

GOD IS ABLE TO REVIVE

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Text: Acts 19:11–21

"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. 21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome." (Acts 19:11-21)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: “Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God’s near presence and holiness. Thence springs a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart in repentance, praise, and love, with an evangelistic outflow.”

—J.I. Packer

Quote: “When Holy God draws near in true revival, people come under terrible conviction of sin. The outstanding feature of spiritual awakening has been the profound consciousness of the Presence and holiness of God.”—Henry Blackaby

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground: For it is time to seek the LORD, Till he come and rain righteousness upon you.” (Hosea 10:12)

“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)

1. PRECEDED BY A _____ (v. 13-16)

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

A. Satanic _____ (v. 13)

THE PRESENCE OF JEWISH EXORCISTS

“And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.” (Acts 13:6-8)

Quote: “The greatest name is the name of Jesus and, much to the annoyance of the rabbis, some Jewish exorcists tried to enhance their reputation by invoking that all-glorious name.”

—John Phillips

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EXORCISTS

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” (1 Corinthians 14:33)

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

B. Satanic _____ (v. 14-16)

THE EXORCISTS ATTEMPT TO IMITATE PAUL

“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. 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.”

(Deuteronomy 18:9-12)

THE EVIL SPIRITS’ RESPONSE

“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.” (Mark 1:21-24)

C. Satanic _____ (v. 16)

D. Spiritual _____ (v. 17)

FEAR

JESUS’ NAME MAGNIFIED

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” (Philippians 2:5-6)

2. PRESENTED WITH _____ (v. 18)

A. People _____

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

B. People _____

C. People Showed _____ (v. 18c)

Quote: “Ephesus was a city noted for magical arts, and Satan was behind the whole program. It’s wonderful to see the Gospel penetrate Satan’s strongholds!”—**Warren Wiersbe**

Quote: “Bible salvation is always accompanied with conviction of sin, and revival is always accompanied by an awakening to righteousness.”—**Paul Chappell**

3. PRODUCING _____ (v. 19-20)

A. Open _____ (v. 19)

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Timothy 2:20-22)

RID YOUR LIFE AND YOUR HOME OF
EVIL INFLUENCES

“But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:18)

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:24-25)

REPLACE THE NEGATIVE WITH POSITIVE GODLY
ACTIVITIES. SPIRITUAL EXERCISES THAT WILL
HELP YOU GROW

"For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;" (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

B. Obvious _____ (v. 20)

Quote: “A true revival means nothing less than a revolution, casting out the spirit of worldliness, making God’s love triumph in the heart.”—**Andrew Murray**

“And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; 25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. 26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: 27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.” (Acts 19:23-27)

CONCLUSION



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