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Revelation 2 & 3

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Time for some adjustments in our thinking.

I want to make several observations regarding what I see as adjustments we must make if God is going to do a mighty work in our midst or in the church in general.

'Vere going to hear a lot of Vance Havner tonight - this is what I my teeth on - this is where I started in my Xn life early on in my life - I was swept along in the Jesus Movement & since that time, not been satisfied w/ business as usual - nor will I ever be...

Revival is the first step toward harvest evangelism and community impact.

Evangelism is the proclamation of the gospel to win the lost.

Revival is a fresh moving of the H.S. among Xns that leads to repentance, confession and passion for God.

“Many a so called revival is only a drive for more church members, which adds more unsaved sinners, started and ironed but washed, to a fellowship where even the true believers have not been aroused for years.'

Revival - the church repents - God gets the attention of His people.

The church needs a mourner's bench and the 1st mourners should be the members.

1:12-Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, sinners will be converted to You.

is always God’s order - He has never changed it. Restore the believer in sinners will be converted.

REVIVAL DOES NOT ALLOW FOR EASY BELIEVISM.

have true conversion – you must have true repentance.

ye’s no room in God’s Word for hot tub religion - convenience Xty - e to Jesus when it’s convenient.

talk about ‘accepting Christ’ - but you can’t come to Christ until ve accepted the fact that you are a sinner and have no hope apart n Christ.

need to hear Jonathan Edwards ‘Sinners in the hands of an Angry ‘ and realize it was grace that taught our hearts TO FEAR...’

began his ministry w/ REPENT

came preaching Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

last words of Jesus to the church were repent.

ENTEANCE IS A GOOD WORD - BUT IT’S FALLEN OUT OF FAVOR.

POLITICALLY CORRECT.

NY DEDICATION W/OUT SEPARATION IS SUPERFICIAL.

said, ‘Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the wing of your mind’ - Phillips translates it, ‘Don’t let the world seize you into it’s mold...’

Message ‘Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, your going to work, and walking around life - and place it before as an offering. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that fit into it without even thinking.’

said, ‘If we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us...’

Scriptures say, ‘Whoever is a friend of the world (world system) e enemy of God.’

Sunday use to say, to talk about a worldly Christian, you might as talk about a heavenly devil.
When I see a bird that looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, webbed feed like a duck, paddles in the water like a duck, and enters the company of ducks, it is hard for me to resist the conclusion that it must be a duck! We gravitate to what lures us most and actually we show up where we belong.

When I see a Xn who looks like the world, talks like the world, walks the world, goes places where the world goes, prefers the company of the world, it is hard for me to resist the conclusion that they are of the world.

Campbell Morgan in his commentary on 1st Corinthians divides it into 2 sections. 1st - Paul dealt w/ carnality THEN he talked about spirituality.

**problem** – we’re so afraid of being negative - we want the power of positive thinking and we ignore sin, indifference and inactivity in our midst and wonder why we have no power.

People will never look for a doctor until they realize they are sick - they won’t seek a deeper walk w/ God as long as they are content to keep going w/o it.

4. PREPARATION WITHOUT EXPECTANT PRAYER IS FUTILE.

We say most folks show up for church expecting nothing. Most of our members are expecting REFRESH to be just another event.

N.T. teaches we are to live not only ready for his return, but expecting his return.

Wouldn’t want to meet Jesus in a backslidden condition.

How people interested in prophecy who aren’t interested in holy living. They want to know about the beast - but they aren’t interested in being a blessing & they have no burden.

Early church wasn’t looking for something to open, they were looking for someone to come.

Revival is a time of expectation - we prepare for it - pray for it - and expect it - for God to honor His Word.
Most Xns have been subnormal for so long that if they ever became normal, they would look abnormal. THEY DIDN'T NEED REVIVAL IN ACTS - THEY WERE ALREADY FILLED & ON FIRE.

has told us what to expect. The Word tells us where we came from - where we are and where we are going.

We’ve lost the sense of urgency - the sense of expectation.

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING - YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHERE YOU ARE.**

*Vance Havner* “I have observed in the past few years that a strange stupor has fallen over the church of God. They come to church w/ fingers crossed, ready to take what they hear with a grain of salt, the preacher has two strikes against him before he utters a word. Besides that, the devil has cocained and chloroformed this present until a strange coma has settled over the saints...and our eyelids heavy and our brains are clouded, and unless we stir up the gift of within us and get down to business of watching and praying, our Lord shall come suddenly and find us sound asleep.’

