

## Revival & Reformation

### Lesson 3 –The Word: The Foundation of Revival

**Psalm 119:154**, NKJV “Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me according to Your word”.

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### Revived Through The Word

**Matthew 7:24–25** (NKJV) *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

**Psalm 119:25** (NKJV) *My soul clings to the dust; **Revive me** according to Your word.*

**Psalm 119:107** (NKJV) <sup>107</sup> *I am afflicted very much; **Revive me**, O Lord, according to Your word.*

**\*Psalm 119:153–154** (NKJV) <sup>153</sup> *Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law. <sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me; **Revive me** according to Your word.*

Revive = châyâh [khaw-yaw'] A prim root, to live; causatively to revive: - keep or make alive, give life, allow to live, nourish up, preserve alive, quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, save (alive, life, lives), surely, be whole.

**Psalm 119:50** (NKJV) *This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.*

**Psalm 119:74** (NKJV) *Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.*

**Psalm 119:116** (NKJV) *Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.*

**Great revival came from Jonah Preaching the word.**

### The Word’s Creative Power

**Psalm 33:6** (NKJV) *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

**\*Hebrews 11:3** (NKJV) *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

**2 Timothy 3:16–17** (NKJV) *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

“The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature, and re-creates the soul in the image of God.” -Ellen G. White, Education, p. 126.

### Jesus And The Word

**Luke 24:27** (NKJV) *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

**Luke 24:45** (NKJV) *And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.*

**\*John 5:39–40** (NKJV) *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>40</sup> But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.*

**John 16:14–15** (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> *He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

### Revival, Faith, And The Word

**Luke 18:8** *I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”*

**Romans 10:17** (NKJV) *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

**Hebrews 4:1–2** (NKJV) *Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. <sup>2</sup> For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.*

**James 2:17–18** (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> *Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

**\*Hebrews 4:12** (NKJV) *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

## Josiah's Revival

**2 Chr 34:1** The word Bible means "book"

**2 Chr 34:14** *Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given by Moses.*

1. He began to seek God and make room by removing the idols. vs. 3
  2. He began to restore the temple. vs. 8
  3. He found the Book of God. vs. 14
  4. He Read it and Repented . vs. 18,19
  5. He went to church and shared it with the people. vs. 30
  6. The King and the people took a stand for the Word. vs. 31,32
  7. A reform and revival took place. vs. 33, ch 35:18
1. **It is miraculous in its origin** -- coming to us by divine inspiration.
  2. **It is miraculous in its durability** -- outlasting the opposition of its critics and surviving the attempts of its enemies to exterminate it.
  3. **It is miraculous in its results** -- transforming the lives of those who read and believe it.
  4. **It is miraculous in its harmony** -- agreeing in all its parts, even though written over a period of 1600 years by about 40 different authors.
  5. **It is miraculous in its message** -- telling of many occasions when God supernatural intervened in the affairs of men to accomplish his redemptive purposes.
  6. **It is miraculous in its preservation** -- maintaining its accuracy and reliability down through the centuries.

**Psa 119:9** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

**Henry Stanley.** March 1871, 180 lbs. of books when crossing 700 miles of Africa, finally reduced to one the Bible which he read 3 times.

**John 6:63** *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

## The Word Is Food For The Soul

**Jer 15:16** *Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*

**\*Job 23:12** *I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*

**Mat 4:4** *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"*

## The Word: Revival's Guardian And Safeguard

**Acts 20:27–32** (NKJV) <sup>27</sup> *For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.* <sup>28</sup> *Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.* <sup>29</sup> *For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.* <sup>30</sup> *Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.* <sup>31</sup> *Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.* <sup>32</sup> *"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

**\*John 17:17** (NKJV) *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. ... The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.

In many of the revivals which have occurred during the last half century, the same influences have been at work, to a greater or less degree, that will be manifest in the more extensive movements of the future. There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead. Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's word it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements. Wherever men neglect the testimony of the Bible, turning away from those plain, soul-testing truths which require self-denial and renunciation of the world, there we may be sure that God's blessing is not bestowed." GC 464

- George Mueller said: "The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts."

## So What Does A Revival Look Like?

A Full Church? No, You can give away free donuts and fill a church. A revival may not always mean the church grows. Sometimes a revival will shrink a church before it grows.

Feelings of ecstasy? No, chemicals and drugs can do that

Hundreds of Baptisms? I have seen evangelists bribe for baptisms.

