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them to rethink their plans and maybe start all over again.

I would like to tell you that during these two and one half years of the Covid plague, our pastors have not only had to plan, plan again, and change everything over and over, but, they have even had to change the vision and long term plans for world evangelism with their church family. With all of these needed changes, it has truly been almost impossible for the church to keep its focus on winning people to Christ here at home in America and also on the mission fields of the world.

So therefore, while our dear church leadership has had to work so hard to keep their flocks of church members safe and still worshiping God in the midst of the variants of the Covid plague, I will say that I am very happy with many of the soul-winning churches who have kept “the main thing the main thing” and continued on to find a variety of ways to keep leading people to Christ. This has happened while at the same time doing their best to keep their people as safe as possible. These precious adjustable leaders are really to be complimented with gratitude for the fine job they have done. Truly, many people have come to Christ through the strong leadership of the church leaders, in spite of the Covid Crisis. And, may I tell you that just like our GIMI workers in Africa have been reaping a great harvest of souls during this Covid plague, there are some churches here in America that have faithfully shared the Gospel, and God has given these faithful churches a great harvest of souls as well. I must tell you that the reason this has happened is because of faithful

Dear GIMI Team Members,

Blessed spring greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus! I pray that you and your family are safely serving Jesus as we continue to deal with the many variants of the Covid virus plague, which we have dealt with for over two and one half years. Many of our family members and friends have struggled with some very sick loved ones. Then, many dear ones have had to sadly bury those whom God has taken on to heaven. Our personal lives have been uprooted, our families have suffered beyond imagination, and our churches have had to change, direct, and redirect over and over. Our many pastors have had to constantly plan and plan again over and over in order to keep their church bodies worshipping our wonderful Lord and Savior. One week the pastors try to find a safe way to plan the services, only to find the following week that there are different things that have happened which cause

pastors and other church leaders who have been determined to keep sharing the Gospel message, even with the necessity of having to adjust their schedules and plans in order to keep reaching souls. I am truly praising God for these faithful servants, just like we are thanking God for our faithful and dedicated workers on our mission fields in Africa.

A Great Big Word Of Thanks And A Tribute To Sister Patsy Little

Almost all of you precious friends of GIMI know that for the past six years, Sister Patsy Little, has been doing a remarkable job as our GIMI Office Manager. She has worked faithfully and diligently in handling so many things from dealing with our finances, helping to keep great records of the contributions to this ministry, working non-stop helping to get out our bi-monthly newsletters, and sending hundreds and hundreds of personal letters to those who have written us or called in needing materials, and even helping us to keep our travel requirements up to date as we made trip after trip to Africa. Then too, Sister Patsy made a couple trips to Africa to help us with our medical clinics and the training of our African staff. Most recently she has been working faithfully in getting our radio broadcasts to the stations in order for them to play our weekly GIMI programs. In addition, she has demonstrated a true spirit of love and kindness to everyone who has contacted our GIMI Office. She has always set a Christ-like example for others to follow, as she has worked in her job and has demonstrated a compassionate love for those who were lost and others who were suffering!

But now, I must tell you the bittersweet news that Sister Patsy will soon be leaving us for her other full-time ministry. A lot of you know that back in December of 2010, Patsy's dear husband died in a small plane crash here in the Taylorsville, NC area. After coping with this extremely difficult recovery test, Patsy felt led of God to start a "Grief Share" ministry, which has grown tremendously. Since the horrible accident that took her dear husband, Patsy now feels led of God to enlarge her "Grief Share" ministry in order to help those who have to deal with the sorrows of death. Therefore, she is leaving GIMI to continue and expand her ministry of showing care and sympathy to hurting people.

Truly, we will miss Patsy, but we wish her God's best, and our prayers will be with her every day. I ask all of you dear friends of GIMI to really pray for her as she continues on her journey of showing sympathy and empathy from a Biblical perspective to those who need help so much. I hope all of you GIMI friends will help JoAnne and me to pray diligently for Patsy and her ministry. Also, please, please, help us pray that God will send us another great Christian lady to take her place in our office. The workload is just so large for this old preacher and his beloved wife. May God send us another dear servant of God like Sister Patsy Little!



MANY ARE COMING TO CHRIST THROUGH OUR NEWLY RESTARTED RADIO BROADCASTS!

Most of you GIMI friends know that back on the first weekend of January 2022, we were able to restart our Radio Ministry. As we move into the months of March and April, we are now broadcasting on almost 90 radio stations, most of which are here in America, but 16 of these stations are located in many of our African countries. Especially through our African radio stations, we are seeing numbers of people come to Christ. This is happening because God is blessing the preaching and teaching of His Word. He is giving us this great harvest of souls because of the faithful work of so many of the radio managers and Disc Jockies, such as Esther Nakyagulanyi at the Dunamis station in Kampala, Uganda and Annie Uweera with the Grace

Radio station in Mbarara, Uganda. These precious ladies always introduce our GIMI Radio program just before it comes on the air. They tell those listening in the radio audience that if they get saved at the end of the broadcast, they should contact the station. Those who get saved will receive a copy of my "Getting Started Right" booklet, which is designed for getting the new converts started properly in their new relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, we are doing our best to get a copy of the Bible into the hands of every new convert. Of course, getting Bibles right now out on the mission fields is very difficult due to the supply chain delays brought on by the Covid Crisis and the poor leadership of our government officials. But, we will continue to do our best to help every new believer get a copy of God's Word, if we can get these Bibles and pass them on to the new converts.

I would also like to tell you that we are now receiving many phone calls and E-mails after the radio broadcasts asking us to pray for many requests. We have included the photos of a good number of these new radio converts in this newsletter. I would like to ask you to please remember to pray for every one of these new believers. What a privilege it is to see people come to Jesus through our radio efforts! Truly, the radio ministry is very difficult, but it is well worth it because so many people are hearing the Gospel, and numbers of these listeners are getting saved. I just want to say, "Praise the Lord for His saving power!"

A Good-Bye Tribute To Pastor Kofi Tchakrom In Togo

Folks, in the past several months, it seems that we are constantly hearing about someone who has died from the dreadful Covid or from some other terrible disease. Most of you know that early last year, we lost our Uganda Director, Rev. William Ssentumbwe, and his dear wife Florence, through the plague of Covid. Now, just a few weeks ago, our GIMI Country Director in Togo, Pastor Kofi Tchakrom, passed on to heaven due to cancer. Brother Kofi has left behind his dear wife, Bernadette, and five children. I would ask you to really pray for the entire Tchakrom family during this difficult time.

Brother Kofi had worked with GIMI for many years,

and he truly did a good work of winning people to Christ in the prisons of Togo, even with little encouraging support from the Togo Prison Department. Also, with the help of GIMI, Pastor Kofi planted the Bible Baptist Church in Lome, Togo. He remained the church's pastor until he got sick and recently died. Back many years ago, GIMI brought Kofi, along with several others of our Country Directors, to America to participate in one of our mission conferences. He did a great job of preaching during the conference, and our people dearly loved him.

