

**General Topics :: The Kentucky Revival****The Kentucky Revival - posted by wayneman (), on: 2014/10/20 23:19**

Here is a lost gem of revival history, by Richard McNemar, a first-hand observer of the Cain Ridge Revival of 1800.

<https://play.google.com/books/reader2?id=Vx7f0s4zLXcC&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&hl=en&pg=GBS.PR2>

If you have a Kindle you can get the ebook on Amazon for 99 cents.

The Cain Ridge Revival is best known for strange manifestations such as "the rolls," "the jerks," and "the barks," and has been dismissed by most (myself included) as a wild outburst of hillbilly religion. This book challenges that assumption. The author even argues, somewhat plausibly, that these manifestations were in fact legitimate works of the Spirit. (Even if his argument is accepted, however, it does not necessarily vindicate modern "revival" movements that feature these "manifestations." The Kentucky Revival, for all its eccentricities, did exhibit characteristics of true revival: solid Bible preaching, transformed lives, powerful testimonies, abhorrence of sin and holiness in daily living. As far as I know, the Pensacola and Brownstown and Bentley commotions evince none of these things.)

This book will probably be of interest only to students of revival history. It changed my perspective on the notorious Cain Ridge Revival: it shows how deeply even a genuine revival is colored by local cultural idiosyncracies.

Oddly enough, I was going to post this a few days ago, but decided not to, because the Kentucky Revival birthed the Restoration Movement, which is the basis for the modern Organic Church Movement, so I figured Frank and those guys would hijack the thread with a bunch of angry screeds against the clergy! Now that those guys are safely gone, it is safe to post it here.

Greg, thank you so much for showing those guys the door. And the way you confronted spiritual pride in a spirit of meekness exemplified what the Lord has been showing me about the way of the holiness:

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15

Re: The Kentucky Revival - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/10/21 6:09

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I would agree with you regarding the Bentley/Lakeland FL mess.

However, I would probably strongly disagree regarding the Brownsville/Pensacola move of God. While no revival is perfect and there will always be some outliers, there was definitely solid preaching (I have listened to many many hours of this- some of which is on this site under Michael Brown); there were definitely transformed lives and holiness was definitely preached (Steve Hill being one of the main speakers) and there were definitely powerful testimonies. I have a CD compilation from the old Fire on The Altar Website called "Freedom" that is full of baptism testimonies given at this revival and some are indeed very powerful.

My point is that you can't lump Brownsville in with Bentley or Toronto. Not even close.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/10/21 11:26

Todd,

Thanks for your post which I totally agree with. It seems that there are some that mistakenly lump all revivals in the same category because of certain manifestations that took place. This is nothing new because it has been going on since the Great Awakening, and Jonathan Edwards addressed the mixture that is brought in by the flesh and the devil in true revivals.

I have had firsthand experience with being present at the Brownsville Revival, having witnessed many souls saved, many backsliders coming back to The Lord, and the powerful anointed preaching of Steve Hill, Michael Brown, and John Kilpatrick.

Mike

Re: The Kentucky Revival - posted by twayneb (), on: 2014/10/21 12:16

Wayne: There is another book that is public domain that you will be interested in. It is called Pioneer Life in the Old West. The author's name is Finley I believe. He was born again in connection with the revival and later became a Methodist circuit rider.

Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2014/10/21 13:40

Thanks Travis. It was James Finley's testimony that first piqued my interest in Cane Ridge, but I haven't read his book yet.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2014/10/21 15:24

It is a public domain book. I actually have a copy that is over 150 years old. The Cain Ridge account is only a small part of the book, but the stories of the meetings and of the Methodist camp meetings that followed are pretty amazing. You can find it for free and will really enjoy it.

Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2014/10/21 18:53

Here it is (thanks Lysa):

<https://archive.org/stream/autobiorevfinley00finlrich#page/n0/mode/2up>

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/21 22:20

Greetings abideinhim

i was wondering what the title of the book was that Jonathon edwards talks about this. i find this interesting and havent been able to find many teachings about this. thankyou

Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2014/10/21 22:28

Crusader

"Treatise Concerning the Religious Affections."

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/edwards/affections.html>

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/22 1:32

Hi Wayneman

Thankyou i will read this, i need to be cautious when talking on this subject as not to cause offense. but i will say that i witnessed both Godly and demonic manifestations (when i was early in my christian walk) in the same meeting and my concern was that everyone expected it all as from God. my mate started shaking in a meeting and we thought it was God but after a month the shaking would start late at night waking him up. over the months it got so bad that he wanted to commit suicide over it. after seeking help we found a pastor that God was using to help people effected by these manifestations and with prayer the shaking stopped. The manifestations wasn't so much my concern it was the lack of discernment my friends and fellow brethren had as it (as i did until the truth was revealed to me)seemed to start to except any teachings that had signs and wonders behind it whether it was strongly based on scripture or not.

