7%.

Many years ago at a meeting in Georgia, I had the privilege of having dinner with Dr. David Jeremiah. During that dinner, I asked him what percentage of church members he thought were really saved. He answered, "Only 25%!" I said, "What do you base that upon?" He said, "The parable of the sower." That parable states that there were four kinds of soil, but only one of them was genuine.

This is basically what Dr. Billy Graham said many years ago in a crusade on TV. He stated that he believed only 25% of church attendees were really saved, because 75% of them aren't faithful, are never dedicated, and never come forth to serve others. On that same night, Dr. Graham said that the greatest mission field in the entire world was the membership roll of our churches. I agree totally and completely. Thus, those who go to a church looking for "wokeness" are rarely totally surrendered to God and sold out to trying to win the world to Christ. Behind all of this is what I stated in point one. People don't want to live their lives according to the absolute truth of God's Word. Instead, they want to have their own idea about what truth is, and their truth is usually based upon the liberty to sin without any accountability. This false truth must give permission to do anything that feels right to any individual. Thus, if a young man or woman goes on to college after attending a "woke" church, they have no defense, whatsoever, against the evil indoctrination by socialist or communist teachers.

A Note To All Sincere And Genuine Parents

Before closing this section on "wokeness", I must

challenge all of you truly saved parents to not be led astray to a "woke" church by your immature children or by self-centered adults, who are only guided by their personal feelings and a desire to live in sin without any accountability. Please get your family in a church where the pastor and leaders refuse to let their church go "woke." And then, make sure that the church where you serve is a church with a passion to win the lost world to Christ. I say this, because we can never be more like Jesus than when we have on our hearts what He has on His! If you don't believe this, then read the following verse: ***"For the Son of man is come to seek and saved that which was lost."*** (Luke 19:10)

We Must Get Our GIMI Radio Ministry Restarted Soon!

If you are a regular reader of our GIMI Newsletter, then I am sure that you know a couple years back, we had a tremendous 30 minute weekly radio ministry on 65 stations, 12 of which were in Africa. But as you also know, my voice became limited because of a paralyzed vocal cord. I had to discontinue the radio broadcast at that time. But now, after many months of not being able to continue the radio ministry, I had vocal cord surgery to put implants in my vocal cords. The procedure was performed back on April 27th of this year. I am still struggling some because my voice might be different from one day to another. Also, because of a complicated digestive problem, I have been extremely weak almost every day. In fact, several weeks back I did three trial broadcasts, and during one of these broadcast attempts, I almost passed out. But, I am still not going to give up. I sincerely believe that there could be no greater means of sharing the Gospel during this time of the coronavirus pandemic. So, would you please help me pray fervently for complete restoration of my voice, my other health issues, and of course, the weekly radio broadcast. I am praying by faith that we will be able to restart the broadcast very soon.

From time to time, some of you precious prayer warriors and supporters are led by God to send a larger gift than usual. I can't tell you just how much this helps us, especially with special projects. A good example of this has been our annual Christmas Cow project in Uganda, which many of

you helped with last year. As I told you earlier, last year we purchased 40 cows to have them killed on Christmas Day so that the prisoners could have a meal with meat. This year I am truly going to be pushing forward with this project. Truthfully, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will already be in the process of raising the \$15,000, which we need to buy 50 cows this year for these precious prisoners who so often are neglected. So, I am going to ask you dear people to not only help with the Christmas Cow Project, but I am going to ask you to prayerfully help us with the financial cost of restarting our radio broadcast ministries as well.

I am sure that most of you have read in our newsletters before that the cost of restarting the radio broadcasts would be over \$44,000 per year. This would help us get back to the previous 65 stations, including the 12 in Africa. I have really prayed about how significant it would be if we could get on more African stations in the countries where we work. This is so very much needed at this time of the terrible coronavirus. So, with some calculations of the cost of additional stations, we are probably going to need just over \$52,000.00 for restarting this wonderful ministry. If God leads you to help with these special projects, we will be forever grateful!