Truly, this great servant will be missed by his family and all of his friends. But, we know he is with Jesus and no longer has any pain or suffering. We owe much gratitude and appreciation to Kofi Tchakrom and his family. For sure, we look forward to spending eternity with him in the presence of our King Jesus, Who is now completing His bride down here on earth, getting ready to return to Rapture out the Church from this wicked place here on this planet! I would beg you to please pray for Kofi's family as they try to rebuild their home without their dear loved one. Death is truly a horrible experience for everyone, including the children of God and their families. But, we know that just beyond this vale of suffering, there will never be any death again! Please read the following words of Jesus from the Gospel of John. ***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*** (John 5:24)





**PREACHER JAMES CHELIMO
SHARING THE GOSPEL
WITH PRISONERS**



**PASTOR SAMMY
BRINGING MANY GIFTS
TO PRISONERS**



**PASTOR SAMMY
BRINGING MANY GIFTS
TO PRISON CHILDREN**



**PASTOR SAMMY
BRINGING WASHING PANS
TO A SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

KENYA



PASTOR SAMMY PRESENTING THE GOSPEL TO A LARGE SCHOOL

Our Ukraine Pastor, Dima Bulakh, And Many Church Members Have Had To Hide In The Basement Of The Grace Evangelical Church In Kyiv, Ukraine!

Let me say to all of you GIMI friends and team members that the world is presently in a terrible turmoil and mess. Of course the reason this is happening is because of diabolical men like Putin and all of his atheistic, God-denying evil colleagues. I must say that it is also because of wicked American leaders, which we have in Washington, DC, who are truly reprobate because they will never admit one mistake or sin. The Bible tells us in **Romans One** that men who never will recognize God or admit that they are wicked and sinful are turned over to a reprobate mind. Thus, this is what we have in Washington, in our State Capitols, and yes, even in our local communities. Truthfully, these viciously lying and wicked people are in every political party. Every time they open their mouths, they lie and forcefully pretend to be a god-unto-themselves. Our entire nation is in a corrupt state. And because these hypocritical wicked people never admit any wrong, they are always blaming others for the horrible results of their own sins.

Dear friends, the war in Ukraine would never have been going on recently if our very own wicked, lying leaders would have been strong enough to stand up against Putin and Russia. Our dear friend, Pastor Dima Bulakh, and his congregation would not have had to recently be hiding in the church basement if our leaders would have been Godly and would have stood against the evil God-denying Russians. But, with the rising of this wicked 'woke' generation led by the wicked left-wing progressives, the older leaders are scared to death of these evil pretenders who claim to have the answers to everything including "Climate Change". The truth is that these wicked left-wing phony progressives are willfully ignorant and so filled with hate and revenge that they won't allow themselves to believe in God or absolute truth, which would of course put them in line for the coming day of God's accountability. So, rather than repent of their sins after admitting their sinfulness, they go on as if each one of these twisted perverts who doesn't know the difference

between male and female will never have to give an account to anyone. But folks, let's not kid ourselves! These wicked people will stand before Jesus to give an account for the wickedness they have caused here in our country and in the rest of the world. These ignorant fools had better remember that one day out in the future, they are going to stand before Jesus and hear the words, **"Depart from me ye workers of iniquity."** (Matthew 7:21) According to **Romans One**, those who are given to reprobation can never be saved!

May I tell you that the greatest need of the present hour is an old fashioned, heaven sent, sin killing, and Devil disturbing revival in our personal hearts, as well as in our homes, our churches, our communities, and collectively in our entire American nation! If there is not a serious revival, our nation, and yes the rest of the world, is on the brink of complete destruction, which will be finalized after Christ raptures the church and the Anti-Christ appears on the scene. I must challenge every one of you believers who reads this newsletter to please get on your knees and join my wife and me in praying for this urgently needed revival. With the brevity of time, we must totally and completely surrender our lives wholeheartedly to Christ, and we must determine in our hearts that we will win as many people to Christ here in America and around the world as we possibly can. Thus, I welcome every one of you dear GIMI friends to join in helping us take the Gospel to America, to our fields in Africa, and then, if things close somewhat well in the Ukraine, to this beautiful country also. As Dr. Johnny Hunt used to say often, **"The Great Commission Is Still The Great Commission."**

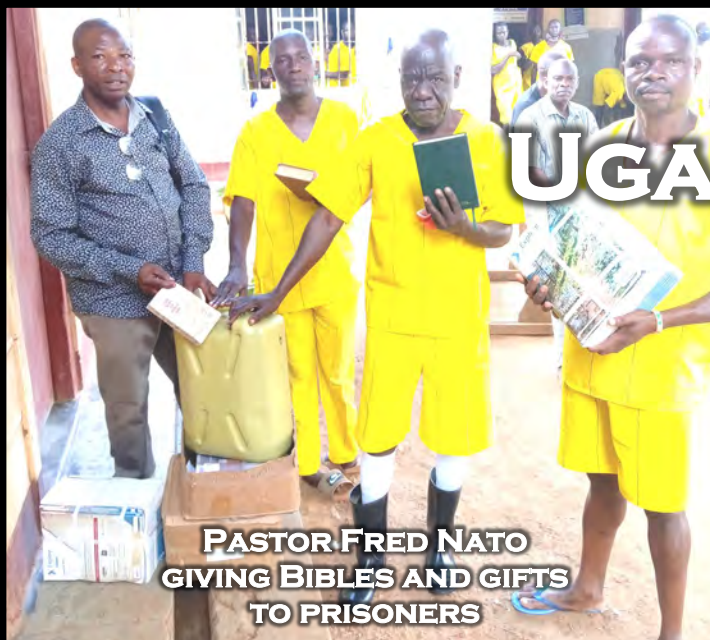




**PASTORS ABRAHAM AND JULIUS,
FORMER PRISONERS,
BRINGING CHRISTMAS COWS**



**A LARGE GROUP OF PRISONERS
WAITING OUTSIDE
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL**



**PASTOR FRED NATO
GIVING BIBLES AND GIFTS
TO PRISONERS**

UGANDA



**PASTOR JOHN SSENTUMBWE
WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES
FOR PRISON OFFICERS' CHILDREN**

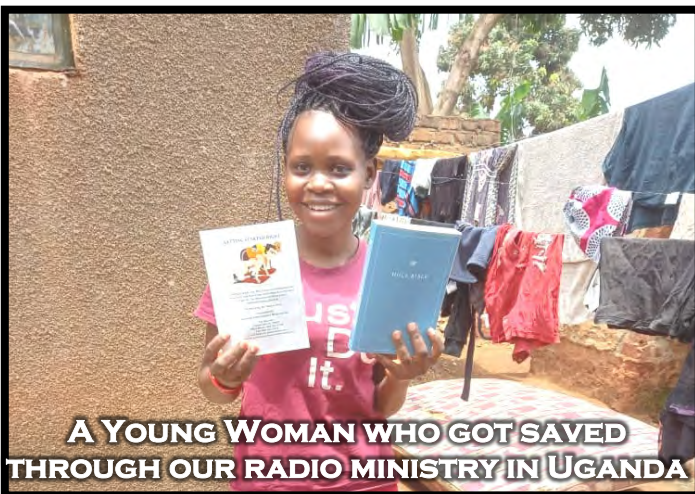


**ORPHAN CHILDREN PRAYING TO RECEIVE JESUS
AT THE SPRINGS OF HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME IN UGANDA**

We Are Still Available To Visit Some Churches!

