

WHAT DOES A REVIVAL MEAN?

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It means—

- A deeper knowledge of God.
- A more perfect understanding of our relations to Him.
- A greater desire to do His holy will.
- A more intimate sense of the Divine Presence.
- A greater love for God's word.
- A more thorough appreciation of its meaning.
- A stronger faith in its promises.
- More perfect submission to its teachings.
- A greater love for the means of grace.
- A more intense desire to profit by them.
- Greater enjoyment in private devotions.
- More faith and liberty in prayer.
- A stronger sense of my obligations to the Church.
- A greater willingness to do my whole duty in the Church.
- A deeper love and closer fellowship with the Church.
- A more perfect consecration of myself to the work of the Church.
- A more solemn sense of my duty to the unconverted.
- A stronger desire for the coming of the kingdom of God.
- More earnest prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- Greater love and zeal in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I WILL TELL IT.

Many a physician has gained his practice by one patient telling others of his cure. Tell your neighbors that you have been to the hospital of Jesus, and been restored, though you hated all manner of meat, and drew near the gates of death; and, maybe, a poor soul, just in the same condition as yourself will say, "This is a message from God to me." Above all, publish abroad the Lord's goodness, for Jesus' sake. He deserves your honor. Will you receive His blessing, and then, like the nine lepers, give Him no praise? Will you be like the woman in the crowd who was healed by touching the hem of His garment, and then would have slipped away? If so, I pray that the Master may say, "Somebody hath touched me," and may you be compelled to tell the truth and say, "I was sore sick in soul, but I touched thee, O my blessed Lord, and I am

saved, and to the praise of the glory of Thy grace I will tell it, though devils should hear it, I will tell it and make the world ring with it, according to my ability, to the praise and glory of the saving grace."—*Spurgeon.*

THE KARENS OF BURMAH.

There are few more striking examples of missionary success than the Karen Mission of the Baptists in Burmah. The Karens are one of the hill tribes of Burmah, and are found also in Siam and China. Fifty years ago they were among the most degraded and despised people of these regions. In 1880 there were only two communities among the Northern Baptists that contributed more to the cause of missions than the Karens. New York State gave \$39,469.78; Massachusetts \$31,312.72; and the Karen churches over \$30,000! This is a remarkable fact. After giving the \$30,000, they set themselves to work to raise another \$25,000 to endow a normal and industrial school. These people, we take it, are very poor; they belong to an inferior race, and are compelled to do servile work and pay heavy taxes to the dominant race of the country.

BIBLE READING.

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What God says of Strong Drink.

The violence it creates, Prov. xx. 1.
Its physical and moral blight, Prov. xxiii. 29-35.

Warnings against its use, Lev. x. 9; Prov. xxxi. 4-5; Hos. iv. 11; Eph. v. 18.

Warnings against companying with drinkers, Prov. xxiii. 20.

Woe to him who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips, Hab. ii. 15.

Error comes through its use, Isa. xxviii. 7.

Woes pronounced on drinkers, Isa. v. 22. Not to be looked on even, Prov. xxiii. 31.

Total abstinence for the good of others urged, Rom. xiv. 21.

God's approval of total abstinence, Num. vi. 2-8; Luke i. 15; Jer. xxxv. 2-10, see verse 19.

From all this we see that the Bible is a thorough temperance book. Its whole trend is in favor of total abstinence. Let us take our stand on its sure ground.