

One Cry
The Cry for Revival
Psalm 85:6

Introduction

1. The cry of a pastor's heart by Crawford Loritts.
2. Throughout our nation God is raising up believers who are crying out to God for revival. These are the "extraordinary prayers" described by Jonathan Edwards.
3. Today we begin a series of messages challenging us to come together with Christians across our country to plead with God for revival in our land.

The cry for revival is:

1. **A believer's cry. I Pet. 4:17**
 - a. Revival is spiritual restoration.
 - b. It always begins with God's people praying to God.
2. **An urgent cry. Ps. 11:3**
 - a. The cry for revival comes in response to desperate times.
 - b. Is the result of God's people realizing their need for God.
3. **A heartbroken cry. II Chron. 7:14**
 - a. The desire for spiritual renewal comes when God's people are convicted of the sin that has taken hold in their lives.
 - b. It is a time of humility and brokenness before God.
4. **A hopeful cry. Joel 2:12-14**
 - a. The prayer for revival is in obedience to God's promises to His people.
 - b. Confidence in self gives way to a renewed confidence in God's faithfulness and power.

The Challenge

1. If you have never trusted Christ as your Savior and Lord, you do not need revival. You need to turn from your sinful selfishness and turn to Christ for forgiveness and new life.
2. If you are a believer, you need to see the times in which we live through God's eyes.
 - a. Our nation is abandoning its spiritual moorings.
 - b. Only a mighty work of God can turn things around.
 - Will you join in crying out to God for His power to work in your life?

"If we are content to live without spiritual revival, we will." - Leonard Ravenhill

Revival Quotes

Crawford Loritts

Father, we ask that you would do something so great in this country that it would take our collective spiritual breath away. O God, do something unimaginable - beyond anything that we've ever seen. We don't seek for an experience, just the transformation of lives so that all will stand back and say, "Look at God!"

Jonathan Edwards

When God has something very great to accomplish for His church, it is His will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of His people.

Erwin Lutzer

Father, as we look at the church of Laodicea, we are reminded Jesus was outside the door of the church. Father, we invite Jesus back in. Come back in, Jesus, and take over our congregations, and show us your glory.

Psalm 85:6 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

I Pet. 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Ps. 11:3 - if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

II Chron. 7:14 - if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Joel 2:12-14 - "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. 14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?