



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Revival and the Kingdom

Background

Christians are praying for revival because that's what they want. But is it what Father wants?

That's a very important question. You see, it's what Father wants that he sanctions and brings into being. What we desire and want for ourselves is one thing, but to step outside of our autonomy and pressure him for something that we think is essential for his Kingdom¹, that's a 'different ballgame'. It's true that he'll work with us on our desires and wants, but it's his plans and purposes that we need to engage ourselves with.

Many Christians are wanting the revival of their church system because it's dying, but that's got nothing to do with the Kingdom. A large percentage of believers are also wanting revival to transform their nation so that it functions with Christian values. That's seen as expanding the Kingdom, but it's not, if the road to that transformation is just a boost to the religious system.

IMPORTANT: The Kingdom only has within itself factors that are pertinent to the rule and reign of the King, of Heaven, and of the Kingdom of God – nothing else. Anything outside of those, do not belong to the Kingdom.

Here's a quote from Graham Cooke to shed light on what's Kingdom and what's not, and how we need to fit in with it:

*"The mind of Christ is the only viable way of thinking in the Kingdom... We are aware that God is saying, "I am totally uncommitted to the old. I dealt with it. I am not intentionally dealing with it any more. I am totally committed to the new, so I want you to align with that perspective. So learning the language and vocabulary of the new is absolutely essential."*²

Understanding

So, if praying for church revival doesn't fit in with Kingdom activities, then why have there been spiritual revivals in the past?

Revivals have been Father's touch on his people to show them what life in the Kingdom is meant to be like. This occurred as the people postured themselves to be open to him to give them a paradigm shift to replace religion. The groups so touched have moved into greater spirituality, but they fitted that spirituality in with their religion, rather than replacing it and moving forward. As a consequence, the spiritual development they received faded away quickly, often by the next generation of followers.

History

Revival #1 – John Crowder's book, known as 'The New Mystics'³, documents the occurrence of many Spirit-focused and Spirit-led believers since the 2nd Century. His book also includes some church revivals, one of

1 – 'The Kingdom' is shorthand for 'The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth'. Although Father has given his son (King Jesus) this Kingdom, he's actually running it for Father. Our King will give it back to Father when it's fully restored to what they had planned before Creation.

2 – Graham Cooke (27-7-2024) "The Language of the Kingdom" [AUDIO from the Brilliant Perspectives series] podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-language-of-the-kingdom/id1347718040?i=1000663480618

3 – John Crowder (2006) "Miracle Workers, Reformers, and the New Mystics: How to Become Part of the Supernatural Generation" www.amazon.com.au/Miracle-Workers-Reformers-New-Mystics-ebook/dp/B0051GN2JE

which were the Moravians⁴. This group came out of the Hussite⁵ movement, a Spirit-focused group led by Jan Hus⁶ (English: John Huss), early in the 15th Century in Bohemia (Czech Republic). As John Crowder records about them:

“The Moravians of Herrnhut, Saxony, were a group of about 300 refugees living on the estate of Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, when in 1727 a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit fell. “We saw the hand of God and His wonders, and we were all under the cloud of our fathers baptized with their Spirit. The Holy Ghost came upon us and in those days great signs and wonders took place in our midst. From that time scarcely a day passed but what we beheld His almighty workings amongst us.”... The Moravians were responsible for converting Methodist founders John and Charles Wesley and even ignited the Baptists to amp up their missionary efforts.”⁷

Their revival has gone! The modern Moravian church doesn't seem to have any features of it's original Holy Spirit outpouring. As it's recorded today, you'll note that their focus is on missions, faith, services, etc., not what the Spirit is doing:

“The modern Moravian Church, with about 750,000 members worldwide, continues to draw on traditions established during the 18th-century renewal. In many places it observes the convention of the lovefeast, originally started in 1727. It uses older and traditional music in worship. Brass music, congregational singing and choral music continue to be very important in Moravian congregations. In some older congregations, Moravians are buried in a traditional God's Acre, a graveyard with only flat gravestones, signifying the equality of the dead before God and organized by sex, age and marital status rather than family. The Moravians continue their long tradition of missionary work...”