As I move on with my articles in this newsletter, I just want to mention that even with the Covid Crisis in our country for the past two years, Jo Anne and I have prayed much about the importance of visiting some of our supporting churches, plus hopefully, to visit some new churches as well. We would love to get into some new churches to share with you dear pastors and church families about what God has been doing through our GIMI ministry in Africa during the last 22 years. Truly, we have seen the Book of Acts come to life right before our very eyes. We would love to share with everyone about what Jesus is doing on all of our African mission fields and in Ukraine as well. In fact, over the past 22 years since my wife and I took over this ministry, GIMI will soon be privileged, by April, to have shared the Gospel message with over 14.5 million people. And more importantly, out of these 14.5 million people, we have seen 3.5 million of them make first time decisions for Christ! For this wonderful miracle, we are praising God.

And, while I am talking about visiting some churches once again, I would like to apologize to Pastor Chris Wesson and the precious people of Old Union Baptist Church, in Harlem, GA for having to cancel a recently scheduled meeting with the people of this longtime supporting church due to being exposed to someone with Covid, and then, having to remain in quarantine for several days. Pastor Chris, we are sorry about this cancellation. We sincerely look forward to coming to be with you and your church very soon, if you can work out the date!



We Are Still Praying For The Doors To Open So That Our Mission Teams Can Return To Africa

During the past several months, quite a few of you have contacted me about the possibility of going on a mission trip back to Africa. We all know that the pandemic has really affected and restricted the opportunity for people to travel back and forth from other countries to America. And, the different restrictions in all of our African countries have been not only confusing, but they have also been so different that we can't determine if people could fly safely, have to wear masks on all flights, have to be in quarantine for several days once the teams arrive in Africa, and of course, most recently, with the coming of the Omicron virus, our own President prematurely stopped flights from at least eight countries in Africa. So, we honestly don't know how to plan or project for our mission teams to go share the Gospel and minister to a lot of suffering people at the present moment.

I do want to tell you that my son, Pastor Joel Frye is still planning to take a Medical/Evangelism team back to Uganda and Kenya just as soon as things open up. Pastor Joel had put a tremendous team together for a trip back in the late spring of 2020, when the plague hit all of us. Therefore, the team could not make this trip. This team is still excited about going again. So, I ask all of you to really help us pray for God to kill the virus, open the doors, and of course, put together the teams that He wants to go and represent GIMI. In the past, JoAnne and I have taken over 300 people to Africa on mission trips to preach, teach, witness, conduct medical clinics, and to do a lot of other ministries in the prisons, schools, orphanages, and churches in order to share the love of Jesus and the Gospel message. Thus, we just need to pray that the doors will swing wide open for all of us, and, that Jesus will put together the teams He wants to use to win lost people to Him. And, to seem a little drastic, let me tell you that we must do everything we can to win people to Jesus, because time is running out before Jesus comes. Now, if you think we are using fear tactics to enlist mission team members, let me just tell you that we aren't. But, if we can watch all of these TV ads with medicine sales people and scores of other items being advertised through fear

tactics, I believe we might use many other types of tactics to try and win people to Christ, including the certainty of death and the judgment of Christ to come. Yes, as all of us have witnessed over the past two years that many people have faced imminent death because of the horrible disease, which has been a terrible thing. But, it is even more horrible for those who are facing death without being saved and having Jesus in their hearts. So, let's pray for God to open doors, and then, that He will once again lead and direct people to make a journey for Jesus to win people for Him. Truly, the fields are yet white unto harvest!

We Are Now In The Process Of Providing Teaching Videos

I would like to share with all of you on our GIMI Team that in recent months following the surgery on my vocal cords in 2021, I have seriously begun our radio broadcasts again. I have also started producing some teaching videos to hopefully help all of the pastors I can here in America and provide some tremendous teaching videos for our preachers, teachers, and other church leaders in Africa, who want so much to become better equipped to share the Word of God and to train other workers.

So, I will mention that on our GIMI website, you can find many of my teaching videos, which you can download for free. But also, we are beginning to produce some videos on DVD's if you would like to have some of these to improve your ministry. The first set of videos is entitled "Finishing The Task God Has Given Us". This is a series of 15 DVD teaching sessions on how to better equip yourselves to do the work that God has given us and to fulfill the responsibilities that go along with being a faithful and fruitful church leader. If you have the funds, we are asking for a donation of \$25.00 from our American church leaders. If you don't have the funds to send a donation, then just let us know, and we will send the set of DVD's to you absolutely free there in Africa, but also here in America. I sincerely believe that this set of training videos will be a great help to your ministry.

Also, I would like to tell you that I am presently working on some more teaching videos and other video materials that can be used to help you with your ministry and with doing a better job of reaching

the lost world with the Gospel message! I will be offering some of these new videos to our radio listening audience just as soon as I possibly can. So, just keep praying for this old senior preacher!



Books and Booklets Available

We have an available list of the many books and booklets I have written down through the years of my ministry. You may request it by contacting our office. I love to write, and presently, I have completed over 80 books and booklets. When you receive this newsletter, I hope you will take the time to read carefully over all of my writing projects and see if there might be some books or booklets that might be able to help you, your family, your church family, and even other people that maybe could use some help with such things as depression, the family unit, Gospel tracts, and many other items. I do want to tell you that just in the past few weeks I have concluded writing a booklet on the apostasy that Jesus and Paul told us that would escalate during these last days just before the coming of Christ. This new booklet is a verse exposition of **II Timothy 3:1-17**. Paul wrote this last letter to warn young Timothy and all future Christians that we all must get ready for this terrible falling away. We need to learn how to stand and deal with this appearing apostasy because it is getting worse, and it will even get extremely worse as we wait for the return of Jesus to rapture His church and then turn the present world over to the horrible Antichrist for seven years during the Great Tribulation! I do hope you might order a copy of this new booklet to help you get ready for the coming of Jesus!

Please Read The Following Articles

Beloved friends, before closing my articles in this newsletter, I would like to mention to you that the next article I am putting in this newsletter edition is one that we used in a newsletter some time ago. But, I just feel that because of the terrible problems in our churches these days, we need to include this article once again to try and expose the fickleness in our churches. Please read this article and try to glean some information that will help you to work with your church leaders to clear up this fickleness in our churches.

