

## 45. HOW TO HAVE GENUINE REVIVAL (II Chronicles 29-31)

A number of ingredients are necessary to maintain genuine revival.

Major Bible revivals were:

- 1) Hezekiah's revival. (II Chronicles 29-31).
  - 2) Jonah's revival at Nineveh. (Jonah 3).
  - 3) Jerusalem revival. (Acts 1-12). 4) Paul's revivals in his three missionary journeys. (Acts 13-28)
- I. **Hezekiah's Revival:** How Hezekiah promoted revival in II Chronicles 29-31.
- 1) Mothers must train their children in God's ways from infancy. (29:1).
  - 2) Honour and repair God's House. (29:3).
  - 3) Train preachers, Bible teachers, priests and Levites. (29:4-19).
  - 4) Remove filthiness out of the Holy place. (29:5,16-19; 30:14; 31:1; Romans 12:1,2).
  - 5) Make a covenant to surrender to serve God in soul winning & disciple making. (9:10,11).
  - 6) Gather the rulers to honour the House of the Lord. (29:20).
  - 7) Restore private and public prayer. (29:11; 30:27).
  - 8) Restore public worship, singing and thanksgiving. (29:20-36).
  - 9) Restore visitation by mail and door-knocking. (30:1-13,6).
  - 10) Humble ourselves to God. (30:11; 7:14).
  - 11) Restore Bible teaching by levites (30:22). *Answers* books may help.
  - 12) Encourage preachers by paying them full salaries. (31:4).
  - 13) Restore tithing (31:5-12): 'The Lord hath blessed his people.' (31:10).
  - 14) Promote good, right, truth and holiness. (31:18,20).
  - 15) Seek God wholeheartedly and do God's work wholeheartedly. (31:21).
- II. **Paul's Revivals.** How did Paul promote revivals in Acts 13-28?
- 1) Churches to send out church planting, soul winning, Bible teaching missionaries. (13:1-3)
  - 2) Select trainee missionaries to go with them (Mark in Acts 13:5; Timothy in Acts 16:1-4)
  - 3) Preach to people who desire to hear the Word of God. (13:7).
  - 4) Rebuke error when you meet it. (13:8-11).
  - 5) Look for God-conscious people to preach to. (13:14-16).
  - 6) Tell people to turn from vanities to the Living God. (14:15).
  - 7) Teach many people God's Word. (14:21,22; 15:35).
  - 8) Train and ordain pastors in every church started. (14:23).
  - 9) Report back to sending church to encourage people & recruit more missionaries. 14:27,28
  - 10) Refute false doctrines properly. (15:1-).
  - 11) Revisit churches started to encourage them. (15:36-).
  - 12) Establish churches in the faith. (16:4,5).
  - 13) Baptise converts immediately. (16:14,15; 16:30-34).
  - 14) Reason with people from the Scriptures on the proof of Jesus Christ's death, resurrection and Messiahship. (17:1-4; 17:10-12; 18:4,5; 19:26).
  - 15) Preach at every opportunity. (17:15-17).
  - 16) Train promising Christians, eg: Apollos (18:24-28).
  - 17) Train orphan Christians, eg: John's disciples (19:1-7).
  - 18) Separate the disciples from error and false doctrines. (19:8-10).
  - 19) Get believers to burn evil objects from their unsaved days. (19:11-20).
  - 20) Spend blocks of quality time teaching disciples in each area. Two years at Ephesus (19:10); three months in Greece (20:1-3); a long time at Antioch (14:26-28).
  - 21) Train the Pastors in a pastor's school or conference. (20:17-35).
  - 22) Write Bible messages to churches to edify and equip them to serve God better (28:30,31)
- III. **A Modern Revival:** First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, USA, and Hyles-Anderson Bible College are the closest modern-day examples I have seen which apply these revival principles. I wholeheartedly recommend Hyles-Anderson Bible College to any young man or woman considering Bible College, for the following reasons:
- 1) Their intense evangelistic atmosphere. All faculty and students are required to go soul winning weekly and bring these converts to the First Baptist Church on their buses. Over 10,000 new converts were baptised each year since 1996 at the end of each Sunday service.
  - 2) Their Biblically-sound Fundamental Doctrinal emphasis:  
They believe in a literal hell with fire and brimstone.  
They stand for the King James Bible as the only inerrant English Bible.  
They stand for the local New Testament Church as the only true church.  
They believe in redemption through the blood of Christ, salvation by grace through faith alone, and the premillennial Second Coming of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:42).
  - 3) Their Separatist Position: Absolutely no drinking, smoking or dancing is allowed.  
  
No student may attend Hollywood movies, play cards or participate in questionable amusements. They do not fellowship with liberals, the world or apostasy. (Romans 16:17)
  - 4) Their High Moral Standards and Old-fashioned Discipline: Young ladies are not allowed to leave Campus unchaperoned. Young men and young ladies may not date alone in cars. Absolutely no hand-holding or other intimacies are allowed between the sexes. There are date nights with bus transportation and adequate chaperones provided by the College. Student insubordination is absolutely forbidden. (I Corinthians 7:1).

- 5) Their Modest Dress Code: Skirts above the knees are not allowed. Men must wear neckties to class and have short haircuts. Young ladies may not wear shorts or slacks.
- 6) Their Emphasis on Manners, Courtesy and Culture: They oppose pagan humanism of many Colleges. They teach courtesy, proper manners, Christian grace and refinement of how young people should conduct themselves to glorify Jesus Christ. (I Peter 3:8).
- 7) The Practical: They blend the best scholarship with the best practical teaching possible. Young preachers are taught how to start soul-winning churches, how to build church buildings, how to borrow money from lending institutions, how to raise money and adopt a budget, and how to organise, operate and perpetuate a New Testament Church. Every student who has left our church to study at Hyles-Anderson College has returned far more trained, mature, equipped and loyal to Christ and to our church than when they left. They increased in love, fellowship and appreciation to me as their sending Pastor.
- 8) Their Local Church Emphasis: God's program for service today is in the local New Testament Church. They are committed to training preachers who will build Bible-believing, fundamental, separated, soul-winning churches. They also aim to train pastors, evangelists, song leaders, youth workers, bus directors, missionaries, Christian school teachers and administrators, who can enter the ministry upon graduation.
- 9) Their strong three-fold emphasis on:
  - a) The students' spiritual life and personal walk with Jesus Christ. Every teacher is a dedicated Christian and consistent soul-winner.
  - b) The strong academic curriculum teaches how to reach the masses, and what to teach and preach to those reached.
  - c) The practical 'how to do it' side of church ministries which have worked in First Baptist Church when applied elsewhere.
- 10) Proven Results in First Baptist Church which has:
  - a) A church membership of over 100,000 believers.
  - b) Over 10,000 baptisms per year for the last 5 years.
  - c) Over 1,000 pastors and missionaries trained, now serving in USA and overseas.
  - d) Over 1,000,000 people in Chicago claim to have been saved through First Baptist's ministry and have walked the aisle to confess Jesus Christ publicly as their Saviour.
  - e) Their Annual Pastors School every March since 1967 attracts about 10,000 pastors and workers to train, motivate and reinvigorate them to win the world for Christ.
  - f) Over 2,200 full-time students attend Hyles Anderson College. Campus accommodation
  - g) Visitors are greatly impressed with their Christian love, warmth, commitment, zeal & manners shown to each other & to visitors. All is done very well & professionally.