

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING – 5

“New Testament Awakenings”

Acts 19

Acts 8

I. SOME IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES.

- A. *Men are basically the same today as ever; people are people.*
- B. *God is still the same God.*
- C. *The nations, names, and faces may have changed, but the underlying principles are still the same.*
 - 1. The same consequences for evil.
 - 2. The same plan for renewal and restoration.

II. COMPARISON OF OLD TESTAMENT AWAKENINGS AND NEW TESTAMENT REVIVALS.

A. *Old Testament.*

- 1. Under divine rule of kings.
- 2. Kings took leadership; nation followed; kings actions affected the people.

B. *New Testament.*

- 1. God is dealing with individuals; emphasis on priesthood of every believer; our direct access to God without having to go through anyone else.
- 2. Individuals affect the nation; can turn the heart of the king.
- 3. In the New Testament, we have the power of the gospel; We have the power of the Word of Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- 4. God puts an emphasis on the supernatural to enhance the faith of believers.
 - a. Supernatural has way of bringing revival; has way of bringing conviction.

(1) Peter and miraculous draught of fish. (Luke 5:4 KJV)

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

(Luke 5:5 KJV) And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. (Luke 5:6 KJV) And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (Luke 5:7 KJV)

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. (Luke 5:8 KJV) When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

(2) Philippian jailer. (Acts 16:30 KJV) And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

- b. Our responsibility is to prepare ourselves for the supernatural.

Return to the Word of God. (Rom 10:17 KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Repentance (repent and believe the gospel). (Mark 1:15 KJV)

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

I. REVIVAL AT EPHESUS (Acts 19).

- A. ***Began with 12 disciples open to the Holy Spirit*** (Acts 19:1-7). (Acts 19:1 KJV) And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (Acts 19:2 KJV) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (Acts 19:3 KJV) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. (Acts 19:4 KJV) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (Acts 19:5 KJV) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:6 KJV) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. (Acts 19:7 KJV) And all the men were about twelve.
- B. ***Paul spoke boldly for about 3 months in the synagogue.*** (Acts 19:8 KJV) And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.
1. Divers were hardened and spoke evil. (Acts 19:9 KJV) But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.
 2. Paul moved to school of Tyrannus and continued for 2 years. (Acts 19:10 KJV) And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.
- C. ***God wrought special miracles through Paul.*** (Acts 19:11 KJV) And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: (Acts 19:12 KJV) So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.
1. Anointed handkerchiefs and aprons.
 2. Diseases departed.
 3. Evil spirits fled (Sons of Sceva).
- D. ***Known to Jews and Greek.*** (Acts 19:17 KJV) And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.
1. Fear fell on them.
 2. The name of Jesus was magnified.
- E. ***Revival brought confession.*** (Acts 19:18 KJV) And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.
1. Book burning. (Acts 19:19 KJV) Many of them also which used curious

arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

2. The word of God grew mightily and prevailed. (Acts 19:20 KJV) So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
3. Demetrius the silversmith. (Acts 19:24 KJV) For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; (Acts 19:25 KJV) Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. (Acts 19:26 KJV) Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: (Acts 19:27 KJV) So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. (Acts 19:28 KJV) And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. With this craft have we our wealth. Paul turned many away saying there be no gods made by hands. Craft endangered; temple of Diana threatened; Diana would be despised (goddess whose image fell from Jupiter).

I. PHILIP'S REVIVAL IN SAMARIA (Acts 8:5-23).

- A. ***Preached Christ.*** (Acts 8:5 KJV) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
- B. ***Miracles of healing and deliverance from unclean spirits.*** (Acts 8:6 KJV) And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. (Acts 8:7 KJV) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
- C. ***Great joy in the city.*** (Acts 8:8 KJV) And there was great joy in that city.
- D. ***Revival of the Holy Ghost.*** (Acts 8:14 KJV) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: (Acts 8:15 KJV) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (Acts 8:16 KJV) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) (Acts 8:17 KJV) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
- E. ***Simon the sorcerer.***
Believed and was baptized. (Acts 8:13 KJV) Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
Heart not right with God. (Acts 8:19 KJV) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. (Acts 8:20 KJV) But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou

hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. (Acts 8:21 KJV) Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. (Acts 8:22 KJV) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. (Acts 8:23 KJV) For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

PREVAILING PRINCIPLES.

Return to the Lord.

Renewed covenant with God.

Process of sanctification.

Rediscovery of the Word of God.

Repentance.

Renewal of worship.