Earlier in this newsletter, I asked all of you to please help us pray for genuine revival in our churches here in America, and yes, in the churches in all of our countries. We are in desperate need for spiritual awakening in America and in all of the other countries as well. Just remember that genuine revival must begin in the hearts of true believers and genuinely concerned churches. So, let's get serious about fasting and fervently praying for revival in these very last days just before Jesus comes back to get His church. There are multitudes of lost people still in the world today. But these people are not going to get saved unless we experience true revival, which will bring a true compassion and burden for the lost in the lives of truly saved people. So, I hope you will be blessed by the following two articles!

In the King's service,
Dr. Stan Frye
President of GIMI
Matthew 9:35-38



First Church Of Fickleville, Anywhere!

Most of you GIMI friends know that I have been in the ministry for over 56 years. During these years, my wife, Jo Anne, and I have had the privilege of leading 11 Baptist churches throughout the United States. We have had some wonderful experiences with some of these churches growing rapidly and many people coming to Christ. In a few of the other churches, we had good growth, but nothing amazing. However, having pastored all of these churches, we have been first hand observers of the dedicated people and the visionary attitudes that have contributed to church growth and development. On the other hand, we have watched people with almost no dedication to Christ and to the local church who have contributed nothing but discouragement to the church leaders and to fellow church members in the flock. But honestly folks, Jo Anne and I have never seen such fickle people in the churches as we are seeing today in this generation. We are seeing it in many churches where we visit, and to be truthful, we saw it vividly in our last church plant. So, because no one with cancer can be treated properly until they are professionally diagnosed by well-trained doctors, I believe that as an older seasoned pastor with years of experience that I need to make a diagnosis of the First Church of Fickleville and see if I might be able to help people get well from their willful disease of fickleness.

What Is Fickleness?

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word fickle means the following: likely to change often, changeable, fluctuating, inconsistent, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile, aimless, erratic, hit-or-miss, irregular, vacillating, wavering, undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy, and on and on we might go. And yes, even as I typed the words, the names of church people kept coming to my mind. These are the terrible characteristics of so many professing believers today, and these people never accomplish anything of eternal value because they are basically living for the moment. Attending church and following Christ are just two of the many options and alternatives that they choose from each week. If they have nothing else to do or if they have no other place to go, they might show up at church or some church activity. They make promises with their mouths and rarely fulfill them. They get all worked up about special things they might do like working in Vacation Bible School, helping to serve a meal to the elderly, or just anything where they might get a little special attention. And then, when this special event is over and it is time for "regular worship and church again", you might not see them for weeks. Why, these people get all emotionally worked up in a church worship service and even lift their hands and shout, "Hallelujah!", but then they go home, and you don't see them for weeks. And God forbid that the pastor or some other church leader contact them, because if they do, the church member from Fickleville will get very angry because they don't want to be held accountable for their negligence. They are usually self-centered people with no time for anyone else.

These people keep their children and grandchildren out of church on Sundays and other worship times, if they have any other thing to do. If you call on them to do some particular job in the church, they will usually only do it if they can get some glory. And beyond this, these fickleites usually require high maintenance and demand special attention if they ever get around to doing anything. They are not team players because team players are more interested in the winning of the team rather than displaying their own abilities before the crowd. And beloved friends, these fickle folks are destroying the fruitfulness and growth of our local churches. So, it is my prayer that every person who reads this newsletter might stop and take a personal inventory of his or her life and see if there are any signs of fickleitis. If there is, please, please take this dreaded disease to the Great Physician and ask Him to heal it immediately. Why? Because the Kingdom of God and the success of the Great Commission and world missions is depending upon dependable and genuine people who will carry out the mission God has given them to do.

Now, before I move on, let me give you two vivid illustrations from the Bible of fickleness. One of these may be found in the Gospels. Do you remember when Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and the crowd threw down palm leaves and shouted, "Hosanna to the highest!"? And then, just a short time later, these same people stood outside the court of Pilate and shouted, "Crucify Him!" I don't know how Jesus felt as He was attacked and abused by fickle people because He was free from sin. But I do know how it feels to have church members promise me one day or one Sunday that they are going to be faithful and support me as their pastor, and within two or three days, they get mad and leave the church. I have had the same thing happen with people who have promised to support our GIMI mission program, especially some younger people and young preachers. Then a few days later, these same people are gone and can't be found. Then I find out that it is always my fault, but this information comes from friends of those who left because those who leave are so fickle that they don't have the courage to even tell you face to face why they are leaving. I even had this to happen at our last church plant. And truthfully, this is why I feel led to deal with this because every

pastor I know deals with this regularly in this generation of professing believers.

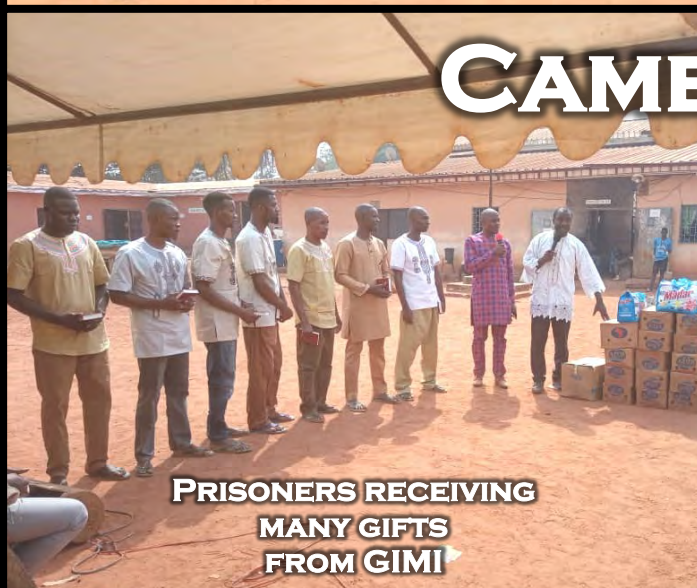
The last illustration that I want to give you is found in **Acts 14**, where Paul and Barnabas were in the city of Lystra on the first missionary journey. Paul had just healed a man at the gate of the city who had been crippled from his birth. The man jumped up and began to leap and run in the city filled with excitement. The people in that pagan city were so caught up with excitement that they thought Paul and Barnabus were the Greek gods of Jupiter (Zeus) and Mercurius (Hermes). They sent for the priest of these pagan gods, and they were about to make a sacrificial offering unto Paul and Barnabus. But Paul and Barnabus would not have it, and they ran into the crowd and tore their clothing showing the people of Lystra that they were just humans like themselves. These mixed up Jews and wicked Gentiles got so mad at Paul because he was the spokesman for the apostles, that they took him outside the city gate, stoned him brutally, and left him for dead. Folks, please notice this! One minute they wanted to worship God's servants as gods, and the next minute they wanted to kill them. Would you say that they were enormously fickle? I surely would, and yet, this fickleness was surely not just localized to Lystra in that day and time. Why? Because our churches are full of these fickle folks fooling around feverishly with the work of Jesus today! May God stamp out this fickleness and give us in the Kingdom of God some more Pauls who will stick by the stuff, even when it is not even safe to do so. We need to learn that serving Jesus faithfully and taking His Gospel to the lost world is not about us, but about Him and them. When we go to church to see what others can do for us, rather than to see what we can do for Jesus and others, we won't last very long. Why? Because we are self-centered human beings who are always seeking attention, but when we are faced with accountability to be faithful and hold to our promises, so very often we get mad and go looking for another place to display our fickleness! May God stop this terrible disease in this generation before it spreads even more!



