

Fortunately or unfortunately this is not original with me (a few words are).

Question: What do we think of when we hear the word Revival? We may think of a 'scheduled' Evangelistic Gospel meeting, usually scheduled by most churches in the spring or fall of each year. But the word refers to God's renewing work in the hearts of Believers as they return to fellowship with Him. Perhaps we need Revival in our life?

The Israelite's Revival in the desert at mount Sinai as they heard God's voice. But tragically, their enthusiasm waned as they waited for Moses to return from the mountain, and they begged for a god they could see.

Have you ever gone through a time of spiritual dryness when you needed God's Spirit to renew your faith and return your focus on Him? We need to be reminded that spiritual commitments can be forgotten. We may also hold onto Baggage that keeps our hearts from submitting to God. The nation of Israel who needed a Revival after she sinned and worshipped the Golden Calf.

"Four Elements to a Revival".

- 1.-- Commitment (Concern) to Pray.
- 2.-- Conviction (Confession) about Sin.
- 3.-- Courage to Act (Boldness & Dependence on God).
- 4.-- Compassion (Tender Mercy) to Care.

"Four things to do to prepare our Hearts for Revival".

- 1.-- New or Fresh Dependence upon God.
- 2.-- New Determination about life.
- 3.-- New Desire (Heart) to Glorify God.
- 4.-- New Devotion to God's Word.

"Six Reasons why Revival or Renewal is Necessary and Needed".

- 1.-- Because many of our Spiritual Commitments are made in Emotional settings.
(emotion alone is not enough).
- 2.-- Because our Spiritual Memories are too short. (Moses at the Red Sea).
- 3.-- Because our Tendency to substitute human reasoning for Divine Revelation.
(we Rationalize too Much).
- 4.-- Because Complacency creeps into Leadership and Replaces Courage.
- 5.-- Because we try to do the Work of the Holy Spirit in the energy of the Flesh.
- 6.-- Because we carry too many things with us from the Old Life.

Hebrew word for Revive (d) (ing)-- "Chayah (Khaw-yaw)". Strong's-2421
'A primary root'- to live, whether lit. or fig., - to revive- keep alive, give life, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (God) save (alive, life), be whole.

"Michyah (Mikh-yaw)". Strong's-4241. Preservation of life; hence sustenance; also the live flesh, I.e. the quick- preserve life, recover selves, reviving, sustenance, victuals.

Greek word for Revive (d) (ing)-- "Anazao (An-ad-zah-o)". Strong's-326
And "Zao (Dzah-o)". Strong's-2198. To recover life, (be a)-live again, revive, to live, life (-time), (a)-live (-ly), quick.

"Anazao (ana-to live again, zao-to live)". W.E Vine's Exp. Dict.
Lk. 15:24- regain life, is used of moral revival- (The Prodigal Son- is alive again).