We Are Running A Special Article Again

In closing our newsletter for November and December of this year, I would like to reemphasize the tremendous need for another Great Awakening for our churches here in America and also in the churches in the rest of the world. Truly, as we have tried so hard to get an answer from God as to why He has allowed this horrible coronavirus to sweep the world, the only conclusion that I can come to is that He allowed it to bring a defiant world humanity to its knees and to reveal to the entire world just how much we need a genuine Great Awakening during these days of the latter rain in order to complete the Bride of Christ just before He returns to this earth and raptures the church. Yet, as we think about the need for revival in our churches and nations, the thing we must remember is that revival only starts in a single person's heart, when this

person repents of his or her sin and begs God to fill him or her with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, as we are on the verge of another New Year, we need to get on our knees and ask God to bring that new revival into every one of our lives. So folks, I am asking you to join my dear wife and me to plead with our precious Lord Jesus to make intercession for us before God's throne in heaven and to send heaven sent, soul stirring, sin killing, hell disturbing, church awakening, and Holy Spirit filling, old fashioned revival.

As we join together to plead for revival, I want to share a sermon article I have used in our newsletter once before. Please, please read and study this example of a backslidden sinner, King David, when he cried out to God for revival after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba, and then, had her husband murdered. There is obvious evidence that God did forgive David, because he admitted that he had committed terrible sins. Truly, God sent David revival, and He is ready to send genuine revival to each one of us. So, let's follow the example of David and pray for, and then, experience this wonderful revival.

In the King's service,

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Psalm 51





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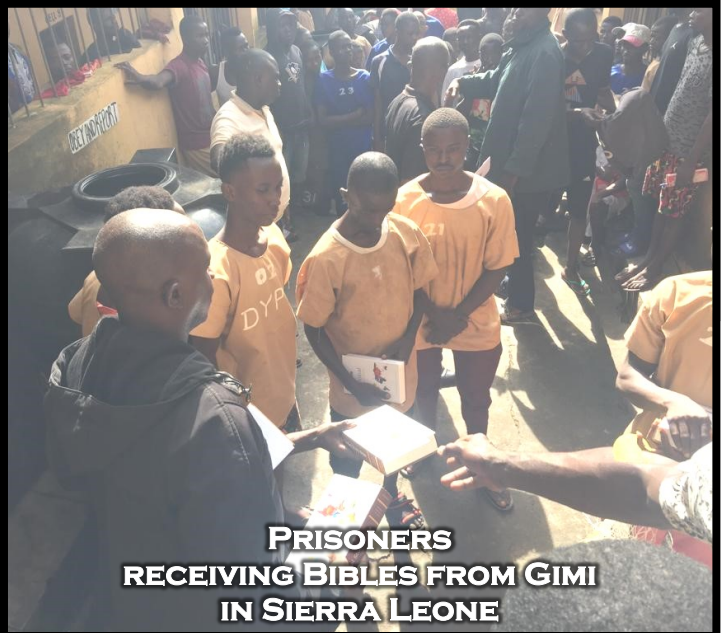
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“A CRY FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL BY A FALLEN KING”

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Introduction

I would now like to address this great subject of revival in a very in-depth way. I am very afraid that in this secular world and complacent church age, very few people know anything about genuine revival. I have never experienced a nation wide revival in my almost 74 years of life, but I can tell you that I have seen some tremendous movements of God through my almost 56 years of ministry as a preacher, pastor, evangelist, and missionary. I have seen revival break out in some of the more than 1,300 revival meetings, which I preached in as an evangelist. As a pastor, I have seen God move in some inexplicable ways in bringing hundreds and hundreds of people to the Savior. Therefore, I am begging God to start this revival in my personal life and in our American conservative Bible believing churches. Of course, in the liberal churches, there can't be revival because lost people can't have revival. But, they can have regeneration and transformation as the Holy Spirit of God moves in. I am praying for our wonderful Savior to bring a transformation and a resurrected rejuvenation in all of our churches before we capitulate to the demise of this great nation.

Truly, if we will just take an objective look today at what is going on in our country with scores of lying politicians, the angry Christ-hating mob that wants to destroy our entire society, and the weak-kneed politicians on both sides of the political aisle who will not stand up for anything conservative and good because they want to placate and appease the powerful lobbyists in the entire government of our counties, our states, and in Washington, D.C. We truly have the greatest mess I have ever witnessed in all of my life! But, there is still hope if every believer at the bottom all the way up to the top will fervently pray, repent of his or her sin, and ask God to heal our land. This is the only hope that we have in these final days before the return of Jesus.

