

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING – 6

“New Testament Revival”

I. 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.
2. Individuals affect the nation; can turn the heart of the king.
3. In the New Testament, we have the power of the gospel; the power of the Word of Christ; the power of the Holy Spirit.

II. 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.

1. (Acts 4:2 KJV) Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
2. (Acts 8:35 KJV) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
3. (Acts 17:18 KJV) ...And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

B. *Preaching Jesus will bring miracles of healing and deliverance from unclean spirits.*

1. (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.
2. (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.

C. *Revival of the Holy Ghost.*

1. (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.
2. (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.

D. ***Simon the sorcerer.***

1. 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.
2. 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.

E. ***Observations of Holy Ghost baptism experiences in Book of Acts.***

1. Cornelius (Acts 8).
 - a. His righteousness.
Feared God with all his house.
Gave much alms to the people.
Prayed to God always (Prayer and alms obtained God's favor).
 - b. No baptism; believed in God; knew nothing of Jesus.
 - c. Filled with Holy Ghost (“...for they heard them speak in tongues and magnify God).
 - d. Peter remembered the words of the Lord: “John will baptize you in water; Jesus will baptize you in the Holy Ghost.”
 - e. Baptized in water in the name of the Lord.
 - f. The key is to have a heart for God.
2. Ephesians believers.
 - a. Referred to as disciples; believers (Received Holy Ghost since you believed?).
 - b. Baptized in water by John (heeded message of repentance).
 - c. Baptized in water in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 - d. Received Holy Ghost; spoke in tongues and prophesied.
3. Philip and Samaritan revival.

- a. Preached Christ with signs following.
- b. Baptized in water.

PREVAILING PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

A. *Old Testament.*

1. Return to the Lord.
Repentance.
Renewed covenant with God.
Rediscovery of the Word of God.
1. Set yourself apart for the work of the Lord.
2. Renewal of worship.

B. *New Testament.*

1. Manifestation of the supernatural.
2. The power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Healings.
4. Deliverances.

Old Testament and New Testament--great joy.

(2 Chr 30:26 KJV) So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.
(Acts 8:8 KJV) And there was great joy in that city.