

Can We Expect a Revival?

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There was once a man who believed a revival was needed. He stood high in the court of the greatest empire of his day, Persia. He was a Hebrew, and had heard that the walls of God's city Jerusalem were broken down, the gates burned with fire, and the Jews who had returned there from the Babylonian captivity in great affliction and reproach. He believed in God, and loved his people. The story of what followed is told in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah, cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, was the man who dared to hope for a revival. Nothing could have seemed less likely just then. But it came, in the face of deadness, discouragement, and attacks of the most determined and desperate sort.

If there was to be a revival of God's people in Israel, there must be a revival of wall-building also, so that Jerusalem might be honorable instead of a public dishonor in the land. Nehemiah was both spiritual and

practical—neither of these can really exist without the other. After he had secured the royal authority for his work in Jerusalem, and systematic plans for rebuilding the wall of the Holy City had begun, an enemy made an attack upon the movement. Sanballat, an influential Samaritan, prompted perhaps by political motives, ridiculed Nehemiah and his fellow workers. "What do these feeble Jews?" he exclaimed. "Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?" Another enemy allied with Sanballat predicted with sarcasm: "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall."

But Nehemiah's work went straight forward; the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt; and one of the great revivals of history followed as God's people turned to the reading of His Word and the doing of His will.

Here is a lesson in revival that God's people need to take to heart today, when revival is sorely needed again. Revivals usually come to pass in the face of intense opposition, and in times of great darkness and dejection. No intelligent observer can

doubt that we are in such times today. Determined attacks are being made on the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the true Christian faith. Immorality is on every hand. Open atheism flourishes. Materialism grips the hearts of men. All these conditions make a call to revival.

Nehemiah's first move toward revival was significant. When he learned of the dire distress of the people of Jerusalem, he said: "I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven."

His very prayer was the sure way to revival. It began with worship of God "that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments;" and at once it went on to confession of sin. Then Nehemiah boldly reminded God of the divine promise to forgive and to restore if confession was made. God heard and answered that prayer.

Revival has never come in any other way; but it has come, over and over again in times of darkness and need, in just that way. There is a passage of scripture that may well be used in prayer for revival today: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

The enemy is coming in like a flood today, not only in Soviet Russia, not only in war-torn China, but also in every favored land where Christianity is a glorious reality—and where also the working of the powers of evil is a dread reality.

Not only are there plenty of dark signs that a revival is needed; there are also many bright signs of its coming. For almost a score of years many individuals and groups of Christian people have been praying persistently for revival. The Great Commission Prayer League of Chicago has been used of God to stir up people to prevailing prayer. At its world wide call many Watch-Night meetings of prayer for revival were held as the old year died and the new year was born. Those who are in touch with the prayer life of the church are continually receiving news of intense, persistent prayer in Europe, in Asia, in Canada and the United States, in South America, in Africa, that God's people are pleading for a Heaven-born, Heaven-sent revival.

In parts of the world where, humanly speaking, there is reason for the greatest discouragement, there are also brightest signs of coming revival. Russia is one of these parts. In spite of—or shall we say because of?—the devilish and official activity against all true religious life and indeed against God Himself and His only Son, heart-hungry people are turning to God in their tragic need and are finding salvation through Christ as Savior. Revivals have broken out in various parts of China since—and because of—the political turmoil and tragedy of that land. The Jews everywhere are showing a readiness to consider the Messianic claims of Christ such as they have never manifested since they cried out to Pilate, "Crucify Him!"

The distribution of the life giving Word of God is going on in a way known to no other literature. China was sown with a million Testaments not long ago, and now the Million Testaments Campaign for Latin-American Lands is under way. The various Bible societies in a recent twelve months circulated 36,500,000 copies of the Scriptures, which means an average of about 70 per minute night and day. The Canadian Sunday School Mission, of Winnipeg, is doing a revival work by its campaign for the children, as is the Canadian Christian Crusade in meeting the attacks of atheism.

Yes, we can expect a revival. But our expectations must come from God; only He can send it.

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C. L. Friedley, Wasco, Oregon.
Omer G. Sayers, Moro, Oregon.
Any person owning any unlicensed dog, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine, as by law provided. Dogs will not appear on 1930 tax rolls unless requested by owners, and the tax is not in lieu of the license.
Notice is hereby given that dog owners will have until August 15th, 1930, to secure license. Any person who shall fail to procure a license within the time herein provided shall be subject to a penalty in addition to the license fee.
Dog licenses may be had for six months, ending as follows: December 31st, 1930. \$1.00 for each male and \$1.50 for each female dog.
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Ask Yourself Where Do Your Neighbors Play!

Another million dollars this year has gone into lumber, linen and landscaping at Lotus Isle, Portland play ground. Jantzen Beach is clearing away more brush to park the cars of folks taking a day off to recreate. A dozen new auto camps, are now going up from Brookings to Seaside, many of them elaborate, motor hotels, so-to-speak, all to care for the tourist, the vacationist, the pleasure seeker. Soon we shall have a tram to the top of Mt. Hood. Far up on its timbered sides will be a great tourist hotel. The Oregon Caves will soon be electrically lighted. The Wonderlands of Wallows will some day be preserved for the people of the nation who will fertilize all business of that county with the thousands of dollars they will pay for the pleasure they will get from climbing its rugged terrain, paddling its placid lakes or casting a fly in its turbulent streams.