In order to show you how to pray for revival, I would like to use the repentant prayer and confession of a tremendously great and well-known king in Israel, King David, who many years ago sinned terribly against God and then tried to cover up his sin of sexual immorality by murdering the husband of his mistress and lying to cover up these horrible sins. But, when he thought no one else knew, God knew, and God sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke the king and demand that he repent. This story is found in **II Samuel 12**! David had tried to cover up his sin for an entire year, but when God's preacher confronted him, he cried out to God in **Psalms 51** and repented of his sin. He cried out for revival, and I pray that David's plea might be the example that all of America follows in crying out to God for revival. Now, let's look closely at this Scripture Expositively.

I. PLEASE NOTICE THE PREREQUISITE FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL: CONFESSION OF OUR SIN! vs. 1-6

A. In his confession, David faced the Recipient of his sin. v. 1

It is very obvious in this verse that king David readily confessed to God that his terrible sin was indeed against the God of mercy and His loving-kindness. Therefore, David pleaded with this great God of tender mercy to please blot out his transgressions.

May I tell you that this is the place for each of us as believers to begin! We must admit that God has been sinned against, and we must ask God to forgive us. You see folks, David may have sinned against Bathsheba's husband and family, but his worst sin was against the kind loving God.

B. In his confession, David faced the reality of his sin. vs. 2-3

I would like to tell every one of you readers that the place for all of us to begin is in telling God that we are indeed guilty, and then, begging for His forgiveness.

1. David's sin was real because of its depth. v. 2

In his confession, David told God that his sin was so severe that he needed to be washed thoroughly because he was filled with the stench of the wrong he had done. In fact, the word used here in the Hebrew is the word "avon", and it had to do with perverse. Can you just imagine that this great king of Israel confessed to God that the cause of his terrible sins was because of the perverseness of his heart? My, when was the last time you heard one of God's children in your church admit how perverse his or her heart was because of the sin he or she had committed. Can you see that the guilt of David's sin was all over him? Truly, he cried out for God to cleanse him thoroughly. I want you to see just how overwhelmed David was with the chastisement or punishment, which God had brought to David because of his sin.

There are many scholars that believe that **Psalm 38** is also a confession of David because of this sin, and if so, and I believe it is also, this additional Psalm reveals that obviously David had possibly contracted a sexual disease from his sin with Bathsheba, or maybe from other illegitimate relationships with other women. But, based upon his confession in both of these Psalms, it may have indeed come from Bathsheba. I am inclined to believe that just maybe Bathsheba had done this horrible thing before. Why? Because of the way she immediately responded to David's request!

Whatever the disease was, and how ever serious the matter had become, David had had enough and wanted God to forgive him. This, my friends, is the way we should come to Jesus and say, "I have had enough of this sinfulness, and I beg you to forgive me." But why should we confess our sins? Because all of our unrighteousness has contributed to the horrible conditions that our nation is in right now!

2. David's sin was real because of its dreadfulness. v. 3

The word transgressions in verse 3 is a strong word that David uses, because in fact, he is telling God that he was confessing his terrible rebellion against the God who had placed him in the position of the king of God's chosen nation. Obviously, the guilt of his sin was bothering him both day and night. In truth, when he got up in the morning, the guilt was there. Then, when he went to bed at night, he lay awake contemplating his horrible rebellion against God. His sin was dreadful, and if we are going to have God to divinely intervene in our lives, and yes, even in our churches and nation right now, we too must cry out for God to not only forgive us of our sin, but we must appeal to the Lord to take away the continuous guilt we are facing. But we need to remember that we will never get out from under our guilt, until we really admit that we have rebelled against God.