**When separated brethren forgive each other.**

**When strained marriages are healed and restored.**

**Holiness, godliness, spiritual power Hunger for the Word...**

- Revival is the predictable outcome of God's people turning to him with fasting, prayer, and repentance. - Charles Finney
- We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from Heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again. - G. Campbell Morgan
- Billy Sunday "The church today is like a squirrel in a cage. Much activity, but no progress."
- Indifference and Apostasy are opposite of revival and reformation.

### 1. Realize Your Condition- & Pray

**Hag 1:7** Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

**2 Cor 13:5** Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual health. The stationary soul is the stagnant soul.

### 2. Read The Word Of God. & Pray

**Acts 6:4** "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

### 3. Assemble with Christians & Pray

**Heb 10:25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. To desire revival, for instance, and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotions is to wish one way and walk another.

### 4. Humbly Confess, Repent and forsake your sins. & Pray

**James 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**Prov 28:13** He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

It is our wretched habit of tolerating sin that keeps us half-dead.

### 5. Right Whatever Wrongs Possible

**Mat 5:24** "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

If you owe a debt, pay it, or at least have a frank understanding with your creditor about your intentions to pay. If you have quarreled with anyone, go as far as you can in an effort to achieve reconciliation.

### 6. Share your Experience

**James 5:19, 20** Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

**Dan 12:3** Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. The only way to keep a revival is to give it away!

### 7. Believe In God and Seek First His Kingdom

**Mat 6:33** "But seek first the kingdom of God and **His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you. **Keep Christ Central!**

**Mark 11:24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Begin to expect. Look up toward the throne where your Advocate sits at the right hand of God. All heaven is on your side. God will not disappoint you.

**1 Peter 1:22–25** (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, <sup>24</sup> because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

## Life In Death Valley

Ezek 37:1-3

**Ezekiel 37:1-14 READ (E zee' kih ehl) "God will strengthen."**

Prophet and Priest in Babylon from about 600 – 570 BC, taken captive to Babylon in 597 B.C. by King Nebuchadnezzar along with King Jehoiachin and 10,000 others, **His book has 48 chapters.**

This vision represents the state of the dispersed Jew in the Chaldean empire.

**There are four things to learn, Israel, Resurrection, Church and Us!**

### Carried By The Spirit

**1 Kings 18:12- Elijah; Acts 8:39- Philip; Revelation 4:2 - John**

### Desecrated Graves

**Psa 141:7** *Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, As when one plows and breaks up the earth.*

**Beasts had scattered the bones. Fossils, mismatched bones?**

**Paris Catacombs Gen 47:29** *"Please do not bury me in Egypt,"*

This may have been a dog's dream come but detestable for a priest, to be paraded through this valley full of bones rendering him unclean.

**Jer 25:33** *"And at that day the slain of the LORD shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground."*

### Spiritually Dead -Dry

**Ezek 37:2** *Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.*

**Psa 63:1** *O God, Thou art my God; I shall seek Thee earnestly; My soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

**Psa 107:35** *He changes a wilderness into a pool of water, And a dry land into springs of water;*

**Of course Samson used a fresh bone to kill a thousand men?**

**1 John 5:12** *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.* **Bleached White**

**Luke 9:60** *Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."*

**Eph 2:1** *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*

**1 Tim 5:6** *But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.*

**Luke 15:24** *'for this my son was dead and is alive again;*

**1 John 3:14** *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

### The Questions Of God Vs. 3 "...can these bones live?"

**Gen 3:9** *Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

**Mark 9:33** *And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?"*

**Mark 6:38** *But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have?"*

**Starfish - Lizard Tail** -If a starfish losses one of its legs it can grow another. If a lizard loses its tail can grow another one with bones. But can a dead skeleton grow a live human?

### Life From Bones?

**Gen 2:23** *And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."*

**2 Ki 13:20, 21** *Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.*

- BMT's Bone marrow transplants began in 1968.
- The average man has 66 pounds of muscle, 40 pounds of bone, and 3-1/2 pounds of brain--which explains a lot of things.

### Preach To The Bones

**John 6:63** *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."*

Jesus spoke life into Lazarus.

The preaching came in two parts one was to bring them together the other was to give life. We must come together before we can work.

Some preaching instructs but does not vitalize, everybody looked better but there was no life.

