

Revival Service.**The Essentials of a Revival.**

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. xviii: 19.

We are to ask for such things as we need, and agree for such things as we ask for. Example and illustration Acts i: 14; also, ii: 1. The following claims our consideration:

I. THE GROUNDS.

1. God demands it. The need felt, the blessing sought for; number many, or few; meet the demand and the blessing is secured.

2. The Church needs it. The Church's life, strength, peace, and fruitfulness is promoted by it.

3. The world looks for it. It is reasonable. It is right. Let the world find in the Church what it deeply needs and anxiously looks for; then its language will be, "We will go with you, for we see God is with you."

II. THE MOTIVES.

1. They should be pure. The outcome of the Spirit's presence and power in the heart.

2. They should be good. God's honor and glory, and man's salvation the inspiration and aim of all.

3. They should be fostered. For according to their strength is the strength of argument. How? By what means?

III. THE MEANS.

1. Faith.

2. Prayer.

3. Action.

4. The preached word.

5. Agency.

IV. THE IMPORTANCE.

1. It affects the life of the Church.

2. It promotes the best interests of the world.

3. It enhances the glory of God.

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A Right Heart.

Is thine heart right?—2 Kings x: 15.

The inquiry is not concerning thy

neighbor's heart. But "Is *thine* heart right?" Not, is your health, your financial prospect, your social standing, right? But "Is *thine* heart right?" Not, is your heart contented and happy, but is *thine* heart right?

I. IS IT RIGHT IN ITS LOVE?

If so, the object of its first and best love is not the world—its wealth, its pleasures, or its companionships,—but it is Jesus Christ.

II. IS IT RIGHT IN ITS MOTIVE POWER?

What is its underlying purpose? There are two purposes that rule human hearts: to please self, or to please God.

The right heart pleases God.

III. IS IT RIGHT IN ITS DISPOSITIONS, ITS FEELINGS, ITS SPIRIT?

If so, 1. It is humbly submissive to the divine will, with an abiding confidence in God.

2. It has a spirit of charity for all, a forgiving and forbearing spirit.

IV. IS IT RIGHT IN ITS ANTICIPATIONS?

Do they reach out to the unseen world, and if so, on what ground? The right heart looks for an eternal inheritance in Christ.

"*Is thine heart right?*" Christ alone can make the heart right,

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God's Ownership.

Ye are not your own.—1 Cor. vi: 20.

No such thing as absolute freedom. Liberty means perfect conformity to law. Every man dependent. The idea of God's ownership *not* opposed to experience in other than scriptural spheres of life.

I. HOW SECURED.

1. By Creation. The maker owns the product of his work.

2. By Redemption. "Ye are bought with a price."

3. By the gift of ourselves. Personal surrender to God. These are the only ways in which lawful ownership is acquired, by making, purchasing, or receiving as a gift. God owns us by virtue of all three processes of acquisition.