C. In his confession, David faced the repulsiveness of his sin. v. 4

1. David's sin brought pain to the heart of God. v. 4a

Well folks, now David gets very serious about his desire for cleansing. In this verse, David literally confesses that although he had sinned against his family and the entire family of Bathsheba, including killing her husband, the most terrible thing was that this God-chosen man had broken the very heart of the God that gave him his kingship. In other words, David confessed that he knew he had brought much pain to the heart of God. What a terrible way to treat the One Who had given him everything after He brought him from the shepherd's field and placed him on the throne as the king of Israel.

2. David's sin was going to bring punishment from the hand of God. v. 4b

After admitting and confessing his horrible sin, David reaches the point to where he tells God that however He chooses to punish him for what he had done would be justified. If God chose to rebuke him privately or publicly through a prophet of God, David was ready to accept this rebuke because he in fact

deserved it. Let me just tell all of you readers that we will never see God answer our prayers and send revival until we are ready to confess that whatever God does to chastise us is quite alright. There never will be grace and mercy shown until we reach this point in our confession. You see folks, when we get totally and completely honest with God about how regretful we are about our rebellion toward our loving God, we will never experience the forgiveness of God, and we will not see God show up in powerful revival in our hearts or even in our nation. God is much more ready to send revival than we are to confess just how our individual sins have produced the need for revival. My dear friends, this is a very serious matter, and we must never take our sins lightly because truly they do bring pain to the heart of God! No believer will ever get serious about repentance and begging for God to forgive him or her, until he or she acknowledges the hurt that comes to the heart of God because of their rebellion.

D. In his confession, David faced the reason for his sin. v. 5

Well now, as we look at verse 5, we recognize a very important truth. In his confession to God, David just tells God that he understands that he has an Adamic nature of sin and that every person born on this earth is born with this fallen nature. David knew that when he came forth from his mother's womb that he already possessed the sinful nature. Thus, he knew why he had fallen again into sin, and he was not trying to excuse or cover up his sin. Let me tell you that this truth must be understood by every person who ever expects to be born again, and every person that will be victorious in overcoming the temptation of Satan. Therefore my friends, we all have the same problem of original sin, but this doesn't give us an excuse to keep on sinning because when Jesus died on the cross for our sin, ***"He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."*** (II Corinthians 5:21)

E. In his confession, David faced the remedy for his sin. v. 6

In this verse, David tells the Lord that he knew that God desires for every person to live with a desire for truth in his or her inward parts, and that it is only God that can give us wisdom to face temptation and be victorious over it. It seems that David is just telling the Lord that he knows how to be victorious over sin, but that he had stumbled and forgone to appropriate the victory.

Folks, there is a tremendous lesson here for us. If we are going to pray for personal revival like David did, then we must admit that because we have been saved and Christ already lives within us, we already have access to the power of God to be victorious over temptation. In other words, it is a matter of making the right choices to overcome the attacks of Satan. The point is that if we fail to be victorious over temptation, then we can blame no one but ourselves. And surely, this is one of the main reasons we are not experiencing revival today. No one will admit any wrong or any mistakes, but instead, they live in a fantasy world of blaming everyone else for their sins. I find nowhere in this Psalm that David blamed Bathsheba for the sin of adultery, which they both committed. If we are truly serious about praying for revival, then we must readily confess and admit that we are guilty before God for our own sins, and yes, even for the fact that our sins and negligence have contributed to the decline of our churches and nation.

II. PLEASE NOTICE THE PROCESS OF PERSONAL REVIVAL: CLEANSING FROM OUR SIN. vs. 7-12

As we move on with this in-depth exposition of David's cry for personal revival, we see this fallen king begging God for a personal spiritual cleansing of his personal being. David knew that he would never be able to walk with God like he had in the past until he was truly forgiven and genuinely cleansed from his sin. In these next verses, I see no hypocrisy or pretention in David, but I do see a completely honest man who knew emphatically what he had to receive from God. Let's now look at some valuable points about David's prayer for cleansing.

A. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's development. v. 7

As we look carefully at verse 7, we discover some fabulous truth about David's personal cry for revival. David mentions the desire to be purged with the little shrub called hyssop, which was used in the Jewish temple of worship to apply the blood and the water in the cleansing ceremony. Of course we as New Testament believers know fully well that when Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away, He also not only washed our sins away, but He also took our guilt away. You see, when hyssop was used in the Jewish sacrificial ritual, the symbolic representation of the hyssop was that not only would the individual's sins be forgiven, but that God also would remove the guilt for those sins. What King David was pleading for in his prayer for personal revival was that God would not only forgive the terrible sins he had committed, but that God would also give David freedom from the condemnation and guilt of his sin. David's cry to God was, "God please take my sins away and wash me thoroughly from all my sins, but also, please take the guilt away so that I don't have to live in bondage and personal condemnation because of the sins that I have committed." David's entire life had been destroyed by the sins he had committed, and so are ours if we don't repent, confess our sins, and ask God to restore us to walk in holiness with Him.

B. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's deafness. v. 8

In this verse, David sincerely begs God to bring back the joy and gladness, which he had lost. The way David phrases this indicates that because of his horrible sins, he had been isolated from his friends and neighbors, and he had lost the wonderful sounds of laughter and gladness. So, this is exactly what unconfessed sin does in the life of any believer. This unconfessed sin takes away the joy and gladness, and it will definitely result in sorrow and a feeling of broken-heartedness. Truly, one of the worst places on earth that a believer in Christ can be is when because of his or her unconfessed sin, all of the joy in life is gone and this guilty soul becomes isolated from his or her family and friends. So, David cries out for the sound of joy and gladness. May I ask you, "Have you lost the joy of the Lord because of some unconfessed sin in your life?" If you have, today is the day to cry out to God for personal revival!

C. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's disgrace. v. 9

As we continue to look into David's cry for personal revival, we now come to verse 9, where David appeals to God to please stop looking on his sin and disgrace. It was the light of God's radiant face that exposed David's sin and shame. So, David cried out to God to please turn His face away from his sin. David felt so ashamed because of his terrible sins. The truth was that David would never be able to walk freely before his people after the terrible sins he had committed, unless God would forgive his sins, and yes, no longer convict him over what he had done. David was so ashamed of what he had done before God and all of the Israelites. Just remember that David at one time killed Goliath with a sling, and now, after being anointed as the king of Israel, he had gravely sinned before God and the people. Thus David could not bear the horrible guilt and shame. So he appealed to God to turn His face away from him because the king could no longer stand the shame and embarrassment.

In the last part of this verse David once more cries out to God for forgiveness, and he boldly asks God to blot out his embarrassing shame from the book of God's record of mankind's sins. David was desperate, and he was so ashamed of what he had done that he just couldn't stand the shame any more. Please remember that this was King David who had been appointed by God Almighty to be the king of God's chosen people. And now, he was a brokenhearted, ashamed man because of the liberty he took to sin against God. David committed lust, which led to adultery. Then, he had Bathsheba's husband killed in battle to try to cover up his sin. After this, he took Bathsheba to become another one of his wives. Through his intimacy with Bathsheba, a baby was born and then died. Therefore, David's horrible sins had brought disgrace to him, to his family, to his friends, to his mighty kingdom, and most of all to God almighty, Who had chosen him to rule His people.

Dear readers, have you brought any shame to your family, friends, church family, or even to the God that saved you? If so, it is time to cry out to God for forgiveness and repent of your sins. We must have a heaven sent revival if our nation is to stand. Therefore, let's not allow our unconfessed sin to be a hindrance to this great revival.

D. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's damage. v. 10

In this verse David asks God to ***"Create in him a clean heart; and renew a right spirit within him."*** This is truly one of the greatest verses in all of the Bible. David is begging God to give him a brand new clean heart. I believe this means that David was asking for new motives in his heart for living, and with these new motives this king wanted to have, once more, the right attitude and actions. Truly, truly, this king of Israel knew where his sin began, in his heart, and he knew that for over one entire year, he had had a very negative attitude toward almost everyone because of his guilt and shame. It was now time for God to renew and restore the King David that the people had originally known.