**PASTOR EMMANUEL
PRAYING WITH PRISONERS**



**PASTOR EMMANUEL
LEADING A PRISON BAPTISMAL SERVICE**



**PRISONERS RECEIVING
MANY GIFTS
FROM GIMI**



**PASTOR EMMANUEL PREPARING
TO GIVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF GIFTS
FROM GIMI**

CAMEROON



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**PASTOR ARTHUR YANWEH
BRINGING BIBLES FROM GIMI
TO PRISONERS**

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"A Serious Prayer For Revival"
" Effective Expositions For Life"
Psalm 85

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We Must Pray For Revival!

I believe every one of you who is reading this article would truly agree with me that the world is in a genuine mess. And surely, America is a great contributor to this unbelievable mess. Everywhere we look, we see wickedness being flaunted in our faces, and the God-deniers are cramming their vileness and viciousness down our throats. Our children are being constantly bombarded with the drug culture and blatant immorality. Our churches have become counterfeit with preachers that no longer preach the truth of the inerrant Word of God, but instead tell stories and share their feelings about passages of Scripture. All we hear is that these charlatans are trying to contextualize the Gospel so that it is not offensive to the people in this perverted culture. And honestly, we are seeing our so-called church leaders ridiculing true Biblical exegesis, while promoting dialogue and conversation. In other words, they believe that everybody's opinion about the Scriptures is more important than what the Book of God actually teaches. Truly, we are in a spiritual famine when it comes to truth being proclaimed and then more so, when it comes to obedience to the Word of truth.

Let us listen to what the prophet Amos told Israel just before judgment came upon the Northern Kingdom of Israel. ***"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it (Amos 8:11-12).*** Folks, is this not what is now happening in our good ole America? We have churches everywhere with so-called pastors and preachers standing in the pulpits telling jokes, giving therapy for living, promising health and wealth prosperity, and even telling the people that there is no need for worrying because God in His sovereignty has already determined or predestined who will go to heaven and who will go to hell. They say there is nothing we can do about it, so let's not be overly concerned. In other words, the verse-by-verse exposition is now gone and stories are being told. Of course, I remember that stories have always been more appropriate for little children who have never grown up! Let's just make sure that everything said or done is politically correct and truly non-offensive. This really sounds good, but if sin is not exposed, the truth of the Gospel is not proclaimed, and if there is no repentance, there is no hope for forgiveness, no salvation, no better life, and more importantly, no way to go to heaven when we die. Therefore, the main reason we are in such a mess in these last days just before the Second Coming of our Lord is that there are so many sissy preachers with no spiritual fortitude who will tell the truth of God's Word under the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God. Going to church nowadays is like going to the psychologist who blames everyone else for each person's sin and problems and offers no real help to the people who desire it. In other words, we have preachers and other church leaders trying to rev everybody up on Sunday morning so that they can go home from church feeling extremely happy about how they are regardless of how much sin is in their lives. Therefore folks, we desperately need a genuine Holy Ghost revival if we are going to preserve our country for a little while longer, and hopefully, to reap the last part of the harvest just before Jesus comes. We do know that time is running out, and the days of this wicked world are short according to the Word of God, but hopefully, we can have a true spiritual awakening before God totally destroys this world and the wicked people that are still lost in it. Will you please join Jo Anne and myself in praying for a true revival before it is too late for our country, and yes, other parts of the world. In the next few pages of this newsletter, I want to share with you some thoughts about praying for revival from **Psalm 85**, which I hope will inspire you to really start praying for revival. I sincerely hope and pray this will be a blessing to you our GIMI friends.

A True Prayer For Revival Scripture: Psalm 85:1-13

Introduction

This Psalm is one of the greatest in the entire Book of Psalms. It was probably written after the Israelites were permitted by Cyrus the Persian King to return to Jerusalem after their 70 years in Babylonian Captivity. When the Israelites went away into captivity as captives of Babylon, it is estimated that there may have been as many as 20,000 people taken captive. We are not sure of the population of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. when the final attack occurred on Jerusalem, but it is feasible that there may have been over 200,000 people living in Jerusalem proper and in the hills around the city. The Bible tells us in **Jeremiah 52:28-29** that there were 4,600 men that were taken away captive, but usually the women and children were not counted. So, I believe that there were approximately 20,000 exiles taken from Jerusalem. Please bear in mind that it is believed the population of the Northern Kingdom before it fell in 722 B.C. may have been as many as one million people because it included Samaria, Syria, Phoenicia, and several other areas. And, when the Northern Kingdom was

destroyed, many refugees fled to the Southern Kingdom and dwelt in or near Jerusalem. Thus, the population of Jerusalem was rather large. But because the Babylonians only took the strong men, leaders, and professional people to Babylon, many others were left behind in the rubble and refuse of the destroyed city. So, I believe the exiled people were about 20,000.

Now, we need to remember that the captives were in Babylon for 70 years. Thus, many children were born while other people died during those years. By the time the exiles were allowed to return to Jerusalem, it is believed that there were over 500,000 people living in Persia, which had overthrown Babylon. When the time came for the people to return to Jerusalem, only 52,000 people would go back under the leadership of Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah. I personally believe that many of the people were too old to return. Some were too young to really know much about Jerusalem, and therefore, they just didn't want to go. Then, I am sure that many didn't want to go because they envisioned the hard work that was ahead in rebuilding the city. Finally, there were many others who just didn't want to return to Jerusalem because they preferred to live in the sinful world of Persia where there was so much idolatry, witchcraft, worldliness, and immorality that the people had just become acclimated to living in sin. So, they desired not to return to their own land.

The returning Jews went back to Jerusalem and started rebuilding the temple, cleaning out the rubbish, and trying to live normal lives in a terrible environment. They did not work long before they started complaining, getting lazy, and slithering back into sin. Therefore, whoever the Psalmist was that wrote this Psalm, he had a heart for God, and he possessed a tremendous burden to see revival bring God's people and the nation back to Him. Thus, this Psalmist cries out to God for revival and begs him to do for Israel what He had done in bringing the remnant back home from Persia. He just told God, you have done it before, and please Lord, do it again.

May I tell you that this is what we need so desperately here in America at this time? Let's take a close look at the following verses and see if we can learn to pray properly for genuine revival once more.