Some Moravian scholars point to a different formula as a guide to constructive debate about faith. This formula was first advanced by Luke of Prague (1460–1528), one of the bishops of the ancient Unitas Fratrum. Luke taught that one must distinguish between things that are essential, ministerial or incidental to salvation. The essentials are God's work of creation, redemption and sanctification, as well as the response of the believer through faith, hope and love. Things ministerial are such items as the Bible, church, sacraments, doctrine and priesthood. These mediate the sacred and should thus be treated with respect, but they are not considered essential. Finally, incidentals include things such as vestments or names of services that may reasonably vary from place to place.”⁸

Revival #2 – The very first Methodists⁹ and Salvation Army¹⁰ groups of the 18th & 19th Centuries were Spirit-filled and called ‘holy-rollers’¹¹ because of the way they ecstatically responded to the touch of the Spirit. As John Crowder records:

“The Methodists, believe it or not, were known for being absolutely loud and obnoxious. Their services, during the Wesleyan revival, were marked by excessive emotional demonstrations of worship. They were so loud, in fact, that they were called the ‘shouting Methodists’.”¹²

I grew up in the Methodist church system in the mid-20th Century and I can unequivocally state that the organisation wasn't Spirit-filled any more, by that time.

Revival #3 – The Welsh Revival¹³ of 1904-1905 has come and gone. As has been recorded, it's strong focus was on music, with choir singing being the end product of the revival, a factor the Welsh have been famous for ever since:

“Unlike earlier religious revivals based on powerful preaching, the revival of 1904–05 relied primarily on

4 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moravian_Church#History

5 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hussites

6 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Hus

7 – John Crowder (2006) “Miracle Workers, Reformers, and the New Mystics: How to Become Part of the Supernatural Generation” www.amazon.com.au/Miracle-Workers-Reformers-New-Mystics-ebook/dp/B0051GN2JE [chapter 10]

8 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moravian_Church#Present

9 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Methodism#Origins

10 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Salvation_Army#History

11 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Roller

12 – John Crowder (2006) “Miracle Workers, Reformers, and the New Mystics: How to Become Part of the Supernatural Generation” www.amazon.com.au/Miracle-Workers-Reformers-New-Mystics-ebook/dp/B0051GN2JE [chapter 10]

13 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1904%E2%80%931905_Welsh_revival

music and on alleged supernatural phenomena as exemplified by the visions of Evan Roberts. The intellectual emphasis of the earlier revivals had left a dearth of religious imagery that the visions supplied. The visions also challenged the denial of the spiritual and miraculous element of Scripture by opponents of the revival, who held liberal and critical theological positions. The structure and content of the visions not only repeated those of Scripture and earlier Christian mystical tradition but also illuminated the personal and social tensions that the revival addressed by juxtaposing Biblical images with scenes familiar to contemporary Welsh believers...

The revival lasted less than a year, but in that time 100,000 people were converted. Begun as an effort to kindle non-denominational, non-sectarian spirituality, the Welsh revival of 1904–05 coincided with the rise of the labour movement, socialism, and a general disaffection with religion among the working class and youths. Placed in context, the short-lived revival appears as both a climax for Nonconformism and a flashpoint of change in Welsh religious life.”¹⁴

Revival #4 – the Brethren movement was formed as a all-inclusive, religious-free, Spirit-connected, personal relationship with ‘God’¹⁵ (just like a Kingdom Community), but it ended up as a formal religion like all other moves of the Spirit. Mike Parsons grew up in the Brethren church system and has written briefly about his exit from it’s religion and into the things of the Spirit and the Kingdom.¹⁶

The religious spirit always comes in and destroys the work of the Spirit in any form of revival, because he knows that religion will take the people away from Father’s plans for his people.

