

time of spiritual dryness burns into us the truth that we cannot live without God's renewing Spirit. Hymnwriter Daniel W. Whittle expressed his longing for spiritual revival in these words: "Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need; mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."

During times of spiritual dryness, when we long for a sense of the presence and power of God, we echo the psalmist's prayer: "Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation" (Psalm 85:6-7).

The spiritual refreshing we crave comes only from above. Christ alone can satisfy our spiritual thirst with the "living water" He promised to all who come to Him (John 4:14). —DCM

*I reached for God's hand full of blessings,
Because I was needy and sad;
And, oh, what a shower He gave me
From all the rich treasure He had! —Simon*

Only Christ the living water can quench our spiritual thirst.



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Showers Of Blessing

Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? —Psalm 85:6

When it rains, most people go inside to avoid getting wet. But I remember a summer day when people ran outside their sheds and homes to stand in a downpour. Some shouted, others danced, and everyone was happy. After months of scorching temperatures and crippling drought, the sheer joy of a life-giving rain made getting soaked a pleasure.

Just as a physical drought teaches us that there is no substitute for rain, a



Heart Song

A Heart for Revival



Jonathan Edwards

Finney

Charles Finney

Edwin Orr

Psalm 85 leads us to make 5 powerful statements about revival:

1. Revival starts with _____, verse 1

(Isaiah 1:2-7) "... the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me; {3} The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider." {4} Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. {5} .. You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. {6} From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment. {7} Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."



A tract describing the salvation of Abigail Hutchinson

2. Revival requires _____, verses 2-3

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Isaiah 59:2) "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

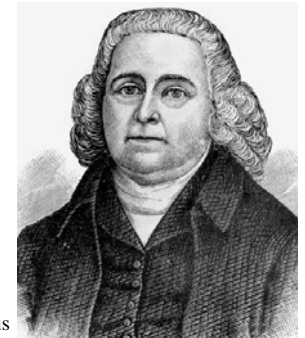
(Revelation 3:15-16) ""I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. {16} "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit



you out of My mouth." (Proverbs 28:13) "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

Evan Roberts

3. Revival involves _____, verses 4-7



Isaac Backus

4. Revival means _____ lives, verses 8-9



Count Zinzendorf

5. Revival brings much _____, verses 10-12



1900 Japanese revival