

Humility: Coming to God on His Terms

Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2

INTRODUCTION

Revival...the word conjures up different images in our mind. In order to understand what revival is, sometimes it's helpful to start by looking at what it is **not**.

Revival is not . . .

- _____
- _____
- _____
- an _____

So what is REVIVAL?

Revival is the *“extraordinary movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of God’s people producing extraordinary results.”*

Revival is for believers, those who already have God’s life in them. **It is the word we use to describe those seasons when God is restored to His rightful place in our lives, our families, and our churches.**

Historically there have been many periods of great, nationwide, supernatural movements of revival. These revivals have been marked by...

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- _____
- _____ and _____
- _____
- _____ and _____

So, what is the beginning point of revival. What is the key that will begin to open the door to God’s presence and power in your life, the door to the abundant life God has for us? **The secret to the presence of God in your life is to bow. The secret is HUMILITY.** Humility is essential as we are to draw near to God on His terms.

Let me give you a working **definition: “Humility is honestly assessing ourselves in light of God’s holiness and our sinfulness.”** (Mahaney, *Humility*, p. 22) Without an honest awareness of both these realities, all self-evaluation will be skewed and we’ll fail to either understand or practice true humility.

Please note...

I. The _____ of Humility

Let's consider some Scripture:

A. Isaiah 57:15

B. Isaiah 66:1-2

Humility gets God's attention. Humility draws the gaze of our Sovereign God.

II. The _____ of Humility: PRIDE

Writing in Mere Christianity, CS Lewis states: *"the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."*

How does pride manifest itself in our lives?

- Gossip
- Contentious spirit
- Self-sufficiency
- Unforgiveness and bitterness
- Judgmental spirit.
- Feelings of superiority over others
- Fear of man
- Argumentative, headstrong, stubborn spirit
- Unwillingness to let God have control
- Unwillingness to be honest about my sin

What does God think about my pride? What is God's take on Pride? Proverbs 6:16-17; 16:5, 18; James 4:6

CONCLUSION

Arrogance says, *"I will live my life without God."* If you're not careful, pride will escort you to Hell. *"Pride: the sin that turned an angel into a devil. Pride: the sin that depopulated the very realms of Heaven. Pride: the sin that emptied the beautiful, idyllic, peaceful Garden of Eden. Pride: the sin that brought the Saviour to the cross and made Him bleed and die as a necessity for forgiveness. Pride: the sin that keeps the sinners heart closed to the salvation of God and keeps him on a bound road to an eternal hell. Pride is that sin that populates hell."*

How can we cultivate humility? **How do you "humble yourself" in a practical sense?** Dallas Willard offers three helpful answers:

- don't _____.
- don't _____.
- don't _____.