Personal Example – Here’s a personal example of how moves of the Spirit are stymied by religious people’s pressure and influence:

- We started a house church in country NSW¹⁷ around 1987. We had ‘soaking’¹⁸ and ‘coming into the presence of the Lord’¹⁹, well before they became common practice in mainstream Charismatic churches in the early 2000s. We didn’t try to do those activities, we just allowed the Spirit to take us where he wanted during our meetings. However, these wonderful spiritual experiences all ceased because one member said we were operating like New Agers. Inexperienced as we were in spiritual matters, we didn’t know any better, so we stopped doing them out of fear of being in error. However, we didn’t ask Father’s opinion on whether he approved of those activities, because we hadn’t learnt to hear from him personally. The Spirit’s free-hand in our meetings stopped, so from then on, we functioned just like any church. Not too long later, I ceased having the group’s formal meetings as they were not spiritual any more. From that time onwards I spent my life learning how to do what the Spirit wanted.

Revival Meetings

Church-goers love to hear about revival, and even ‘prophets’ use the word in their messages which then enthralls their audiences. The outcome of this enthusiasm is the practice of having revival meetings. However, these are usually based on ‘works’ and are mostly not very productive.

Mike Parsons describes his impressions of revival meetings like this:

“A lot of those people who prophesied like that, did not teach people to prophesy like that or to hear God for themselves. They genuinely created a need for more prophetic meetings and more of their prophecies. I went to some of the [John] Wimber²⁰ meetings with Paul Cain²¹, Bob Jones²², John Paul Jackson²³, and others, and it always seemed to be the same sort of people who got picked out to have a prophetic word

14 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1904%E2%80%9305_Welsh_revival

15 – ‘God’: I use this term in inverted commas because ‘God’ is the generic term people use, while I don’t any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.

16 – Mike Parsons (30-7-2024) “The Rapture of the Saints” freedomarc.blog/2024/07/30/345-the-rapture-of-the-saints

17 – The Australian state of New South Wales

18 – truegritblog.us/what-is-spiritual-soaking

19 – e.g. www.josephprince.org/blog/daily-grace-inspirations/practice-jesus-presence-and-see-his-power

20 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wimber

21 – [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Cain_\(minister\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Cain_(minister))

22 – thegalileeproject.org/bob-jones-and-the-kansas-city-prophets

23 – streamsministries.com/team-member/john-paul-jackson en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Paul_Jackson

over them. Or [it was] a weird word like a word of knowledge which was so cryptic it was like, “What on Earth is that talking about”. Some of those guys like Paul Cain, they spoke in cryptic language, often, when it came to those type of meetings. I went there and I wasn’t impressed to be honest.”²⁴

Mike’s full discussion is located in this teaching video:

 [Mike Parsons “Unveiling the Prophetic: Bob Jones' Insights on Revival” LINK](#)

The Reality (Father’s Mind)

To find out what’s appropriate for the Kingdom, and in Father’s plans, we need to hear from him, so we’ll then know what he desires or has planned for his Kingdom. All desires and prayers of believers are futile when it comes to his plans and purposes for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth (AKA ‘The Kingdom’). That’s why hearing from him is vital to know what to ask for and what not to ask for.

I actually asked Father twice about his mind on revival, and here’s the main thrust of what he gave me. ([His full messages are at the back of this article.](#))

(1) “Revival is a topic my people have been discussing and praying for, for many, many decades. The problem is, the idea does not coincide with me – it doesn’t align with my thoughts and my plans. You see, in the Kingdom (the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth), things are done my way. If my people purport to represent me, they need to find out from me how I want things done, so they can work with me in partnership and see things fulfilled. If they don’t work that way, they’ll actually be working against me. That’s precisely what my Son told his disciples – if you don’t work with me and you’re not for me, then you’re actually against me. That may be hard to take, but that’s the reality. That’s the way the spirit realm works [and] that’s the way Heaven works. As my people are part of Heaven on Earth, and as they are representing me as my sons, alignment with me in absolutely everything is critical. Heaven works with me and my people on Earth need to work with me as well”²⁵