Could I please tell you that because of the seriousness of David's sin being sexual immorality and murder, the king's life and testimony would never be the same again? Oh yes, God can and will forgive any sins that we have committed, but some times the sins have done so much damage and hurt to so many people that we can never go back to where we were before these grave sins were committed. Folks, we need to stop this erroneous belief that when God forgives us for our sins, that everything will be just "hunky dory" forever with nothing changed! I can tell you this that David's life was never the same after this sin, even though God did forgive him. Don't be a fool! Sin is always sin, but the results of our sin may be far different. Just ask any professing Christian inmate in a prison after he stole another man's wife and then killed her husband! For sure, David needed a clean heart, and so do we, if we would only confess our sins and quit blaming everyone else, like Adam Schiff, Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden, Jen Psaki, and many more hypocritical politicians have been doing in Washington, D.C. for many years. Folks, I don't know if President Donald Trump was really saved, when he was in office, but I do believe that like the Persian king Cyrus, who was a lost man who gave a decree for the Israelites to be permitted to return to Jerusalem after 70 years in captivity, God brought Donald Trump to the Presidency to bring more tolerance of Christians and conservative families in America. I have never really told my congregations how to vote, but I do tell all of you people reading this newsletter that unless you want persecution for Christians and hatred for our conservative families, we need to oppose Joe Biden and his left-wing colleagues who are basically communists. They hate God, the church, and every fully-committed believer. It is time for us to get completely honest about ourselves, our churches, and our country and cry out to God for genuine revival!

E. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's doom. v. 11

Verse 11 here in our text is a verse that describes the end result of personal sin in our lives, in our churches, and in our country, when we fail to admit the sin, cry out for forgiveness, and repent, turn around, and go in the opposite direction. In this verse David pleads with God to bring back His presence to David and to those around him. Now, most Christians know that in the Old Testament time, before Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down and filled all the believers, the Holy Spirit worked differently than He does today. Back then, the Spirit would come upon God's servants for special acts or duties, but He might leave them later. So obviously, when David sinned so defiantly against God, the Holy Spirit, Who always revealed the presence of God, left David, and David felt very alone. But thank God, we now live in the New Testament age when the Holy Spirit comes to baptize every new convert into the family of God at the moment of salvation. The Spirit becomes the seal of salvation on entrance and never leaves the child of God. However, it is possible for a believer to sin so terribly that it seems God's Holy Spirit has forsaken a person, but we know He doesn't. But our hearts and lives can become so sin-hardened that it seems He has left us. Friends, we have to be so careful about allowing sin to come into our lives. Because if we do, the Holy Spirit may be seriously grieved

and hurt to the point that it doesn't seem that He is with us at all.

So now, David was crying out to God to remove the feeling of doom and despair, which had come to him because of his great sin. As we will see shortly, David plunged into the depths of depression, and he was begging God to come back and make known His presence to the king. Again, I must say that Christians in this dispensation cannot have the Holy Spirit leave us, but if we tolerate sin in our lives, we can lose His warmth and sweet power to the point that it seems He has indeed left us.

F. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's depression. v. 12a

As we move just a little forward in our text, we have to see that David is begging God to restore the joy of His salvation. David, as we studied earlier, was having a terrible time of depression because all the joy of knowing God had left him. We must always remember this, that when we allow sin to thrive in our personal lives, in our churches, or even in our nation, we are going to lose the joy of our intimacy with Christ. Maybe we should right now stop and think about how much joy has left our great land because of the coronavirus, but also because of the so-called protestors who have turned into blatant monsters who want to destroy everything about our past, our present, and yes, most assuredly about our future. I will tell you that I don't want to live without the joy of Christ in my life, in my family, in my church, in my community, and yes, even in our great nation. We must never forget the following verse. ***"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*** (Proverbs 14:34).

G. David wanted the Lord to deal with sin's defeat. v. 12b

The last phrase in verse 12 is a broken heart crying out for release from despair and defeat. David pleads with God to bring back the free spirit that he had before he backslid into this sinful behavior. He not only wanted forgiveness for the sin and the wrong he had done, but he cried for God to restore the free spirit he had before his fall. Can I tell you that I too am one person that literally hates trying to live under the guilt and shame of any sin I have committed. When I commit some sin that brings back the emotional and spiritual bondage to my life, I just can't live under this curse of sin. Why? Because according to **Galatians 3:13**, Jesus took our curse at Calvary and made us free. Please notice this wonderful verse. ***"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."*** It is the law that brings us to a knowledge of our sins, but it is the grace of God that sent Jesus to the cross which brings us deliverance from the defeat of sin. Notice another Scripture verse from **II Corinthians 3:17**, ***"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."***

