

REVIVAL MEMORIES

PSALM 85

Introduction:

I have lived a long time and have seen many things. I have seen the hand of God move in a saving way among His people many times. I have had my heart cleansed, humbled, renewed and filled by the Spirit many times in a revival season. I want to share with you some revival memories this morning. I share them so that they might stir some expectancy in your heart, and prompt you to ask the Lord for such a time of revival in our land and in your church.

I. THE PLACE OF PRAYER—the Chinquapin Revival of 1933.

The prayer of Molly Watson.

James Gilmour of Mongolia wrote in 1890 to an old college friend: " You say you want reviving--go direct to Jesus and ask it straight out, and you'll get it straight away. This revived state is not a thing you need to work yourself up into, or need others to help you to rise into, or need to come to England to have operated upon you--Jesus can affect it anywhere, and does effect it everywhere whenever a man or woman or men and women, ask it. Ask and ye shall receive." Scroggie, Psalms, 209

1. The prayer must acknowledge the need.

2. The prayer must express the heart.
3. The prayer must offer your life.

II. THE PLACE OF OBEDIENCE—The Chinquapin Revival of 1957.

Evan Roberts preached that the Spirit should be obeyed promptly.

My obedience concerning the messages.

1. At Chinquapin the Lord required of me obedience that involved humbling myself. Preaching the same message the second night might suggest to the people that I had run out of sermons. The message was not nearly as important as the obedience of the preacher and the people. The second night resulted in an even great renewal of first love in the heart of the people.
2. My disobedience at Caldwell Springs church came in the same year. It was rooted in my unbelief and distrust of the Spirit. The results were just the opposite.

III. THE PLACE OF CONFESSION—The Lorenzo Revival of 1963.

My confession of killing the chicken.

The confession that took place before revival in Manchester, Kentucky, when two deacons confessed to each other.

The Blue Grove Revival with our son Steve.

IV. THE PLACE OF DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY.

1. The Revival in the church near Bristol, Tennessee. Ed Carrier was the pastor. For reasons known only to God, He was pleased to revive His people on a certain night, and to save a number of people.
2. The Revival in the church in Bonham, Texas. J. P. Skinner was the pastor. For reasons known only to God, He was pleased to turn a Sunday evening into a revival for the church, and a time of salvation for others.