I have seen cults have the very same manifestations as they are praying to another God as well. i think the real problem comes from the desire for people to see God working in a physical way rather than walking by faith thus allows satan to overcome reasoning by emotion which leads to being blinded to the truth and open for the lie.

At the end of the day the fruit will testify the truth of individual touches of God.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2014/10/22 9:20

Karl:

I have concerns about the lack of discernment in the body. As believers we are to be students of the word of God. This is where discernment has its bedrock foundation. Although the Holy Spirit can prompt us that things are not right, trying to base discernment on what we "feel" about a situation is dangerous. We simply MUST have the study of the word of God as a foundational part of our walk with God. It is part and parcel with growing to maturity.

I have seen many who are so enamoured by signs and wonders that these manifestations become the focus of their walk with God. That should not be so. Miracles, signs, wonders, manifestations follow the believer, but they should not be the focus of the believer. I have seen true manifestations of the Spirit of God and I was blessed by them, but I have also seen manifestations that were of the flesh, and perhaps even of a spirit other than God.

Cain ridge was the scene of great manifestations. I recall reading of a preacher waving his hand and several hundred people falling down at once. Finley speaks of these manifestations bringing great fear to his heart, but it was a fear that was accompanied by great conviction of his lost condition. He ran from Cain Ridge but was overtaken by the Spirit of God and wound up crying out in repentance in the home of a German couple. When he was born again, he returned to Cain Ridge.

Manifestations are a tool used by God to accomplish His work. 1 Cor. 14 tells us that the manifestations are to profit withal. It also tells us that some manifestations convict and convince the sinner. Others, such as gifts of healings, are more obvious in their purpose. But these things should be a result of walking with God and in the power of the Holy Spirit rather than a badge of spirituality or a toy that we lust to play with.

We are to covet earnestly the best gifts, but we are to do so in the motivation of 1 Cor. 13.

My great grandfather once traveled to Mexico to minister. He did not speak Spanish at all, and an interpreter was arranged. When he rose to minister, the Holy Spirit prompted him to speak in tongues. The result was an entire message preached in fluent Spanish. When he sat down after preaching, he once again understood absolutely no Spanish. That is an example of God using a manifestation of the Holy Spirit to minister to others out of His love and grace.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/10/22 9:48

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And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:20).

When the gospel of Jesus Christ is preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, God will confirm His Word in various ways. It might be through the saving of sinners, the restoration of backsliders, the healing of the sick, deliverance from the power of the enemy, healing of emotional wounds, and many other manifestations of the Holy Spirit as a result of the Word of God being ministered in power and anointing.

Mike

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/22 14:41

Hi twayneb

thankyou for sharing this, i agree before i first posted on this subject i was very hesitant cause i can foresee this getting sticky on an open forum. i read a bit about the cain ridge revival and liked what i was able read about it. the principle in which i stand by is that Signs and wonders follow, this means they are behind me when i am walking towards the lord. whereas if i am looking at the signs and wonders i can be dazzled by the manifestation.

in my own life i see this in a church which i have been attending. a man gets up and tells everyone for about 10 minutes about wonderful manifestations that God is doing and then goes on to say that God can do these same things today and now. I can see the hope of the congregation that God is going to do something so amazing in front of them that they all wait in participation. When God doesn't manifest the minister feels pressured now to prove God's existence by way of manifestation. the congregation starts to doubt the power of God and i see the enemy at the height of his attack during this. The pastor is hesitant in preaching about sin just in case it interrupts the atmosphere in which they have made in the room

I too see many of the revivals that i have read about preached heavily about sin and it was the point of conviction that the manifestations occurred, the focus of the people was about their own sin and sorting this out with God and as a result the miracles and wonders followed they were not seeking them.

My wife and i have been going through a heavy spiritual trial since february and as each incident occurs i am on my knees before the father bringing these burdens to him. i don't expect anything to happen physically except that he hears my voice and i am to await an answer. sometimes a tremendous peace comes upon me, other times my fears just disappear and on occasions my prayer is answered the next day.

i believe that the posts that i have read so far on this topic are each right for the disposition they are highlighting i am just pointing out the dangers of following these out of God's order.