III. PLEASE NOTICE THE PRODUCTS OF PERSONAL REVIVAL: A CHANGE OF LIFE. vs. 13-19

As we continue this marvelous thought about experiencing real personal revival, we must now take a look at the evident products of genuine revival. These products include a genuine change of life. In this change, I am not talking about getting saved all over again, because we know that when we are once saved, we will always remain saved. But, the truth of the matter is that once a person, a church, a community, or even a nation has turned back on their commitment to God, there must be repentance and confession to reproduce a new direction of intimacy with Him. David learned this because we see it in these remaining verses 13-19.

While David was spending his sinful life in a backslidden condition, there was no real fruitfulness in his life. Let me remind each of you readers that when we are living in a backslidden state, our lives become very unproductive as well. But, there is hope if we will really cry out to God to forgive our backslidden condition and send a renewal of our commitment to Christ. Let's take a look at the changes that took place in king David's life and discover what should happen in our lives when we have a renewed relationship with Jesus.

A. This changed life will produce an effective witness. v. 13-15

May I ask you readers how long it has been since you led some person to Christ? Or, maybe I should just ask how long it has been since you even did anything to try and bring people to the Savior? What we discover in verse 13, is that David states that once God sends revival to his life and restores the joy of His salvation, then David will be ready to teach other transgressors the ways of the Lord. I can assure you that during the twelve months that David was living in a sinful, guilt-ridden life, he was not able to affect any Jewish person's life in a positive way. By now, once he was restored in his relationship with God, he was now ready to make his witness to others a priority in his life. I am going to tell all of you readers of this newsletter that if a Christian, a pastor, or any other servant of God does not have on his mind what Jesus had on His, then, that person is living in sin out of God's perfect will. Why do I say this? Well, in **Luke 19:10**, we are told the following: **"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."** You see folks, the thing that Jesus always had on His mind and in His heart was the salvation of lost sinners. I must tell you that if you don't have lost souls on your heart on a regular basis if you really are genuinely saved, then you are living out of God's will, and probably living in sin, because the primary concern of truly saved people living in the perfect will of God is winning others to Christ. I don't buy these excuses that God is going to save whomsoever He chooses without our help. If this were true, the Great Commission would never have been given to the early disciples and to us as well. But this changed life will produce an enthusiastic worship. vs. 14-15

As I read these next two verses, truthfully, I just want to shout praises unto God. Why do I say this? Because David tells God that if He has taken away his guilt produced by living in a sinful backslidden way for over a year, he was ready to begin genuine worship with praise and singing unto the Lord. I would like to ask you to read the following commentary on these verses written by the late John Phillips. I beg you to get what this dear man of God said about the new change in David's life after he repented and got right with God. **"'Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall show forth Thy praise.'** David's lips had been sealed for a year. They had been sealed by his own stubbornness. He had set his jaw in defiance, glared back at the world, and refused to admit he had done anything wrong. After all, he was a king and could do as he pleased.

His lips had been sealed with shame, as well. A sense of his utter wickedness had pressed down upon him and he had kept his mouth shut. He knew that if he spoke about the things of God, the people would call him a hypocrite. But once the Lord set him free, he would be free indeed. Then, this new life of preaching and praising, of ministering to man and to God, would become the habit of his life."¹

Therefore, my dear friends, do you enjoy going to church to worship God, even if your pastor has to be newly innovative during this time of the coronavirus? Have you followed the leadership of your dear pastor in order to make sure that you don't get cold toward God like David did? If you have not shown commitment and determination on to continue to worship during these difficult times, don't you think you should confess your sin and ask God to restore you with a newly transformed change in your life that will cause you to desire to worship? Oh yes, I do understand why people that are living in sin out of God's will and don't enjoy going for worship. If they are living in sin and go to worship, they will be brought under heavy conviction, and they will have to get right with God. Folks, I must warn you that if you have made no special attempt to continue to worship, then, you probably are now living in sin. You need spiritual revival with a restored fellowship with Jesus.

