



DATE: 21 April 2024 AM
TEXT: 2 Chronicles 7:14
TITLE: Filial

adjective: relating to or
befitting a son or daughter

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

INTRODUCTION

- throughout the months of February and March, I preached messages that caused us to confront our sin
- this morning, I want to begin looking at the idea of **REVIVAL**...what it means and what it will take to accomplish it in our church

**Revival is the church falling in love
with Jesus all over again.**

~ Vance Havner

- our theme verse for the year is found in **Ezra 9:8**, and notice what Ezra had to say:

And now for a little space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

lightening our eyes involves seeing our sins

a little reviving in our bondage involves a renewal of our servitude...a change in our attitude

- remember, revival is for saved people...those who are lost in sin are dead...

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

- in the church, revival comes as a spark, from member to member, as we confess our sins and draw closer to God in our walk and our work
- the context of our text this morning concern's Solomon and his building of the Temple in Jerusalem

according to **1 Kings 6:37-38**, it took seven years to construct the Temple

according to **1 Kings 7:1**, Solomon took thirteen years to build his house

in **2 Chronicles 6**, Solomon prayed for God to accept his work and move into the Temple

in **chapter 7**, offerings were made:

22,000 oxen were killed

120,000 sheep were killed

fire from Heaven came down and consumed the offerings...God was pleased

1. REQUIREMENT OF GOD'S PRESENCE

in **2 Chronicles 7:1-3**, we see that the glory of God came into the Temple and filled it

the Temple was the most beautiful building in the world, valued in the billions of dollars

but without the presence of God, it was just another building

according to **Romans 9:4**, the glory of God was a defining mark on Israel among the nations

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

in the same manner, a church...any church...must have the presence of God in order to be a true church

we can go through the motions of worship and service...we can do the work in the power of our own hands

but it's just a building until God comes in

Psalm 119:126

It is time for thee, LORD, to work...

Isaiah 57:15

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Hosea 10:12

...break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD,

Habakkuk 3:2

... O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years,

2. REPUTATION OF GOD'S NAME

notice the emphasis...**MY** people...**MY** name

in order to be a people of God, they must:

IDENTIFY WITH HIS GOD'S NAME

they were **Jews...Hebrews...Israel...children**

= power with God

Genesis 32:28

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

in the Old Testament, God is considered to be the Father of the nation in a *spiritual* sense, as Abraham was the father of the nation *physically*

Jeremiah 3:19

But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

see also **Isaiah 63:16 (64:8)**

IDENTIFY WITH GOD'S NATURE

...and shall not turn away from me

it was not enough to have God's name...any idol worshipping nation could do the same

they had to *become* like their God

Deuteronomy 18:9

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. **verse 13** Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

3. REPROACH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God gave Israel the Law...to develop them into people who represented a holy and righteous God

of course, they failed to live up to it

Jeremiah 19:4

...they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place...**verse 7** I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies...

in his prayer of dedication, Solomon asked God to hear the cry of His people...when they failed, when they lost the battle, when the land was desolate **chapter 6**

in reply, God said He would do so

2 Chronicles 7:13

and how were the people to approach God in their time of need?

cognizant of their need for Him

concerning themselves with
His reputation

confessing their sins

...turn from their wicked ways

- in the coming messages, we will consider the components of revival:

humility

prayer

seeking God's face

confession

- for this morning, would you pray and simply ask God to give you a desire for revival in your own life?