I. NOTICE THE PSALMIST'S GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. vs. 1-3

A. The first thing the Psalmist does is to acknowledge his gratitude for the restoration of prosperity. v. 1

I am thrilled that the Psalmist starts out with gratitude before he offers his requests to God. I consider this a much-needed thing in these unthankful and ungrateful days in which we live. It just seems that we take so much of God's goodness and provisions for granted. Although it was going to take a lot of hard work now that the exiles had come home, the Psalmist was truly one Israelite that was grateful for how God had delivered him and his people.

Maybe we as God's born-again children should stop and just express our gratitude for our personal salvation and for the many ways God continues to bless us with his kindness, our daily needs, His living grace, and even for the privilege He has given for us to serve Him. I believe it is truly the epitome of pride and selfishness if we have the audacity to go to God with our request for revival without the prerequisite of praise and thanksgiving.

B. The second thing the Psalmist does is to acknowledge his gratitude for the remission of sins. v. 2

This verse is truly an expression of the Psalmist's thanksgiving to God for the way He had forgiven Israel's sins of the past and how He had covered their sins under the sacrificial blood of a lamb. The word "covered" here in the Hebrew language means to conceal or hide. This means that the writer of this Psalm was very thankful for the fact that God had covered Israel's sins until they could be atoned for on the Day of Atonement each year in the month of October. Of course, in this dispensation of time, we no longer have our sins covered by a sacrificial lamb killed each year, but thank God, our sins have been washed away in the sacrificial blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died for us, once and forever, there is no need to have our sins covered because the one-time atoning death of Christ cleanses us from all sin. Therefore, before we start asking God for more blessings of any kind, we should be careful to express over and over our gratitude for being saved or delivered as the Israelites were for their deliverance from Persian captivity. And, may I say that it is truly wonderful to be saved for eternity!

C. The third thing the Psalmist does is to acknowledge his gratitude for the removal of God's wrath. v. 3

Folks, this is truly one of the greatest verses in the Bible. Why do I say this? Because there is not a greater day on earth more important than the day we have the righteous anger of God removed from an individual or

even a nation of people. Back in verse two, the word iniquity literally means "perversion". Therefore, we must see the serious implication of having God's forgiveness or absolution of the perverse sins of a nation. If we will just stop and ponder the perversions or iniquity in America right now, truthfully, we are no better off than was Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed these cities as described in Genesis 19. God extended a lot of patience to these vile and corrupt people, but the day surely came when He said, "Enough is enough.", and their doom was sealed. God told Abraham that if there would have been just ten righteous people in these cities, He would not have destroyed them. But, there were not ten righteous people. So, God sent fire and brimstone down to wipe out these perverted cities. I fear, my friends, if we don't experience revival wherein the people of our nation repent, then judgment looms ahead for every wicked pervert that walks on our American soil. In Israel's case, the people had to suffer for 70 years under the domain of two wicked nations Babylon and Persia, before God's grace took God's wrath away from Israel and let the people return to Jerusalem. I sincerely pray that it won't take a similar punishment for America to bring us to our knees in humble contrition and brokenness.

II. NOTICE THE PSALMIST'S GREAT APPEAL. vs. 4-7

A. Please notice the Psalmist's ardent petition. v. 4

As we look at verse four, the first thing the Psalmist's appeals to God for is that He will turn Israel to a point of repentance. We might say that the writer is praying that God will strongly convict the people so that they will turn away from their wickedness and return to God-the only One that can bring personal salvation, and yes, salvation or deliverance to the returned exiles who have come back to Jerusalem. In the second part of this verse, he petitions God to please cease His anger from the people.

As I write this, I must say that I am utterly amazed that these people who have been living in bondage in Babylonian and Persian captivity had little more than returned home to Jerusalem when they began to slip back into rebellion toward God. If this doesn't show us the sinful nature of fallen man, I don't know what does. But yet, this is what the Israelites were doing, and the Psalmist was interceding on their behalf. So my dear friends, if we are going to pray for revival, we must also pray that God might stay His hand of judgment upon our nation, because for sure we are on the brink of God's divine judgment if we don't repent in brokenness and humility.

B. Notice the Psalmist's anxious pleading. vs. 5-6

1. The first part of this plea is for restraint. v. 5

In this verse five, we find an unusual plea from the Psalmist. He is pleading with God to restrain His anger toward the Israelites almost to the point of implicating or indicting God for His continual anger toward the Jews. But truthfully, I see more of a worried Psalmist who has almost given up hope for stopping God's coming judgment than I do him sincerely blaming God. Isn't this what happens when we don't see the answer to our prayers for quite sometime? Like the Psalmist, we too have the tendency to blame God if we don't see our prayers answered immediately.

There is one more very important fear or anxiousness in this verse revealed in the Psalmist's appeal to God. This seems to be that the writer is very concerned about the future generations to come if there is not a revival and a return to God. Truly this is one of my main concerns here in America. If we don't see a genuine revival whereby the people of this country return to God, I sincerely fear for our children, our grandchildren, and even our great grandchildren in the years to come. Therefore, the very thought of the impending consequences of our rebellion against God is beyond my imagination. For the sake of our children and future children, we must pray for a genuine Holy Ghost revival, and we must do it now!

2. The second part of this plea is for revival. v. 6a

Now we come to the primary reason the Psalmist has written down the prayer that he had been praying. It is almost like the Psalmist is in a state of desperation when he asks God, "Wilt thou not revive us again?" And beloved readers, unless we began to pray to God with a determined fervency because of our desperation, we are not going to see real revival. Truthfully, we will not see our prayers answered for revival until we are willing to pay the price of obedience for revival. A.W. Tozer said many years ago, "It is not that we haven't prayed for revival, but that we have not obeyed for revival." In other words, there is no sense in begging God

for this revival unless we are willing to clean up our lives , live righteously before God, and obey every command He gives to us. Without lifestyles of righteousness, God will not move on our behalf. Why? Because He will not dwell where there is no Godliness.

3. The third part of this plea is for rejoicing. v. 6b

In the second part of verse six, the Psalmist tells God why the people must have revival. The reason was that all of their joy was gone. They were living without joy because there was not an awareness of God's presence in their lives. There will never be joy because of God's presence if there is no righteousness welcoming His presence. Only righteous people with their hearts right with God can welcome and enjoy His sweet presence in their lives. So, if we really want genuine joy, there must be a lifestyle of righteousness.

