

WORLD WIDE REVIVAL

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"Forever, Oh Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations, thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." Psm 119:89&90.

This will be a different sermon filled with facts and numbers for us all to consider. Research now estimates there are 2 billion people who profess Christianity. (worldwide.) For a breakdown Roman Catholics & the German Evangelical Alliance number over 1 billion while Mainline Protestants claim 321 million. Orthodox Christians number 222 million and the Anglican groups have 74.5 million. The Charismatic & Penticostals list 449 million. Millions of these are not believers, but professing, practicing religionists. The non Christian religions number Islam- 1.19 billion, Hindu - 774 million, Non Religious - 769 million, Buddhists - 359 million, Tribal Religions - 252 million, Atheists - 151 million, New Age Religions - 101 million , Sheiks - 22.7 million, Jews - 14.2 million. The documentation for these figures is Bartlett & Johnson in a current news summery. Now lets get to the question we evangelists are so often asked. **Will We See A World Wide Revival In This Next Century?** Frankly I think it is not probable that we will see one. *"But as the days of No'e were, so shall also the coming of the the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."* Matt. 24:37-39. Worldwide there is a deliberate rejection of God, and an increasing ridicule of true Christians who claim Christ as their personal Saviour. The following conditions do not seem to be conducive for

world wide revival. **(1). Hatred Toward God:** There is wide spread enmity toward the creator by the created. Never have so many opposed the great principles of God that made America a Christian nation. Our own president now boldly says we are no longer a Christian nation. **(2). Worship Of Man:** World governments are looking for a human world leader that can save the world. Negotiations of man in the political world trying to compromise into a mind set that will please everyone will never bring revival. **(3). Captivated By Materialism:** In dollars and cents the "have it's worship it, and materialism has become the God of every nation. Nations rise and fall on the false strength of the monitary efforts they persue frantically in the financial markets of todays confusion. **(4). Little Value Of Human Life:** Abortion is running rampant against the Word of God, *"Thou shall not kill"*. Birth regulations have been weakened until the mother has rights, and the baby has none. Soon we older people will be in danger of euthanasia as the value of human life is being devaluated. **(5). Morality Ignored:** The morals that made our nation to stand in line with God are being legislated out, and sin is flaunted in every form. Adultery is everywhere and same sex marriage is gaining popularity while being "gay" gives a 68% higher risk of getting and spreading Aids. **(6). Our Leadership Is Flawed:** Many of our lawmakers are engaged in immorality and robbing the taxpayer with little concern for decency, or the rights of their constituents they represent, **(7). Much Of Legislation No Longer Right:** Congress, Courts, and United Nations refuse to legislate honestly as terrorists and Iran move closer to world destruction. Our legislation is little threat to the evil dictators of the world. **(8). Religion Has Become Whatever:** Whatever you want to believe is "in" and false manmade religions make whatever claims they deem to be right, while the Bible proves them all wrong. Only faith in the finished work of

Christ, true confession of sin, and total surrender to God saves the soul. All else is false and lulls the followers to sleep and eternal damnation. Now flip the coin, and notice good true religion has made for themselves great problems in these last days. **The Spineless Condition Of Even Real Christianity Fails To Promote Revival:** A number of easily spotted things prevent real revival in these last days. I will briefly state them. **(1). Compromised Association:** There is great confusion among even Christian groups seeking for middle ground while they cancel great Bible doctrines, Bible authority, and the warnings of Almighty God. Revival will never come by placating the thoughts of man and rejecting the "Thou Shalt Not's" of the Bible. **(2). Pastoral Lethargy:** Much of the preaching of today is to please men but not God. Many pastors fail to probe the scriptures fully with honest warning of end time events but rather continue the totem pole climb of pastoral popularity. **(3). Watered Down Preaching:** We need to hear the truth rather than the watered down, ear itching theories of many religious speakers. Heart rending developments, long ago advanced by the Word of God, are neglected, and soft things of self indulgence are being featured among many religious presentations. **(4). Church Self Centeredness:** End time focus seems to be centered on a focus only on me, mine, and ours with little emphasis on all the world failing to please God. The attempt to equalize all countries' living standards ignores the great principles of the Bible. Man cannot lift himself by his own boot straps no matter how hard he tries. **(5). Weakened Standards:** The salt has lost it's savor and copies the world instead of heeding the warnings of God. Why do modern preachers fail to take on the popular worldly trends that do damage to right and holiness among believers. Who dares to preach against the apparel style of women, who have lost their womanly traits ignoring scriptures like Deut.

22:5. Most young girls have no desire to dress like a quality lady, and have become skinny, tightly clad, sex flashing rebels, caring little for what is best in life. Where has the beauty of womanhood gone that quality men could respect and garner true love and beauty. **(6). Contemptible Worship Music:** Most all present, popular church music, has become "copy cat" flesh pleasing entertainment, instead of true soul stirring hymns of soul blessing. This type of music will never lead to true revival as popular religious singers compete with each other for the applause of man. **(7). Waste of Talents And God's Money:** Millions are spent on temporal church projects while missions are neglected and evangelism forgotten. The biggest building does not indicate eternal success. **(8). The Pace Of Today's Living:** We rush like hamsters in our own self constructed wheels while the world disintegrates around us. **(9). Tragic Prayerlessness:** Prayer meeting night has become the least popular meeting of the week, while most believers fail to realize the importance and power of prayer. **(10). The Lack Of Vision:** A very small percentage of any church is really dedicated to, and active in the winning of souls. Without soul winning dedication, any church is just a different religious experience to be chosen. It will have very little impact on the neighborhood, or world around us. I am running out of space and time but current trends do not favor worldwide revival. No scripture promises great end time revival in our sin cursed world. Yet our God is sovereign and with Him all things are possible. Remember *"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."* II Chron. 7:14. I still hope locally to be a part of great revival as we wait for the Lord Jesus to return in the Rapture. Let's work hard and keep looking up. His return could be today!