

E-votional 114

Revive Me

Psalm 119:25-27 (NKJV)

My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.

I have declared my ways, and You answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.

Make me understand the way of Your precepts;
So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

There are times in our walks when we become so inwardly blind that understanding God's Word and being able to perceive what He is doing is a distant thing. We crave that touch from God to bring us back from the so so and the mundane unto the richness of His blessings upon our very souls. Though we crave such richness, we also know that with us this is impossible to cultivate. What shall we do we cry from within? Behold, sleepy soul only God can bring us back to life and revive us.

Hallelujah Jesus! Praise God!

I am so thankful that no matter where we are or what we go through, the Lord is only a heart's cry away.

There are no doubt days ahead and even now where we as believers will surely find ourselves in a place in our life where we wonder what has become of us when we no longer find ourselves as passionate about God's Word as we once were. Along with this we even feel condemned when we go through seasons where it is hard for us to feel like we are near to the heart of God. We may feel a distance between ourselves and Himself to such a degree that we have lost all of that inner confidence we used to enjoy soo much. On top of this, we find that it is rather difficult to meditate upon the wonders of the Lord all around us. It is almost as if from within we have been detached from the goodness of God and of His works in our life.

We might ask ourselves how we grew so far away and what happened to us. Inside are a growing deficit of joy and a lack of remembrance of how God who we were once so close to seems now so far away. We almost become depressed all the while the heart cries louder and louder. When Lord?

Thank God for His Word!

I say this because whether or not you are going through something like this or have gone through it or maybe know someone that is, we have many biblical examples where people of God in their desperation cried out and were heard from on high. The truth is that one who feels this way may feel far from God but in fact, is really no further or closer than at any other point in their walk.

Let me explain, a person who has actually rejected God and drifted from Him would not even feel the drift this way. So the fact that one would, even though they feel far from God want still to be close to Him is a clear indication that they are actually still not that far off.

However, it is apparent that it is possible for one to give up when going through such a time as this.

But again, thank God for His Word and the many examples we have been given therein.

The chosen passage of Scripture really illustrates what I have been describing here. I love the part that says, "My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word." And further, "Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works."

I shared this in light of what I said before because sometimes we need God to send the richness of His blessings upon our very souls. That is that it is a gift from God to feel His Presence in our lives and by it to become revitalized to once again behold the wonderful works of God.

I am reminded of a revivalist named Evan Roberts from the Wales revival at the onset of the 1900s. There is a documentary about his diary and the revival. In this documentary, Evan Roberts often experienced great bitterness of soul. He turned to God every time in great longing. And there were other times that he described being awakened by the Lord in the middle of the night where he was overcome by the Presence of the Lord and felt as if he were face to face with God. Before the revival actually broke out he described these seasons where sometimes his heart was so dry that even the picture of the cross could not move his heart. Then there were the others, where God seemed so close, as

never before.

At one point Evan Roberts said this,

"I have built the altar, and laid the wood in order, and have prepared the offering; I have only to wait for the fire"

Sometimes these seasons of inner dryness and coldness, when brought to God persistently are the very means by which He pours out His grace tangibly in ways we may not have received prior.

Brothers and sisters, let us press so far into Christ and His immeasurable redeeming grace and then make a memorial there so that we may be able to recall in later days the richness of His blessings upon our very souls to sustain us till the day He returns and we see Him face to face. Hallelujah Jesus!

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