III. NOTICE THE PSALMIST'S GODLY ATTITUDE. v. 8

After the Psalmist poured his heart out to God, it just seems that his entire attitude changed. From a somewhat skeptical frightened attitude, it now seems that God suddenly gave the Psalmist a tremendous amount of faith and confidence that his prayers were going to be answered. Surely God was going to give the revival in Jerusalem that he was praying for. Surely, God was about to change the depressed and desperate city of Jerusalem to a city of spiritual awakening and restoration just as the Psalmist had prayed for and desired. Obviously, he sensed what Dr. John Phillips knew about revivals, which he had known about in the British Isles, his home area, early in the 20th Century. Please read carefully the following insert from Dr. Phillip's Commentary on this 85th Psalm

"Revival and salvation always go hand in hand. Revival is the mighty work of the Spirit, wrought in the soul of a nation on a massive scale, which brings thousands of people into the experience of salvation. This in turn affects every phase of national life. Reformation only changes the outward; revival changes the inward."¹

"When revival comes to a nation, as it did to England in the days of the Wesleys and to Wales in the days of Evan Roberts, it changes national morality. There is a new surge in church attendance. Drunkenness, immorality, crime, dishonesty are curbed. Integrity is restored to national character. Employers become more considerate; employees become more industrious and dependable."²

1. The Psalmist's Godly attitude included an expectant waiting. v. 8a

As I wrote the inserted material from Dr. Phillips, I just paused and prayed a prayer that God would bring this same kind of revival to America as He did to the British Isles. As the Psalmist was waiting expectantly for God to send revival, so should we be looking with anticipation for this revival as we pray for it sincerely. What a joy it would be to see America repent and get back to God.

2. The Psalmist's Godly attitude included an essential warning. v. 8b

The author of this Psalm tells the people that if God sends revival, there will be peace in the land once again. But they must forever remember that even if God does send revival, they must be careful to never return to the foolishness of rebellion against God ever again. We must remember what David said in **Psalm 14:1**. *"The fool has said in his heart that there is no God...."* Turning our backs on the God that loved us, saved us, and provides our every need is one of the most catastrophic things any human being could ever do. As we anticipate the coming revival, we must also adhere to the warning about backsliding again.

IV. NOTICE THE PSALMIST'S GLAD ANTICIPATION. vs. 9-13

When I read the remaining verses of this wonderful chapter of Psalms, I must tell you that I almost get cold chills or "God bumps" as I often say when I think about how God through His son saw fit to bring mercy and truth together at Calvary, and then that this Truth (Jesus) arose from the dead to bring us eternal righteousness and peace. And because He did this with His death, burial and resurrection, we can know for sure that He will bring revival and restoration to our land or any country if the believers in these countries will plead for revival and pay the price of obedience to bring this to pass. Now, let's take a strong look at these

¹ Volume 3, John Phillip's Commentary On Psalms, page 105.

² Ibid, page 3.

verses and see what God has promised and is promising to us if His people will repent and pray for revival.

A. The Psalmist anticipated the reassurance of deliverance. v. 9

By this time in the Psalmist's prayer for revival, he is joyfully looking forward to answered prayer and true revival with much anticipation and excitement. He sincerely believes that God will answer his prayers and once again deliver his great land of Israel.

1. Please notice the guarantee of this deliverance. v. 9a

With an emphatic statement of confirmation, the Psalmist proclaims that God's salvation and deliverance is surely near those that will reverence and fear the name of God. He is truly sure that not only is personal salvation near for those who need to be saved, but he seems to be even more assured that salvation and revival is coming for his country. He is rejoicing by faith that it is about to happen. What a demonstration of confident faith by this great servant of God!

2. Please notice the glory in this deliverance. v. 9b

The second thing we find in the Psalmist's reassurance of deliverance for his nation is the glory of God, which is going to return to the land once again. When there is blatant sin in a life, a country, and yes, even in a church, the glory and presence of God is not there. The only thing that can bring back the glory is an old fashioned, heaven-sent, sin killing, and hell disturbing revival. The glory will in fact show up mightily in our lives, in our churches, and in our country if we repent of our sins, pray fervently for revival, and welcome back His glory.

Do you remember what happened in the Book of Samuel when the Philistines defeated Israel in a battle and stole the Ark of the Covenant? When Eli, this lazy, fat, and permissive priest heard that his sons had been killed by the Philistines and the Ark had been stolen, he fell off of his seat and broke his neck at the age of 98 and died. At the same time, Eli's daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was carrying a baby in her womb, and when she heard that her husband had been killed in battle and that the Ark was gone from Israel, she prematurely delivered the child and died. Just before she died, she named the baby Ichabod, meaning the glory had departed from Israel. You can find this entire story in **I Samuel, Chapters 3-6**. The Philistines stole the Ark of the Covenant, only to their own detriment, because as long as they had God's Ark where His glory dwelt, these wicked sinful people could not have peace. So they made sure that Israel got the Ark back in short order. It was only then that the Philistines were given back their temporary peace in their sins. You see folks, if the Glory of God is in the midst of sin, then it is a reproach to God, and it brings misery and conviction to everyone there that is not right with God. The Psalmist was praying that Israel would experience the glory of God once more, and he was confident that this was going to happen.

I am going to be very forthright and say that the glory of God is gone from most believers' lives and in most churches today. We have allowed sin and wickedness to come into our lives and into our churches under disguise of contextualizing the Gospel and we have lost the dynamic glory of God. You see folks, God will not dwell where He is not wanted or where there is unconfessed sin and wickedness. But, the Psalmist was sure that the glory would soon reappear to Israel God's chosen people.

B. The Psalmist anticipated reconciliation in the land. vs. 10-11

When the Psalmist started out with this prayer for revival, he began talking about the importance of God's withholding His impending judgment on the Israelites once again. He pleaded for God's mercy instead of God's righteous judgment. In the succession of these verses, the writer begs for mercy instead of judgment while at the same time knowing fully well that sin has to be judged or forgiven. We either will receive the mercy and forgiveness of God for our sin if we repent, or we will be punished for our sin if we fail to repent. So, what the Psalmist is talking about is reconciling the mercy of God with the righteousness of God. God is truly righteous and holy in character and unless there is mercy and forgiveness, then there can be no fellowship between a fallen sinner and our holy God. Therefore, as the author discussed the importance of this reconciliation, God prophetically envisioned for us what would happen on the cross of Calvary where Jesus would eventually die for the sins of the entire world.

In verses 10-11, we have a pointing to Calvary where mercy and truth would meet together, and when they did, there could only be peace. In fact, the word "kissed" means that mercy and truth reached out and

embraced each other. Ordinarily when truth and mercy are mentioned, they are in contrast to one another, but because of what Jesus did on the cross, they now embrace each other, and we as born-again believers are the better off for this marriage of mercy and truth.

In verse 11, we see the prophetic indication that Jesus, Who is Truth, would one day be resurrected from the earth, ascend back to heaven, and then send the Holy Spirit back to the earth to indwell every believer. These actions made it possible for righteousness to dwell in the hearts and lives of all believers, but also to prevail on earth collectively if we would respond to God's mercy and practice righteous daily living. Now, notice three things about this reconciliation which God has provided for those who would sincerely pray for and experience revival.