(2) “Revival is not a word that I like to use because I’m interested in restoration, not revival. Revival has within itself the idea of bringing something back to life so that it can go about its business. I am not interested in the nations of the world, or my people, continuing as they have. I am not interested in sparking them into life so they can go about life as usual. My plans are for a radical change to the whole systems, not only of this planet, but of the universe. And because I work with people, with the humans that I have created – I have given them that authority – there are going to be massive changes. And these changes will be felt right throughout the universe, because the spirit of mankind connected with my Spirit has authority above and beyond the authority of other spirit beings.”²⁶

Note that Father’s interested in restoration, not revival. He wants to restore the earth and humanity to the pristine state that they were in at Creation. He’s not looking to revive religion, even though there’s a genuine turning of people’s hearts towards him in revivals. Revivals are not his plan, they’re only a taste of what his plans will ultimately achieve.

On my morning walk on 4-2-2017, I received the following download in my spirit for the purposes of teaching on the topic of revival. (NOTE: It was not a prophetic message *per se*.)

“Revival won’t last unless there is a proper vessel to hold it. That proper vessel is a people with prepared hearts and the right alignment with Heaven.

Revival within the church system is not sustainable. The purpose of revival is not to fill the churches. It is

24 – TRANSCRIPT: Mike Parsons (10-8-2024) “Unveiling the Prophetic: Bob Jones' Insights on Revival”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4D1FCK-rocE> [4:27-5:25]

25 – CCOP MESSAGE: “What Revival?” (9-11-2022)
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26 – CCOP MESSAGE: “What sort of revival should we expect? (19-7-2018)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/MESSAGE-What-sort-of-revival-should-we-expect-19-7-2018.pdf

to revitalize the people, to fill them to overflowing with the Spirit so they can identify truth, ascribe to the truth, and their lives change so they become sons, not Christians. This is an important understanding to have. If we keep praying for revival and working for revival, and bringing revivalists into our towns, and we don't have the right receptacle for it, it will either have no effect at all or it will be a 'flash in the pan'!

In this current era, our Lord and King is preparing a people to be the receptacle of a great outpouring. Our job is to align ourselves with his plans so that we can be that receptacle, individually, and as groups. Otherwise, he can't release the last great outpouring of his Spirit. He will not do so until we are ready.”²⁷

This message can be found in an article on my website:



“A Change in Attitude Towards Revival is Needed” [LINK](#)

Conclusion

As revivals aren't what Father is wanting to bring about, believers need to find out from him what his plans are, and then align themselves with what he says. That's not a new thing, he's been saying that to us for many years now. He wants his people to align with him so he can bring about his plans and purposes in our nation and in the whole world.²⁸

Focusing on revival, rather than what Father desires, is a dereliction of duty for sons. That may sound harsh, but as he's the supreme being in the universe, we should be submitting ourselves to what he wants, rather than doing what we think he wants.

Father's ultimate aim is for The Restoration of All Things²⁹ (the whole cosmos, actually), not the perpetuation of religion. Therefore, praying for revival, running revival meetings, as well as praying and fasting for national revival, are all a distraction from the Kingdom purposes we should be aiming to see take place.

IMPORTANT: Father doesn't even have revival as his 'plan B'.³⁰ He wants everyone to connect with him spirit-to-Spirit and hear from him so he can change them from the inside-out.



