

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR REVIVAL

Text: 2 Peter 3:10-11a

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

Introduction: I open my remarks with talking with you about how to prepare for revival and I read a text that emphatically declares it is all coming to an end soon.

Let's talk tonight. Let's look at what we need to do to be prepared for and experience revival.

### I. Thinking Forward.

#### A. Some plans you could make.

1. Schedule vacation.
2. Plan to be out of town a few days.
3. Avoid making any commitment to attend.
4. "You know pastor, we are very busy and I am not sure just how many services we will be able to attend."
5. Talk your friend into going ahead next week with their surgery, etc.

#### B. Serious committed planning.

1. Begin praying.
  - a. For yourself.
  - b. For your family.
  - c. For your friends.
  - d. For your neighbors.

2. Plan to attend as many services as possible.
- C. Ask how you could serve during this season or time.
  1. Altar worker.
  2. Prayer warrior.
  3. Usher.
  4. Greeter, etc.
  5. Clean up afterwards, etc.

## II. Taking Inventory.

- A. Personal Inventory -- Am I where I want to be?
  1. Am I willing to allow God to work in me?
  2. Am I willing to yield to the Holy Spirits leading and guidance?
  3. Am I expecting to change, grow and develop through this experience?
- B. Our Church – Are we what I believe God wants us to be?
  1. Are we open to new faces, new people?
  2. Are we willing to deal with the aftermath?
    - a. Revival stirs up the devil, scares demons, intimidates passivity, ignores doubters and changes the atmosphere and climate.
    - b. Folks can loose their proverbial seats, places and positions.

## III. Who Cares?

- A. First God does.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1. This is why He sent His Only Son.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2. This is why He is sending us.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

B. The church should.

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11a "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?..."

1. The end is near!
2. The Lord is coming soon!
3. And judgment will follow!
4. Heaven is real.
5. And hell is real.

Conclusion: WE have a Great Commission.

Matt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Revival helps us complete it!