

Articles and Sermons :: Why Don't They Stir Themselves? by Leonard Ravenhill**Why Don't They Stir Themselves? by Leonard Ravenhill - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/11/26 8:23****Why Don't They Stir Themselves?***by Leonard Ravenhill*

America cannot fall - because she is already fallen! This goes for Britain, too. She cannot go into slavery - because her people are fettered at the moment in the chains of self-forged, self-chosen moral anarchy. Here are millions, diseased morally, with no longing for healing. Here are men paying for shadows at the price of their immortal souls.

An unprecedented tidal wave of commandment-breaking, God-defying, soul-destroying iniquity sweeps the ocean of human affairs. Never before have men in the masses sold their souls to the devil at such bargain prices. "There is none . . . that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee" (Isa. 64:7). What hell-born mesmerism holds them? How does the spell bind? Who brainwashed them? Why don't they wake and stir themselves? If the Church had something vital and victorious to offer, these men who choose golf clubs by day and night clubs by night, they might be drawn from these fleshpots.

This is an hour in need of burning hearts, bursting lips and brimming eyes! If we were a tenth as spiritual as we think we are, our streets would be filled each Sunday with throngs of believers marching to Zion - with sacks on their bodies and ashes on their shaking heads, shaking at the calamity that has brought the Church to be the unlovely, unnerved, unproductive thing that she is!

If we wept as much in the prayer closet as devout Jews have done at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, we would now be enjoying a prevailing, purging revival! If we would return to apostolic practice - waiting upon the Lord for apostolic power - we could then go forth to apostolic possibilities! This is the hour when we are asked over and over again, "Is everybody happy?" God's purpose for us is not happiness, but HOLINESS!

Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?

Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die?

Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?

Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?

Re: Why Don't They Stir Themselves? by Leonard Ravenhill - posted by washad (), on: 2009/11/27 18:01

A true word, as always, by Ravenhill. "Burning hearts, bursting lips, and brimming eyes" The Lord has been showing me the desperate need of just this. How long till His Church sits up and takes notice of the cold, silent, and dry faith that has become the norm within her ranks. Why can we not see that correct doctrine is not enough? Talk is worthless if it is not accompanied by action. Let us all take this message to heart. Seek the Lord while He may be found. Stir up the gift that is within us and break up our fallow ground.

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Re: Why Don't They Stir Themselves? by Leonard Ravenhill, on: 2009/11/28 12:47

Did Ravenhill ever preach the Gospel?