

THE CHURCH IN BOSTON PERFECTING TRAINING

GROWING IN LIFE

Session Two

Morning Revival (1)

Scripture Reading: Prov. 4:18; Psa. 110:2-3; 2:11-12; S. S. 1:2-5; 1 John 1:5-9

- I. A vital matter that is crucial to the practice of the church life in the new way is our living a life of morning revival and daily victory:**
 - A. We should not consider that to have a personal morning revival is difficult.
 - B. To be revived is simply to be touched by the Lord anew.
 - C. Whenever the Lord touches us, we are revived.
- II. We stress that there should be a morning revival based on God's natural law:**
 - A. Every twenty-four hours there is a morning to begin the new day.
 - B. The sun rises anew every morning, and we also must rise up every morning.
 - C. Therefore, it is good for us to go to bed earlier at night so that we can rise up earlier in the morning.
 - D. Every morning we should get up, make our bed, and then spend some time with the Lord.
 - E. If we can give the Lord ten minutes in the morning before doing anything else, surely we will be revived.
- III. In our time with the Lord, there are a few considerations:**
 - A. One of the main things is to clear up our conscience, to get rid of our inner condemnation; this is done by making a thorough confession of all of our failures, defects, defeats, wrongdoings, mistakes, even sinfulness to the Lord.
 - B. Then we can take one or two verses from the holy Word to use in our prayer; this is pray-reading.
 - C. Take care of calling on the Lord, contacting the Lord, and touching the Lord with a proper inner sense; we may have the sensation that the Lord is speaking to us and this is to fellowship with Him.
 - D. In ten minutes you can do a number of things, yet you should not try to do too much; use this ten minutes mainly to contact the Lord directly; then you will be revived.
- IV. The benefits of a small spiritual practice like morning revival cannot be measured according to our feelings:**
 - A. On one hand, your time of morning revival may be better than what the apostle Paul experienced, but on the other hand, it may be worse than one of the new believer's.
 - B. But regardless of whether it is better or worse than others', as long as you have a time of morning revival with the Lord, that is wonderful; the real value of food cannot be measured by taste.

- C. Your experiences of morning revival may be on different levels, but regardless of the level, it is much better than not having such a time at all.
- D. We must do our best to have a time of morning revival every day; if we do not have ten minutes, we can at least have a little time to contact the Lord.
- E. Surely every one of us, regardless of how busy we are, can find half a minute in the morning to speak to the Lord.
- F. No matter what, we must never stop having a time of morning revival; this is the life line to all the saints.

Ministry Excerpts:

A LIFE OF MORNING REVIVAL AND DAILY VICTORY

A vital matter that is crucial to the practice of the church life in the new way is our living a life of morning revival and daily victory. We should not consider that to have a personal morning revival is difficult. To be revived is simply to be touched by the Lord anew. Whenever the Lord touches us, we are revived. In only two minutes the Lord can touch us and revive us. You may not have been revived for a long time, and you may feel that you are very far from the Lord. However, the Lord promises that, regardless of what we are, where we are, or how we are, He is always near to us. We may not have a pure conscience, but the Lord's blood is ready to cleanse us. If we simply confess our failures, defects, wrongdoings, and shortcomings, the Lord will forgive us and cleanse us. Then immediately we touch Him, and He touches us. This is to be revived, and this kind of revival must be fresh every day.

We stress that this should be a morning revival based on God's natural law. Every twenty-four hours there is a morning to begin the new day. The sun rises anew every morning, and we also must rise up every morning. Therefore, it is good for us to go to bed earlier at night so that we can rise up earlier in the morning. Every morning we should get up, make our bed, and then spend some time with the Lord. If we can give the Lord ten minutes in the morning before doing anything else, surely we will be revived. If we normally get up at six o'clock, we should get up at five fifty. Then we could have ten minutes to contact the Lord and be revived.

In our time with the Lord, the main thing is to clear up our conscience, to get rid of our inner condemnation. This is done by making a thorough confession of all of our failures, defects, defeats, wrongdoings, mistakes, even sinfulness to the Lord. Then we can take one or two verses from the holy Word to use in our prayer. This is pray-reading. Do not be concerned about too many things, and do not care that much for your understanding. Take care of calling on the Lord, contacting the Lord, and touching the Lord with a proper inner sense. This keeps you in a direct, fresh, intimate, loving contact with the Lord. Sometimes as you are enjoying the Lord in this way, you may have the sensation that the Lord is speaking to you. Then you can be silent, listening to His speaking. This is to fellowship with Him. In ten minutes you can do a number of things, yet you should not try to do

too much. Use this ten minutes mainly to contact the Lord directly; then you will be revived. Because you have been revived, when you go to work, you will go with the Lord. In this way you will be victorious the whole day.

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The benefits of a small spiritual practice like morning revival cannot be measured according to your feelings. On one hand, your time of morning revival may be better than what the apostle Paul experienced, but on the other hand, it may be worse than one of the new believer's. But regardless of whether it is better or worse than others', as long as you have a time of morning revival with the Lord, that is wonderful. The real value of food cannot be measured by taste. You may appreciate a certain type of food, but I may not. However, regardless of whether you appreciate a certain type of food or not, as long as you eat it three times a day, you will be sustained.

Your experiences of morning revival may be on different levels, but regardless of the level, it is much better than not having such a time at all. On some mornings you may be in a hurry and not have ten minutes. You may only have time to pray, "Lord, I want to be revived by You. O Lord Jesus, revive me. Lord, I have to go. I am sorry that I don't have time to stay here with You." Sometimes I have had to do this, yet this is surely much better than nothing.

We must do our best to have a time of morning revival every day. If we do not have ten minutes, we can at least have a little time to contact the Lord. Surely every one of us, regardless of how busy we are, can find half a minute in the morning to speak to the Lord. We will surely get something. Because I have such little time, I have had a number of morning revivals like this. No matter what, we must never stop having a time of morning revival. This is the life line to all the saints.

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