

A RETURN TO POWER

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2 Chronicles 30:1-5 Hezekiah (Jehovah is strength) calls for revival, a choice.

It is actually a return to the power of God in their lives.

They had not had a quality relationship with God for years.

Had departed from His ways and laws.

They had actually lost the original Book of the Law, which was found during Josiah's reign several years after Hezekiah's death. 2Chron. 34:14

Were God's people in name, but knew very little about Him.

As a result they had been divided, defeated, captured and weakened.

Sometimes we can know God without knowing much about Him or His ways.

Without a quality relationship with God, our power is greatly diminished.

Revival is a return to God. A return to God is a return to power.

I. Relationship With God.

A. 1st Passover in 260 years vs.5

1. Type of righteousness by Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:21

a. This was an act of unity, as Israel was now divided.

B. Repentance. vs. 8-9

1. Forgiveness required. 1Jn. 1:9;

Matt. 6:14-15 *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: :15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

2. Tearing down idols.

a. Removed brazen serpent (after 900 yrs.)

2 Ki. 18:4 *He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. (Brazen.)*

2 Cor. 10:5 *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

C. Kingdom of God is righteousness. Rms. 14:17

D. Relationship builds trust.

2Kgs. 18:5 *He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.*

1. Trusting God empowers us.

II. Restored The Laws Of God.

A. Feasts restored.

1. Passover.
2. Pentecost.
3. Tabernacles.

B. Tithing restored.

2Chr. 31:4-5 *Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD. :5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.*

C. Following God's concepts and obeying His laws empowers the believer and is essential for a relationship with God.

Josh. 1:7-8 *Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.*

:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Prov. 3:5-10 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. :6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. :7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. :8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. :9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: :10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

III. Renounced And Removed Idolatry.

A. Tore down religious idolatry. 2Kgs. 18:4

1. Past moves of God that were significant at an appointed time, but a hindrance if continually practiced.

2Cor. 10:5 *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

B. Materialism. Matt. 6:33 ; Col. 3:5 ...and covetousness, which is idolatry:

IV. **Religiosity Abandoned.**

A. People are religious by nature.

2Kgs. 18:4 *and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it:*

1. Adam thought he could cover his sin with a fig leaf.

B. Jesus detested the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

Greater damnation.

Matt. 23:14 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.*

Matt. 23:13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

V. **Rivals Of God Defeated.**

A. Philistines and Syrians defeated. 2Kgs. 18 & 19

1. Speaks of spiritual warfare.

Eph. 6; *We wrestle not against flesh and blood...*

2Cor. 10:4 *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

Conclusion; The rewards of revival;

- Great Joy. 2Chr. 30:26 *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.*
- Civil reward. 2Kgs. 20:20 *And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?*
- Future generations served God as a result of Hezekiah's reinstatement of righteousness. Prov. 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

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