**I'm putting the ball in your court.** I’ve preached nearly 1,000 sermons here - not counting special studies and Wednesday nights. I’ve said everything I know to say. I’m tired of saying it and of the same results.

I affirm and lead -- but I can’t do it alone - I am passing to you as body the responsibility:

I can not bring revival, preach it down, work it up. It has to begin in the remnant. You have to be burdened about it.

I’ve said all I know to say to get people to be faithful to give, to serve, to come on Sunday nights. Unless we have revival, it will get worse, not better.

**your choice - do you want this to be a typical church, business as usual, ½ the crowd on Sunday night OR are you going to start confronting your peers with their godlessness, unfaithfulness,
5. THERE IS NO HOPE WITHOUT REVIVAL.

Of the 7 churches in Revelation – Jesus says ‘Repent or else’ - This be the message to 5 out of 7 churches today. Maybe more than. Not one of those churches exist today - most were insignificant by the time the next generation passed away because they didn’t heed the warnings.

be it’s time we saw Christ - not as a Shepherd - not as a Teacher - not as the humble servant – BUT AS HE IS RIGHT NOW.

Revelation tells us He is the Glorified Christ walking among the candelsticks - among the churches – with eyes as fire, his feet as brass, his voice like the sound of many waters, 7 stars in his right hand, a 2 edged sword proceeding from his mouth and his countenance like the sin.

As a church – we need to see Christ as He is. He is the central issue - the central figure of revival.

When Isaiah saw the Lord - he said ‘Woe is me’ – he wasn’t comfortable.
When Habakkuk, Daniel, Paul, John - others saw the Lord - there was great fear - awe.
THE CHURCH TODAY SEEMS TO BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING BUT REPENT.

OUR PROBLEM IS PRIDE - God hates the proud. Lord’s message to the church in Revelation and to us is clear, clear - REVIVAL OR REMOVAL.

Ephesus lacked love. They were busy, they were doctrinally correct - they could debate the meaning of Scripture - but they didn’t have any love — the one thing Jesus said would characterize his disciples.

When our love for Christ dies – so does our love for others, the Word the lost.

Want to know why Xns justify gossip, meddling, envy, strive, slander -
hatred - unforgiveness — they have no love - they are like the devil - opposite of everything God said the Xn should be.

Sardis was lifeless. It had a name to be alive but was dead. The Lord was the Coroner - he saw the body, looked for vital signs but found none. Some churches think because they are busy - have the doors open - activities - programming for all age groups - facilities - they are alive - God might not think so.

Laodicea was lukewarm. A little too hot to be cold and a little too cold to be hot. Jesus didn’t say he would spit out that which was too hot - but that which was lukewarm.

Apparently Jesus would rather you be on the wrong side of the fence than on the fence. JUDGEMENT BEGINS AT THE HOUSE OF GOD & IN THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER.

LOOK AT THE INVITATION TO THE CHURCH
3:19- Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. 20’Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

is not a word to lost people – it’s a word to the church. IS IS STANDING AT THE DOOR OF THE SELF-SUFFICIENT, SELF-SATISFIED, SELF-RIGHTEOUS, SELF-JUSTIFYING CHURCH AND KNOCKING –TRYING TO GET IN.

‘one’ – he - him – God is looking for a person in a place who wholly seek Him.

it just takes one person to start a revival.

JESUS ISN’T WAITING ON A CHURCH VOTE - HE’S WAITING ON A PERSON TO LET HIM IN.

E’S THE PROBLEM:
As long as people think worship is an option
As long as people think giving is a personal and private matter.
As long as people think the sermon is for someone else.
As long as people think it's the preachers job to reach the lost.
As long as people think the church exists to make them feel better instead of to point them to holiness.
As long as we go about our work with an apathetic attitude.
As long as we have to beg people to serve.

WILL NEVER HAVE REVIVAL:

The crisis of the hour will never be met by run-of-the-mill arrangement for staging religious meetings. The average church congregation is in no mood for it. Most of them couldn’t care less. That is evident from the dead-pan expression on most faces, as if the crowd were saying, ‘I move we accept this as information be dismissed. The hour is too late and the need is too great for ness as usual. Start with yourself, get right with God, and then others of like mind and heart. It is time for holy desperation use it is too late for everything else.’