

# Spiritual Revival

Intro: We are face difficulties and sometimes our faith needs strengthening. Moses provides some principles by which we can be revived spiritually when he wrote Deu. 10:12-13 <sup>12</sup>“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, <sup>13</sup>To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?” Notice these principles that we need to do to have a proper spiritual revival. We must develop:

## I. RIGHT ATTITUDE

### A. Fear the Lord thy God

### B. Fearing God is essential.

1. It must be taught:
  - a. Deu. 4:10 <sup>10</sup>“*Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.”
  - b. Psa. 34:11 <sup>11</sup>“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”
2. It is the purpose and summation of life
  - a. Ecc. 12:13 <sup>13</sup>“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.”
  - b. Pro. 23:17 <sup>17</sup>“Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.”
3. It involves:
  - a. Being afraid:
    - (1) Psa. 119:120 <sup>120</sup>“My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.”
    - (2) Heb. 10:31 <sup>31</sup>“*It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”
    - (3) Heb. 12:29 <sup>29</sup>“For our God *is* a consuming fire.”
  - b. Respect and awe of God
    - (1) At the raising of the widow of Nain’s son:
      - (a) Luke 7:16 <sup>16</sup>“And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.”
      - (b) Their fear was that of awe, homage, and respect.
    - (2) Heb. 12:28 <sup>28</sup>“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:”

## II. RIGHT DIRECTION

### A. Walk in all His ways.

### B. Man cannot direct his own ways.

1. Jer. 10:23 <sup>23</sup>“O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
2. Isa. 53:6 <sup>6</sup>“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

### C. This is what repentance is all about:

1. I am going to direct my life in God’s ways.
2. Luke 13:3 <sup>3</sup>“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
3. Acts 17:30 <sup>30</sup>“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:”

4. 2 Pet. 3:9 “<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

### III. RIGHT AFFECTION

#### A. Love Him

#### B. Love of God is the greatest command:

1. Deu. 6:5 “<sup>5</sup>And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”
2. Mat. 22:37 “<sup>37</sup>Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

#### C. We must set our affections in the right place:

1. Col. 3:1-2 “<sup>1</sup>If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”
2. 1 John 2:15 “<sup>15</sup>Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

#### D. True love of God keeps His commands:

1. John 14:21, 23-24 “<sup>21</sup>He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. <sup>22</sup>Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. <sup>24</sup>He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”
2. John 15:10 “<sup>10</sup>If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.”
3. 1 John 5:3 “<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”

### IV. RIGHT BEHAVIOR

#### A. Serve the Lord with all your heart and soul.

#### B. We are to serve God.

1. Mat. 4:10 “<sup>10</sup>Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”
2. Rom. 12:1 “<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.”

#### C. With our entire being.

1. God will not accept half-hearted service or divided allegiance.
2. Mat. 6:24 “<sup>24</sup>No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
3. Mat. 12:30 “<sup>30</sup>He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”

### V. RIGHT ACTION

#### A. Keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes.

#### B. Those right actions were commanded in the Old Testament.

1. Deu. 31:12 “<sup>12</sup>Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:”

2. Regarding the building of the tabernacle:
  - a. Exo. 25:9 <sup>“9</sup> According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.”
  - b. Exo. 25:40 <sup>“40</sup> And look that thou make *them* after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.”
  - c. Heb. 8:5 <sup>“5</sup> Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.”
    - (1) God was concerned with the inferior tabernacle and His instructions followed to the letter; He is more concerned with the superior, the church.
      - (a) The temple is the church of Christ today.
      - (b) 1 Cor. 3:16-17 <sup>“16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? <sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.”
      - (c) 2 Cor. 6:16-17 <sup>“16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,”
    - (2) We must follow God’s pattern regarding the church.
      - (a) Its uniqueness
      - (b) Its worship
      - (c) Its plan of salvation
      - (d) Its organization
      - (e) Its work
      - (f) Its fellowship, etc.
3. In actions; Due. 4:2 <sup>“2</sup> Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

### C. Our actions must be what God has authorized.

1. Mat. 21:23-25 <sup>“23</sup> And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? <sup>24</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?”
2. Col. 3:17 <sup>“17</sup> And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
3. We must have authority for everything we do in life.

**Conclusion:** Realize that in all things, God has our “good” at heart. It is for the betterment of (1) society, (2) the home, and (3) the individual—giving purpose in life, joy, peace, etc.