1. Notice the process of reconciliation. v. 10

The process of reconciliation could have only been possible if Jesus would have come down to this earth, die on the cross, and provide personal peace between God and fallen man. Of course, we know that this happened, and therefore it is not necessary for any human being to be separated or alienated from God the Father.

2. Notice the product of reconciliation. v. 11a

We must remember the basis of why the Psalmist prayed this strong prayer for revival. The returned former exiles in Jerusalem had become lazy and were living in a backslidden condition of rebellion toward God. Thus, they have once more separated themselves from God because of their sinfulness and rebellion. All of this happened after the graciousness of God had let them return from Babylon where they had been captive for 70 years. As someone has so rightly said, "The only thing we learn from history is that we don't learn from history." This statement is so true of the nation of Israel, and sad to say, we are experiencing the same recurring sinfulness here in America today. Therefore, this is why we desperately need revival. As long as two parties are at extreme odds with each other, then there must be reconciliation before peace can come.

3. Notice the pleasure in this reconciliation. v. 11b

Have you ever had a falling out with your wife, husband, or other family member? I have, and truthfully, these are not pleasant experiences. But when there is reconciliation between family members after being divided or alienated, there is a sweet peace in the family. The same was and is true for those who become reconciled with God. The latter part of verse eleven tells us that when people down here on earth get right with God by repentance and then the forgiveness of God, then our righteous God looks down from heaven with much pleasure. In other words, when God's fallen sinful creatures decide to repent and accept God's mercy, then this new relationship is not only a blessing to the saved sinner and those around him or her, but pleasure is brought to the righteous heart of God up in heaven. This should make all of us rejoice so much that on the cross of Calvary mercy and truth came together, and because it did, we now have the wonderful privilege of being completely reconciled to God.

Folks, this is what God wants to do for us by bringing revival to us individually, and even more so to our country. We have the choice to make! We can stay alienated from God through our sinful and willful rebellion as we watch the demise of our beautiful land, or we can be reconciled back to God by our repentance and our earnest prayers for revival. I pray that we submit to the latter!

C. The Psalmist anticipated a restoration of prosperity. vs. 12-13

As the Psalmist prayed earnestly for revival, he did so while at the same time looking all around him at the ruins of Jerusalem. The city was still filled with much rubbish everywhere. There was much work to do but few funds to pay for it. The economy of the country was in a state of collapse because the blessings of God had been withheld from those who came back from captivity. These people had been supernaturally allowed to return to their homeland only to go back to the same ways of rebellion toward God that took them into captivity to begin with. Why, they had returned home and started rebuilding the temple to worship God only to become tired and stop the work after just two years. While only the foundation stones were in place, the people stopped putting God's work first and went to the hillsides around Jerusalem and started building their own homes selfishly. You can find this story in Haggai who was sent by God to these post-exiles to get them back working on God's house. The work on the temple lay dormant for 14 years, but with the preaching of

Haggai, the work was finally restarted and the temple then was completed. When God is not first and preeminent in our lives and country, then God withholds His divine blessings, and yes, prosperity from the individual and also from the land. If you don't believe this, please read the following verse from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. ***"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all of these things (our necessities) shall be added unto you"*** (Matthew 6:33). In other words, Jesus must come first in our lives and in our country. I wish our Washington leaders could come to understand this!

1. The Psalmist knew that there would be material restoration if revival came. v. 12

Do we want to get our nation back to full productivity? If we do, then we must pray for our nation to repent and for God to send revival. Without a spirit of revival, the blessings of God materially and economically will be withheld from our individual lives and our nation.

2. The psalmist knew that there would be moral restoration if revival came. v. 13

Folks, it goes without necessary reiteration that America is a perverted and wicked nation right now. Our morals are worse than animals. We have perverted homosexuals running much of our government, and we have wicked adulterers and fornicators leading our school systems. Any Christian that stands for righteousness and the truth of God's Word is labeled as a homophobe, bigot, racist, and hundreds of other cruel names. Right has now become wrong, and wrong has now become right! But if God sends genuine revival to our land, there will be dramatic changes. Just remember what Dr. John Phillips told us earlier in this article about what happened in the British Isles. It can happen again, and I am praying that I live to see it. I beg you to join me in praying for this glorious move of God before it is too late.

Conclusion

So, what is the conclusion of this whole matter? It is that we must get on our knees and begin to pray for God to supernaturally intervene in our land and bring a glorious revival that will bring our entire nation back to brokenness and humble contrition. Then, we will begin to see miracle after miracle as the Lord works and reigns in our lives. This all might seem like a "pie in the sky, by and by" philosophy, but we do know God has done it before, and He wants to do it again if we will meet His requirements for revival.

A Postscript Note Of Reflection and Warning:

Some of you may think that I have lost my mind in writing this long article on revival. But the truth is that I am so burdened about our country that I am losing sleep many nights over the need for a spiritual awakening in our land. It is so heavy on my heart that sometimes I think I am literally going to die under this load. So, this is the reason I have given so much time and space to this article on praying for revival in our country as the Psalmist prayed for revival in His land. I do pray that you will join me in seriously praying for our land, and I would like to share with you a few more thoughts from Dr. John Phillips about what happened in his homeland of Wales many years ago. I want you to ponder two important things he provides. One, we must reflect on what God did for Wales, and secondly, we must accept the warning about what happened after real revival came. I want to see genuine revival come in order to get thousands saved before Jesus comes again. But, I don't want to see the enormous backsliding here in our land after revival as it came to Wales after their revival. So please pay attention to these next few paragraphs from Dr. John Phillips who is now in heaven.

"I was born in Wales where a great spiritual awakening took place at the turn of the 20th Century. Astonishing things happened. Miners were gloriously saved. Instead of oaths and curses proceeding out of their mouths, they came out of their terraced cottages each morning singing the songs of Zion. Public houses (brothels) closed down for lack of business. In Cardiff, the capitol city, policemen found themselves walking the streets with little or nothing to do. Jails and the courts remained largely empty. Church leaders from all over England and across the seas came to see what was happening. They went home praying that the revival fires might spread. And spread they did—into numerous countries. The revival crossed the Atlantic and broke out among the Welsh miners of Pennsylvania and elsewhere."³

"It was a time of great national joy. However, it did not last. First there was a counterfeit revival with demonic overtones. Emotion played too large a part in the revival and there was no doctrinal undergirding of the movement. People were content with the emotional, the exotic, the exciting, the charismatic. No

³ Ibid, page 106.

Foundation was laid for the future."⁴

"One can walk through those Welsh valleys today and see no trace of the revival. Churches which opened up in the wake of the revival are now boarded up, for sale, or used as stores or garages. The Welsh people seem to be more interested in socialism than salvation and the preaching of communism has greater attraction than the preaching of Christ. The churches are empty again and the public houses (brothels) are full."⁵

"The psalmist feared as much for his homeland. Hence this word of warning against the neglect of God's salvation, against neglect of God's Word, against returning to folly."⁶

4 Ibid.

5 Ibid.

6 Ibid.

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