

# REVIVAL LEADERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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# REVIVAL LEADERS WE WILL STUDY

Date	Leader
March 9	Elijah – The man who heard God’s Wisper
March 16	Ezekiel – The man who saw dry bones come back to life
March 23	Hezekiah – The man who opened the Temple Doors
March 30	Jeremiah – the man who pleaded for God’s people to come home
April 6	Josiah – The man who tore his clothes when the scriptures were read
April 13	Nehemiah – The man who said the Joy of the Lord is your strength
April 20	Onesiphorus – The man who refreshed Paul
April 27	Samuel – The man who was proof of ebenezer
May 4	No class on Wednesday. Prayer service on Thursday PM.
May 11	Fifty-Thousand Jews who left Babylon to rebuild Jerusalem
May 18	Asa – The man who did what was right until the end
May 25	Isaiah – the man who said, “Here am I, send me”

# REVIVE US AGAIN

Verse 4

- *Revive us again,*
- *Fill each heart with Thy love*
- *May each soul be rekindled*
  - *With fire from above.*
- *Hallelujah! Thine the glory*
  - *Hallelujah! Amen.*
- *Hallelujah! Thine the glory*
  - *Revive us again.*

Dr. W.P. Mackay

# REVIVAL'S FOUNDATION

To the church at Ephesus Jesus said in Revelation 2:5; “**Remember** therefore from where you have fallen; **repent**, and **do the works you did at first**. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

For God's people, revival is remembering, repenting and repeating

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- God has a people
  - 1 Peter 2:9–10; But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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  - Deuteronomy 10:12–13; And now, Israel, **what does the LORD your God require of you**, but to **fear the LORD** your God, to **walk in all his ways**, to **love him**, to **serve the LORD** your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to **keep the commandments and statutes** of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

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  - Colossians 1:9–14; And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,<sup>10</sup> **so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;**<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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  - Jeremiah 7:21–26; Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh. <sup>22</sup> For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>23</sup> But this command I gave them: ‘Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’ <sup>24</sup> **But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.** <sup>25</sup> From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day. <sup>26</sup> Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

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  - 1 Samuel 7:3–4; And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and **direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.**”<sup>4</sup> So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only.

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# REVIVAL'S CHARACTERISTICS



# ELIJAH THE MAN WHO HEARD GOD'S WISPER

1 Kings 19:11-13

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# THE DEVIL'S TOOLBOX



# THE QUEEN'S ANGER AND THE PROPHET'S FEAR -- 1 KINGS 19:1-8

▪ <sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

# THE GREAT SEA





Mount Carmel

Kishon

Beer-sheba

Mount Sinai





# ELIJAH'S PERSONAL REVIVAL

## 1 KINGS 19:9-14

▪ <sup>9</sup> There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

# FOUR MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD

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# GOD ASKS AGAIN

- 1 Kings 19:13–14; And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”<sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”
- Same question.
- Same answer.
- Different perspective – he knows that hearing God is more powerful than seeing God’s power.
- He is now ready to accept what the Lord’s instructions.

# ELIJAH REENGAGED

- 1 Kings 19:15–18; And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”
- God is not finished with Elijah
- God issued Elijah a fresh call to service and restored to him a new sphere of usefulness.
  - Elijah found 3-4 schools for prophets.
  - He anointed kings
  - He disciplined Elisha to be his replacement.

# LESSONS FROM ELIJAH'S REVIVAL

- Discouragement is often the result of loss of perspective.
- The dramatic does not guarantee God's presence.
- Smallness does not rule out God's presence.
- Failure is not final.
- Faithfulness should characterize all we do.