For years business people have realized that a good hotel was a community asset, an advertising medium that attracted business for the entire town. When private capital was not available for building hotels, communities raised the money among themselves to provide this necessity. Today, more than ever, good hotels pay dividends to all merchants in towns having them, for travel is from one good hotel to another. And in an ever widening manner recreation and the facilities for proper entertainment are having a tremendous influence on general business, particularly in the smaller towns and cities. Business has been filtering away from many towns and in some instances the connection between such losses and the lack of recreational advantages has been direct and easily established.

Nearly every week the secretary's office of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce receive letters from towns wanting assistance in securing a talking picture theatre, or the equipment for one. Recently business men in a southeastern Oregon town said that by actual count as many as 100 automobiles left their town and the immediate vicinity every Saturday morning for the adjoining town, one hundred miles away, mainly to attend the talking picture theatres. And where people get their entertainment nowadays, they get their groceries, boots and furniture. So, in self-defence, these business men subscribed to a \$50,000 fund to erect a talking picture house, which is now being built. So important has this phase of entertainment become that finance companies and organizations specializing in raising funds for community enterprises are making it a major undertaking. We received this week a folder from one such company and prominently displayed is the report of their investigations which reveal the great distance people will go to enjoy the best sound equipment and the resulting business a town can expect.

Moro is fortunate in having a talking picture theatre without the necessity of financing the business thru the weekly visits here of the Circuit Sound Shows organization. Local people who have attended these pictures all say that the pictures are as good and the sound effects, in many ways, are better than the best Portland theatres. Not many in Moro they realize that every time the company presents a picture in Moro they use equipment valued at \$14,000. This equipment is taken down and set up again in the next town they visit. The screen and the machines are all special equipment.

Moro business men in the past have driven their cars to outside towns Saturday and Sunday nights to attend a talking picture show. They should not complain of having their customers do what they themselves do. American Legion members want to "pay out" on their hall. Moro community as a whole can benefit by each one interested doing their part in a little patronage to help the talking picture theatre become a regular part of the community life in Moro.

The talking pictures being presented in Moro are close to "first run." One of these will not be seen in Portland until the end of July. Another is now being shown in Portland and a third has just closed at a Portland theatre. Requests for any favorite picture are passed upon by the audiences by vote, if a majority vote shows that it is wanted it is gotten by the Circuit Sound Shows organization just as soon as it can be secured.


No chamber of commerce in Oregon could be doing a more constructive and necessary piece of work than to have a committee of enterprising and far-sighted business men investigate the recreational facilities of their district and how these can be further developed so as to hold the people in their trade territory.

Beef and Crows
Many years ago, when brown was prized above black, the men composing the bodyguard of the kings of England were selected for their great size. In order to keep them in physical trim, each was given an allowance of two pounds of beef daily.

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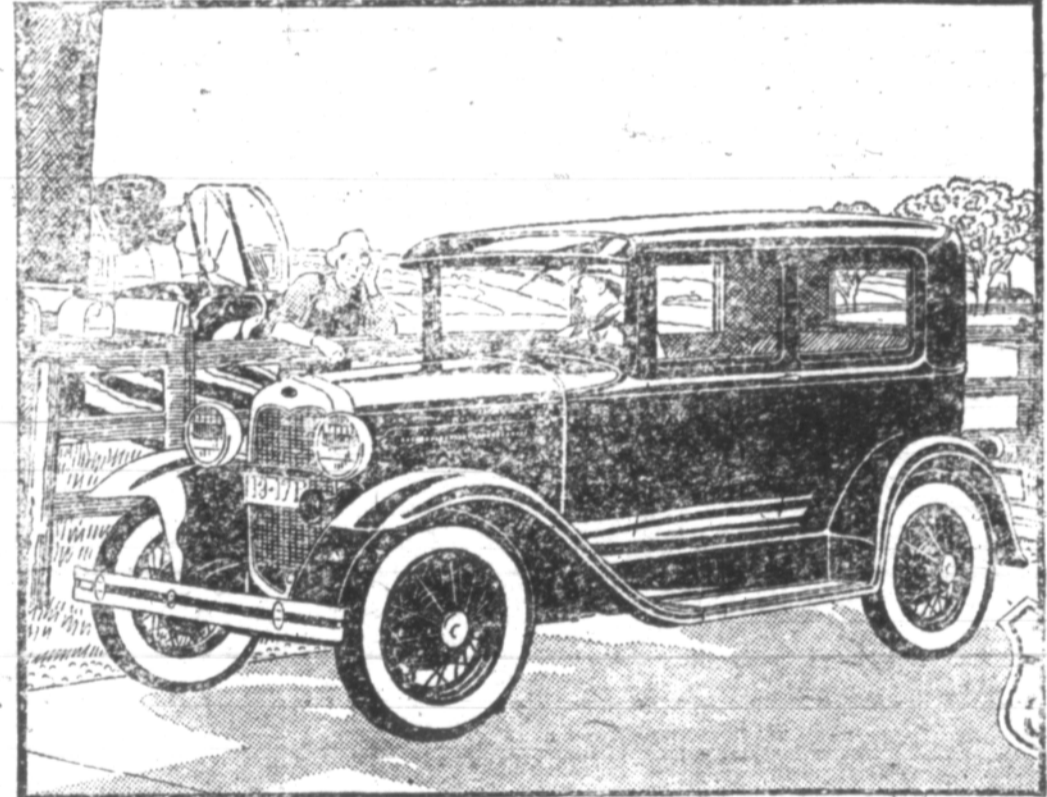
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