**Ezek 37:7, 9** *So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; ...Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." "*

**Gen 2:7** *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. At Pentecost - Sound, Shaking, prophecy Acts 2:2-4; 31.*

**Mat 24:31** *and they will gather together His elect from the four winds,*

### The Breath Of Life

**Ezek 37:8** *Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; **but there was no breath in them.***

Breath = roo'-akh No Spirit

**Ezek 37:10** *So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. **They became an exceedingly great army.***

**John 3:8** *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

**The breath, Spirit moved after the prophecy was given.**

**Zec 4:6** *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,**' Says the LORD of hosts.*

**John 20:21, 22** *So Jesus said to them again, "**Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**" And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"*

**Ezek 36:26, 27** *"I will .. put a new spirit within you;*

### Healthy Blood Produces Healthy Bones

**Prov 16:24** *Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and **health to the bones.***

**Prov 17:22** *A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit **dries the bones.***

**Ecc 11:5** *As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or **how the bones grow** in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.*

### Unbroken Bones

**Exo 12:46** *"In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.*

**Psa 22:17** *I can count all My bones.*

**Psa 34:20** *He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.*

**Psa 51:8** *Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.*

**John 19:32, 33** *Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*

**Eph 5:30** *For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.*

**Luke 24:39** *"Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have **flesh and bones** as you see I have."*

### God Gives Life In Death Valley

**Lowest valley on earth is in Israel. Death Valley –282 feet.**

**Little Salt Creek pupfish** somehow survive there from 104F to Just above freezing enduring extreme flash floods and saline water.

**1 Ki 20:28** *"Thus says the LORD: 'Because the Syrians have said, "The LORD is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys," therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD."*

**Moses prayed on the mountain** for the battle in the Valley.

After the mount of transfiguration came the demons in the valleys.

After **Elijah's victory on Mt. Carmel**, he trembled in the valley of Jezreel.

The tallest trees grow in the valleys.

**Psa 23:4** *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me;*

The air (Breath Spirit) in the deep valleys is the densest.

**Rom 5:20** *But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,*

### Are you in Death Valley with dry bones? **AARON'S ROD**

**Num 17:8** *Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds.*

Ever since the close of the Second World War Japanese volunteers have been searching the island of Saipan for the bodies of soldiers killed there. Of the 40,000 to 50,000 Japanese soldiers and dependents believed to have died there more than 30 years ago, only about half have been found. Because of that, there will be missions in the future looking for the dead. The Church, too, has a mission for the dead. Men and women are "dead" in trespasses and sins, and the Church must seek them out and proclaim life in the name of the Lord Jesus.

## Blood And Marrow

Blood is produced in the bone marrow, a tissue in the central cavity inside almost all of the bones in the body. By later adult life, active blood cell formation gradually ceases in the bones of the arms and legs and concentrates in the skull, spine, ribs, and pelvis.

Red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets grow from a single precursor cell, known as a hematopoietic stem cell. Remarkably, experiments have suggested that **as few as 10 stem cells can, in four weeks, multiply into 30 trillion red blood cells, 30 billion white blood cells, and 1.2 trillion platelets—enough to replace every blood cell in the body.**

**Job 10:11, 12** *Clothe me with **skin** and **flesh**, And knit me together with **bones** and **sinews**? You have granted me **life** and favor, And Your care has preserved my **spirit**.*

1. Here are the bones.

2. The ligaments, called here sinews, are to be added in order to unite the bones, that the skeleton might be complete.

3. The flesh (the whole muscular system, the subjacent and superjacent muscles, including the arterial and venous system) clothes this skeleton.

4. The skin (the dermis and epidermis, or cutis and cuticle) envelops the whole of these muscles or flesh; and now these bodies are in the state that the body of Adam was before it received the animal and intellectual principle from God.

5. The wind, □□□□□, the soul, came into them. They were endued with animal and intellectual life; and they arose and evidenced a complete restoration to life, and began to perform its functions, verse 10.

**Paris Catacombs**- One of the more macabre tourist attractions in Paris are the Catacombs of the dead containing the bones of six million Parisians.

A small crowd of the curious tourists descended a narrow spiral staircase into the network of underground passages, where pile upon pile of shin bones lie in neat rows punctuated by a pattern of skulls.

The tunnels were originally stone mines. They became underground burial chambers when the cemeteries of Paris became

so overcrowded and unsanitary in the 18th century, that the bones had to be dug up and stored underground.

Some 190 miles of passageways wind their way under the world's most-visited capital -- creating a network of tunnels twice as long as those of the Paris underground metro system. Only one mile of catacombs are open to the public.

Renovation work included installation of an intercom system to ensure visitors do not get lost.

That should spare them the fate of a hospital worker who decided to explore the tunnels alone during the French Revolution. His skeleton was found 11 years later.

Nestor Valence, who has worked in the subterranean warren for eight years rearranging bones that fall out of place, said he had grown used to the grisly nature of his job. "Touching bones doesn't bother me anymore," he said. "When you start, it's a bit weird, but it becomes part of the routine."