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ONE NATION UNDER GOD Devotional

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Heart of Revival

But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. **When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.**

Psalm 69:29-32 (ESV)

Reflection

Imagine with me a revival of global magnitude. A revival that causes world leaders to bow in humble praise to the King of Kings and turns entire countries toward the Creator uniting in real world peace! Wouldn't that be awesome? I long for it' don't you? But, the question is, how do we get there?

To get to the heart of the matter, we must get to the matter of the heart! To have world revival, we must first have national revival, preceded by regional

Challenge

We want to change the world with revival, but where do we start? We must start right in our own home, and more

revival, inspired by county, city and community revivals, which were birthed in local congregations. Yet, if we will have revival in our congregations, we must have it in our families and that will begin in the individual heart of Mom and Dad. So then, world revival must begin with a revival of my heart!

The human heart is amazing. It's capacity for good is amazing, and yet it's capacity for evil is mind-boggling. Our heart, being formed in the image of God, can know strength, beauty and love. Yet, our heart, being diseased by sin, can reach unfathomable depths of evil and can become dead to life, love and happiness! The longer the disease of sin reigns the more our heart dies eventually crushed into shambles. And this occurs in both the unchurched and churching; we are not immune!

The good news to those crushed by abandonment, betrayal, etc. is that it can be revived. Your heart can live again! You can love again, you can trust again, you can feel vibrant and excited to live each day again! But, the question you may ask is, how?

We learn from Psalm 69:29-32 the way to deal with heart pain is praise! Praise opens our heart for His healing presence and life! As you read and pray today include many words and possibly even a song of praise and feel alive again!

Prayer

Father, please search my heart today and show me what is there. Let my heart be filled with your presence; revive my heart today. In Jesus name. Amen.

importantly in our own heart!

For Discussion

Am I allowing sinful things to abide in my heart that suck the life from me?

How can I incorporate words of praise in my day today?



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