B. This changed life will produce an enlightened wisdom. vs. 16-17

Once more I want to share some more commentary from Dr. John Phillips. I do this because I want you to get the true significance of David's cry for revival. In these two verses we find the following comments. "It was a lesson of total guilt: **'For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering.'** David had committed both adultery and murder, both capital offenses under the Mosaic Law. David was guilty of presumptuous sin and no provision was made under the Mosaic Law for such sin. The

¹ "Exploring the Psalms, Volume Two", by Dr. John Phillips, Loizeaux Brothers, Page 94.

law said: **'And the man who will do presumptuously...even that man shall die: and Thou shalt put away the evil from Israel'** (Deuteronomy 17:12).

David was nearly a thousand years before his time in his understanding of theology. It would take the Apostle Paul and the Epistle to the Romans to do justice to David's grasp of God's salvation. David knew instinctively that the Mosaic Levi ritual code was a mere shadow. By faith David looked past the whole ritual system to God Himself. He was aware of his total guilt."²

In verse 17, we also discover that "David learned the lesson, too, of total grace: **'The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, Oh God, Thou will not despise.'** When Nathan came with his parable, David slung himself in repentance and remorse at God's feet. The prophet looked at the sobbing king and said, **'God hath put away thy sin,'** he said. That was total grace. No lamb, no ox, no sin offering, no trespass offering, no burnt offering. Just the Word of God! David learned that day that what God really wanted from the sinner was a broken heart. That was the true sacrifice. The sin question was to be dealt with on spiritual, not ceremonial terms."³

The statement that God will not despise a broken and a contrite heart, simply means that God treasures those who come to him in genuine regret and remorse over his or her sin. This broken spirit and contrite heart will truly bring revival. Please notice this next verse from **Isaiah 57:15, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."** The point that I want to emphatically make here is this, "If we desire the divine wisdom of God, we must have a humble spirit and a contrite heart." Then, God will enlighten or illuminate His Word to bring forth truth and Divine wisdom. God sincerely loves His children that have broken spirits and contrite hearts. Maybe now, we can know why we go through so much suffering and even some times God's chastisement. David's sin brought about so much suffering for everyone concerned, but through his repentance and restoration, God gave him a teachable spirit as to what He characterizes as most important to the child of God.

C. This changed life will produce an encouraging word. vs. 18-19

Let me be quite simple with my comments on these last two verses. If we sincerely experience true spiritual revival, then we will be able to look ahead to much better times—even to the return of our Lord and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth during the millennial reign of Christ. David had suddenly come to realize that because of his repentance, God gave his people the encouraging word to look to the future. He also gave them the instruction on that now after God's chastisement upon the king and also upon the nation, it was time to get back to work. I don't know for sure, and I certainly can't prove it Biblically, but I feel very strongly that during the one year after David had committed his terrible sins and probably was living under immense guilt, very little work for the nation of Israel was done. David had now repented of his sins, and he was admonishing his people to keep their eyes on the future, not only the immediate one, but also, on the future when the Messiah would return the second time and set up His millennial reign upon the earth.

May I tell you that I believe there is nothing in the entire world that should cause us to keep focused on the work to be done and the coming return of Christ like true heaven sent revival. We need to pray that God will truly pour out His Spirit upon us as believers and upon our churches, which have become so lethargic and apathetic. There are millions of souls that still need to be saved. In order for us to keep sharing the Gospel, we need the dynamic movement of God's Holy Spirit to bring about genuine revival in the life of the believer, and yes, also in our churches. If God sends true revival, there will be a hunger among the people of God to take the Good News of Christ to a lost world!

² Ibid, Pages 94-95.

³ Ibid, Page 95.

Conclusion

Well folks, we now come to the conclusion of our study of Psalm 51. I sincerely pray that God may have stirred your heart toward true repentance and confession of personal sin, like King David experienced. God sent revival to King David and Israel, and He surely wants to send revival in these last days just before the return of Christ. I challenge every one of you believers that get this newsletter to really examine your heart and see if you have the need for repentance. If you will all join me, we can truly see a mighty move of God!!!



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