

RENEWAL

To make new again.



2 Kings 5:9-12

- ▶ “So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”
- ▶ But Naaman went away angry and said, *“I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.* Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.”

1 Kings 19:11-13

*"The Lord said,
"Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by."*

*Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the
rocks before the Lord,
but the Lord was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake came a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire.*

*And after the fire came a gentle whisper.
When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out
and stood at the mouth of the cave.*

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Henry Fish: "Handbook of Revivals."

"So do revivals differ in their phenomena.

The subjects of them are variously wrought upon.

*In some cases they readily & gently yield to the sweet pleadings of love;
in others there are resistance and marked outward manifestations.*

*In some cases, too, the work may progress quietly;
in others it comes with observation.*

Dr. Griffin says of a work in his day in Newark, New Jersey:

*"In point of power and stillness, it exceeds all that I have ever seen.
While it bears down everything with irresistible force and seems almost to
dispense with human instrumentality, it moves with so much silence,
that unless we attentively observe its effects, we are tempted at times to
doubt whether anything uncommon is taking place."*

*But revivals were progressing at that very time, in different localities,
with marked distinctions of just the contrary character."*

Definition of Renewal

- ▶ **Earle Cairn:** *“the work of the Holy Spirit in restoring the people of God to a more vital spiritual life, witness, and work by prayer and the Word after repentance in crisis for their spiritual decline.”*

Renew

- ▶ **To Make New.**
 - ▶ **To Renovate.**
 - ▶ **To Restore to prior condition.**
 - ▶ **To Revive.**
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Duncan Campbell: *“I personally believe in the sovereignty of God in the affairs of men, but I do not believe in any concept of revival that eliminates man’s responsibility.”*

▶ 1. **Yield...Submit...Surrender our lives.**



▶ 2. Wait upon the Lord

- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Word
- ▶ Fellowship

Psalm 19:7

***“The Law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.”***

▶ **3. Utter & Humble
dependency upon the Lord
looking to him in faith.**

Psalm 121:2

*“My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

▶ 4. Step out to Serve: Being a Servant

John 2:7-9

***“Jesus said to the servants,
“Fill the jars with water”;
so they filled them to the brim.***

***Then he told them,
“Now draw some out
and take it to the master of the banquet.”***

***They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had
been turned into wine.***

***He did not realize where it had come from,
though the servants who had drawn the water knew.”***

▶ 5. Confess sin

“Keep short accounts with God.”

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6. Give our Disappointments over to God.

John 11:20

*“When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went out to meet him,
but Mary stayed at home.”*

*“O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.”*

-The Spirit Song



▶ **7. Rid our hearts of *fears* and *worries* that are robbing of *joy* & *peace*.**

*“Oh what peace we often forfeit!
Oh what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
everything to Him in prayer.”*

-What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Psalm 139:5-10: *“You hem me in — behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”*

▶ 8. Relationships that need restored or reconciled.

Matthew 5:23-24:

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

▶ 9. Ridding our hearts and lives of any idol's/distractions.

▶ Worship means to “ascribe worth.”

▶ What do you ascribe “supreme” value too in practice and reality?

▶ The things you do...are they pulling you closer to Christ or away from Him?
Do they enrich and deepen your walk with Him or distract you?

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▶ **10. Lukewarmness, complacency, apathy, compromise....needs removed and replaced with devotion, commitment, passion, fervency & faithfulness.**

▶ **Stephen Olford: *“Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress. The contented soul is the stagnant soul.”***
-Heart Cry for Revival

▶ **Stephen Olford: *“We must throw our whole soul into our desire for God.”***
-Heart Cry for Revival

▶ **11. Removing and guarding our hearts from all forms of pride, unbelief and anything crooked in our hearts, lives, attitudes, actions, behavior.**

▶ **Isaiah 40:4-5: *“Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”***

▶ Isaiah 40:25-31

- ▶ *"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.*

- ▶ *Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"?*

- ▶ *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord...will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."*



▶ **Psalm 51:10-12**

▶ *“Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and **renew** a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”*

▶ **Lamentations 5:21**

▶ *“Restore us to yourself, O Lord,
that we may return;
renew our days as of old.”*

▶ Habakkuk 3:2-6

▶ *“Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds,
O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy.*

▶ *God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran.*

Selah

▶ *His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth.
His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand,
where his power was hidden.*

Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps.

*He stood, and shook the earth;
he looked, and made the nations tremble.*

*The ancient mountains crumbled
and the age-old hills collapsed.*

His ways are eternal.”