
Do It Again

Part 1 – Fire of the Spirit

What Does Revival Look Like?

Mark Sayers observes: personal renewal leads to corporate revival, which leads to community transformation.

And as we look back through the history of the Church, we can see and learn some very interesting things.

A part of what we can glean from revival history is that is restoring to the church something that we have lost, forgotten, overlooked, and stepped away from.

There's heaps of resources if you are interested in this area:

- + Going Deeper: Revival History series
- + Geoff Waugh's book: Revival Fires.

Deuteronomy 29:29

Habakkuk 3:2

Azuza Street

The Los Angeles Revival, more commonly known as the Azuza Street Revival, in 1906–1909.

A Heart of Prayer

One of the most significant things that the Azuza Street Revival restored was the tarrying or waiting in prayer.

Seymour himself used to pray five hours a day, and when he started his ministry in LA, he asked God what he should do, and God said, "Pray more!"

Pentecost Again

What really seemed to mark Azuza Street was the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

The stories of what God did sounded just like Acts 2!

People of all ethnic backgrounds were there together, worshipping God and declaring His goodness and power.

The unity of the church was supernatural.

God's Gift Back to Us

John 14:12-14

Frank Bartleman recounts:

"Someone might be speaking. Suddenly the Spirit would fall upon the congregation. God Himself would give the altar call. Men would fall all over the house, like the slain in battle, or rush for the altar en masse, to seek God. The scene often resembled a forest of fallen trees. Such a scene cannot be imitated... It seemed a fearful thing to hinder or grieve the Spirit. The whole place was steeped in prayer. God was in His holy temple. It was for (people) to keep quiet. The Shekinah glory rested there."

Geoff Waugh: Revival Fires (2009), pg 89

But It Didn't Start There

But the burning fire of the Spirit didn't begin at Azuza Street.

- + 1905: Mukti, India
- + 1904: Welsh Revival
- + 1900–1901: Topeka, USA
- + 1871: New York, USA
- + 1859: Ulster, Ireland
- + 1821: Adams, USA
- + 1801: Cane Ridge
- + 1739: London
- + 1727: Hernnhut, Germany
- + 1517: The Protestant Reformation
- + Middle Ages: Catholic Monasticism
- + 5th Century: St Augustine
- + 3rd Century: Desert Fathers
- + 1st Century: the Apostles and Paul

Pentecost

The fire fell and began to burn in the hearts of God's people on the day of Pentecost, some 2,000 years ago.

On that day, "...they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

– Acts 2:1–4 (ESV)

"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

– Habakkuk 3:2 (NIV)

He promises us that His eyes are roaming back and forth throughout the earth, looking for those whose hearts are blameless toward Him, in whom He can show Himself strong! (2 Chronicles 16:9)

Discussion Questions

1. Does your heart burn for the outpouring of God?
2. What did you learn about Azuza Street that stood out to you?
3. What part of your inheritance in God do you want to grab a hold of from this revival?
4. What would extended prayer and waiting on the Lord look like in your life? What would have to change?
5. What do you need to give over to God (repent, put off, confess) so that you are ready to walk in the power of His Holy spirit?
6. What are the daily rhythms that you can implement to cry out for God's Spirit to pour out on his people?
7. Would you be willing to make it a priority of your life to ask God to do it again?

If you are using these notes in a small group setting, take the time to anoint each person with oil (olive oil would be fine to use), and pray that God would pour out His spirit on them like at the day of Pentecost and at the Azuza Street Revival.