

Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 4

Introduction

- **Revive:** to restore to life, to give new strength and energy too.
- **Revival:** An improvement in the conditions/fortunes of someone/ something.
- The words can be understood in both a secular and a spiritual context.
- **Spiritual sense:** making spiritually alive again those who have been alive but who have fallen into a cold/lukewarm state.

1 Relevant Biblical Texts

• [Psalm 85:6], [Psalm 138:7], [Habakkuk 3:2], [Acts 3:19], [2 Chronicles 7:14], [Psalm 23:3].

2 Revival Is Supernatural

- Revival is not something we do. It is something God does.
- He often does it in response to prayer and through His people but not always.

3 Revival Starts With God's People

 Revival impacts God's people before it impacts the unsaved and the ungodly.

- It is the Holy Spirit empowering believers and causing them to live like real Christians.
- 'Will YOU not revive us..... YOU will revive me....'

4 Who And What Does God Revive?

- He revives individual Christians.
- Why? Because many of them need revived!
- Consider [Revelation 2:4] and [Matthew 24:12].
- Many believers 'have lost that loving feeling' for God.
- Do you need a personal revival? Do you want a personal revival?

5 God Revives Churches

- Consider [Revelation 3:15 16].
- The world is looking for a church 'on fire.'
- History tells us the fire usually falls on churches when it is at prayer.
- Again, consider [Acts 1:14 & Acts 2: 1 4].
- Revival, either personal or in church is a taste of heaven, when people are saturated with God.

Next time:

We will consider the healing of a land or a city or a nation and what revival looks like then.