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This touched my heart, your great grandfather went to see souls saved for God and as a result god equipped him to do this and yet the manifestation followed as a sign of Gods authority accomplishing his word.

Just to be clear i am not for or against revivals nor am i doubting Gods abilities, im just pointing out a few things that God has shown me over the last 20 years.

I know nothing about the brownsville revival but i will look it up and examine it for myself only.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/10/22 16:11

Hi crusader--

The only thing I would caution about in researchin Brownsville is that of course heresy hunting "discernment" sites would trash it because they don't believe anything charismatic is fit today. John MacArthur would not be able to give an unbiased view of the matter.

Instead, I would recommend listening to some of Michael Browns sermons on this site. One of his sermons, "holy desperation" is not on this site but you can watch it on YouTube. It was spoken at Brownsville.

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/22 19:31

Hi tmk

thankyou for that, yeah i saw a couple of vids on youtube which i will watch later as i can actual see whats happening. I have heard a bit of John MacArthuers and others view on the subject but when i look at things for my own understanding . i normally study it like a cube where as i look at each side on its own interpretation but i will keep my conclusions to myself as this is more for me to understand where everyone is comming from.

there was a revival i saw on a video awhile back and i dont know the name of it but it brought a smile to my face because of the impact on the individuals and the community. it was an eskimo village that was strive with alcoholism, violence, murder, rape and child abuse and the whole town changed after God had visited in the way he did but because i don't know the name of this it has been hard for me to look it up any further.

be blessed All in christs love

Re: - posted by SHMILY, on: 2014/10/22 20:48

crusader, is this what you are talking about? The video is linked at the end.

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=12273&forum=40&7

REJOICE! =)

Mary

Re: - posted by SHMILY, on: 2014/10/22 20:59

Sorry the link didn't work. Here is a shortened version of the original.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwwU7EdqNx4>

REJOICE! =)

Mary

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/22 21:51

Hi shmily

yes thats the one thankyou, hoepfully this will lead me to further information thankyou so much.

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/22 21:52

Hi All

This will be my last reply on this post as I feel that somehow my discussion has taken away or directed away from my br others post. I have some reading and videos to watch on Brownsville and ridge revival which I am looking forward too. I believe that the four heart conditions pointed out in the gospels are always present in the congregation. There are those that are blocked off to the word and it never penetrates their heart as Satan steals it, there are those that have doctrines that are not removed and as a result later in life in their walk these doctrines destroy the good word that is sown. There are those that have unforgiveness and when under trial they spiritually die and then there are those that no matter where they are the word of God enters their heart and a strong foundation begins and they are able to walk in the lord no matter the circumstances due to their heart being prepared correctly before the word comes.

The first 3 hearts need to be ploughed and prepared for the word which is done through prayer, the conviction of sin through the move of the holy spirit. Only time can tell which heart was prepared correctly as it will show the true condition of the crop. I will take the liberty in saying that all farmers will agree that without the right method of farming it can be life threatening to the community when a crop fails.

Which leads me to this point, that I have no doubt that genuine conversations are present in all of the revivals but also to note that there are other hearts that do not have this experience and the amount of these types of hearts is the question that can only truly be seen at the end of the season.

Ray comfort talked about conversions and the after effect which passionately led him to minister the way he does. Aw T ozer does a lot of sermons on the conditions of the heart as do many other preachers.

I am definitely not coming against anyone's beliefs in this post and respect each persons view and what God has done in your lives. Neither am I trying to persuade that one is better then the other. My intention has and is to chew the cud on the subject so that I may have a deeper understanding of what I hear, see and reason. The topic is a very strong topic in my community and I have seen too many people hurt from different conversation about it.

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/23 8:18

Hi tnk

I just wanted to ask to make sure i am seeing the right one. is the 1995 brownsville fathers day meeting with steve hall the revival that you mentioned are and are there any other specific vids about this that you have liked. I just didnt want to go off in the wrong direction. Cheers karl :)

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/10/23 8:38

Brother Karl,

The Father's day meeting at Brownsville Assembly is known as the beginning of the Brownsville Revival. Steve Hill preached that first message, and he was the evangelist that brought forth most of the messages during the revival. Brother Hill preached a strong message of repentance and he was greatly influenced by the ministries of Leonard Ravenhill and David Wilkerson.

Brother, I would recommend that you listen to some of the teachings by Michael Brown on "Holy Desperation". You can find a whole series of these messages on you tube. Below is the first message of this series.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-B6uaBUyLw>

Mike

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2014/10/23 18:06

Hi Abideinhim

Thankyou for this link i will have a look at them today. :)