- Forget about wanting revival
- Align with Father's mind on all things
- Work with him to see The Restoration of All Things move towards fulfilment

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27 – “A Change in Attitude Towards Revival is Needed” (4-2-2017)

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28 – e.g. CCOP MESSAGE: “Realignment of the Church in Australia” (5-12-2016)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/MESSAGE-Realignment-of-the-Church-in-Australia-5-12-2016.pdf

29 – WEBPAGE: canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=8976

30 – READ: “Father doesn't have Revival as his Plan B”

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Father's Messages About Church Revival

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Now, in regard to revival, I’m not looking to revive something that was put together by human beings. I’m not looking to revive religion, in any way, shape or form. In fact, I’m not into revival. My main aim has always been restoration, to restore things back to the way they were. That’s precisely the reason I sent my Son, because I want my sons, my children who were lost, to return to me and to be able to operate as sons, and to relate to me as sons. That’s what the Kingdom is all about – I have brought my sons back into my family, as the parable explains. That was a process of restoration, restoring sons, as Adam was before The Fall (as you call it).

What I’m looking to do in Australia and around the world, is to restore the natural realm – every component of it – so that it is as it was at Creation. This is where I’m heading. This is my main plan. You call it The Restoration of All Things, and that is a good description. That’s what you should be focusing on, not church revival, because church revival, as you’ve seen from the past, over the centuries, degenerates back into religion. It starts off with a move of my Spirit, but in the next generation it fades, and in a very short space of time, it becomes religion again. I’m not into religion. I never instigated religion. It has never been my desire. It’s been the desire of human beings, on every occasion, to create religion, including the Children of Israel.

Take your mind off church revival. Focus on The Restoration of All Things. That’s where your allegiance and alignment must be. In regard to that, I will be releasing my Spirit in greater measure over time so that more and more of my people become strong in the things of the Spirit. More and more will come into relationship with us so that we work in partnership. More and more of the people of Australia will be flowing in the Spirit and aligning with us so that you’ll see a change in the spiritual atmosphere of your nation. This will work towards The Restoration of All Things, because those who come into this move that I am planning, and have been working on, will be working with us. Their focus will be on us and we’ll work together in teamwork on the plans of impacting the spirit realm and the natural realm in Australia. That will bring The Restoration of All Things closer to fulfilment.

Take your mind off wanting to see more people at your meetings in your church buildings. This [planned move] is about sons coming back into family. This is about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth impacting Australia, for Heaven’s purposes, for my purposes, not for yours. It will be a wonderful time. There will be opposition, but the fruit will be fantastic.

To prepare for that, change your heart, change your mind. Align with us and focus on what our priorities are, not yours. Think Kingdom, not religion. Think restoration, not revival, and you’ll be part of the impetus to seeing a spiritual move in your nation.”³¹

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31 – CCOP MESSAGE: “What Revival?” (9-11-2022)

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Yes, most people will not see the impact that occurs and reverberates throughout the universe. But believe me, it will happen. So to answer your question succinctly: Don't look for revival, look for complete transformation. Look for the restoration of things the way they were as I created them.

My desire is for my plans to be fulfilled. I have been waiting for quite some time to get to this point, where I have the spark that I can use to ignite the transformation of the planet. Yes, this will include humans and all living things. It will also include the planet, physically, itself. Again, don't limit yourself to revival, because revival as you desire, is about seeing life come into your churches. In my Kingdom, the view is so much larger. Come up higher and take my view, and see that revival is just totally insufficient. Align yourself with me and move forward with those who march ahead of you, to see the transformation of nations and societies.

I am thoroughly enjoying the time that this planet Earth [is in]. My creation and my gems – my jewels, my wonderful human beings – the stage that they're in, in their history. It's exciting. I want you to grasp the excitement that I have, as your Father, and become excited with me. Draw close to me and listen to my heart so that I can release to you what you should be doing, where you should be going, who you should become. It's the alignment of your spirits and your hearts and minds with me that will see the changes brought about, around you, that you want to see. Don't work with soulish energy, work with my Spirit, through your spirit. This is how we're going to make the changes that are necessary.

Yes, keep your mind open to hearing more from me about the restoration of all things, because The Fall wreaked havoc with my creation, and I'm not going to leave it that way. I've been waiting millennia for this time, and we're here. Yoke yourself with me and let's get about the business at hand."³²

32 – CCOP MESSAGE: "What sort of revival should we expect? (19-7-2018)

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