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Lord Please Send A Revival

Isaiah 43:18-21

- 18 “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. 19 For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. 20 The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed. 21 I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world.

Part 1—The Need For Revival

- As we gather tonight, we have almost been in a season of pandemic for almost 2 years
- During this time, the world has changed
- Due to these changes, we have gained some things, we have lost others, and still a third group lies with the things that we used to have—but need to be revived
- This is where we begin tonight—with the understanding that we need a revival—and we are asking the Lord to send it

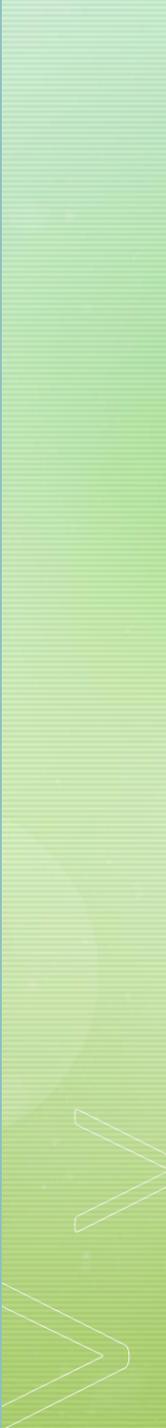


What Is A Revival?

- Revival: an improvement in the condition or strength of something; an instance of something becoming popular, active, or important again
 - With this definition in mind, as we ask the Lord to send a revival—we are acknowledging that we need some things in our life to become important again
 - Primarily due to the pandemic, we are need of a revival—and we are asking the Lord to send our revival!
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Areas Of Revival

- Over the course of the following weeks we will be focusing our study of revival in the following areas:
 - Revival Of Community
 - Revival Of Prayer
 - Revival Of Relationships
 - Revival Of Faith
 - Revival Of Commitment
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Isaiah 43:18

- 18 “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.
- As our text begins, the Lord speaks about all that the Lord has done throughout the history of the Israelites
- Then God says—but forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do
- In our desire for revival—we must never forget that as good as God has been to us—God’s best is still yet to come in our lives

Isaiah 43:19a

- 19a For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
- After God tells the people the best is yet to come—God then tells them that it has already begun doing a new thing
- I believe that even in the midst of this pandemic—God has already begun to bring the revival that we desire
- Now we must focus on the last words of this 19th verse—Do you not see it?
- It is time that we fix and focus our eyes to see all of the things that God has blessed us with, even in the midst of a pandemic

Isaiah 43:19b

- 19b I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.
- As God talks about doing a new thing, God now gives examples
- God will make a path through the wilderness—what are some of the wildernesses that we need God to make a path through?
- God also says that God will create rivers in dry wastelands-- this is our revival—bringing life to that which was once dead— what are some of the areas in our lives that we need God to revive and refresh?

Isaiah 43:20

- 20 The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed.
- As God brings revival, God informs us of what the animals will do—they will give God praise for revival and refreshment
- So, if animals—which have no voice—can praise God—what will those of us that have a voice do?
- Our natural response as God brings revival is to give God praise!
- What are some of the ways we can give God praise other than verbally, and what are some of the obstacles we find keeping us from giving God praise?

Isaiah 43:21



- 21 I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world.
- God closes out this text by stating that the people will someday honor God before the whole world.
- As we receive the new thing that God does—the new revival—will we make the choice to honor God?
- To honor is to give the highest respect and the greatest esteem—and this is what we owe to God
- However, again, we must make the choice to honor God—before the whole world
- We cannot keep our honoring God to ourselves—we must share it with others—and make sure that everyone sees it.
- How will we honor God—not just privately—but for the whole world to see?

Recap

- We need a revival and the Lord is responding by:
- Doing a new thing unlike anything God has ever done
- God makes pathways through all of our obstacles and gives life to all areas of our lives
- God desires that everything that has breath give thanks to God for all that God does
- Our response to God's revival must be to give God honor not just privately, but we must do so in the effort to show the entire world