Revive us Again – Ps. 51: 10 -12

**Focal Truth: Revival comes as God restores us!**

Does your spiritual life seem cold & lifeless?

Have you done something that you know is sin against God?

Are you sad that you have sinned against God?

Would you love to have the kind of walk with God you did when you were first saved?

David had sinned greatly against God in his affair with Bathsheba. Lust, adultery, murder – now we hear his prayer of repentance for restoration

**Observations**

1. **A confession of sin’s damaging affects**– 51:1

*be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness*

*of Your compassion blot out my transgression – Heb. = rebellion or defection*

*51:3 – I know my transgressions, &my sin is ever before me*

a. Sin damages our relationship with God – saved for fellowship with God

51: 4- against you & you only, I have sinned &done what is evil in your

sight

b. Sin damages the lives of others – called to love our neighbor

c. Sin damages our spiritual life – 51:3 – my sin is ever before me

Isa. 59:2 – your iniquities have made a separation between you &your God

Rom. 7:13 – through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful

2. **A request for God’s gracious renewal** – 51:10

*create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a stedfast spirit within me.*

a. Repentant sinners asks God to erase sin’s charge against them – 51:1 –

blot out my transgression – blot = Heb. to erase or rub out

51:9 – blot out all my iniquities

b. Repentant sinners asks God to cleanse the filthiness of their sin – 51:2 –

wash me thoroughly from my sin, cleanse me from my sin

51:7 – wash me and I will be whiter than snow

c. Repentant sinners asks God to renew their mind from sinful acts – 51:10 –

create in me a clean heart Oh God &renew a steadfast spirit within me

A clean heart & renewed mind the source revival!

3. **A desire for God’s restoring renewal** – 51:12

*restore to me the joy of Your salvation*

Restoration – bring something back to its original condition – restoration of the soul bringing a man back into his condition of new creature in Christ

He longs to be restore to a good relationship with God

a. The repentant sinner desires restoration with God

1. He lost the joy of salvation

2. He lost the power of God

3. He lost the closeness of God

4. He lost his reputation as a man of God

5. He lost his purity

6. He lost his peace of mind

Ps. 80:3- O God restore us, &cause your face to shine on us, &we will be saved

b. The repentant sinner desires for God to restore His joyfulness in God’s

salvation – He asks God to restore His joyfulness

1. Joyfulness of newness in relationship to God – P. 16:11 – In your presence is fullness of joy

2. Joyfulness of forgiveness because God saves – P. 51:14 – deliver

me from bloodguiltiness, O God of my salvation, then my tongue

will joyfully sing of Your righteousness

3. Joyfulness of acceptance because God saves – P. 13:5 – I have

trusted in Your lovingkindness, My heart shall rejoice in Your

salvation

4. Joyfulness of assurance because God saves – Acts 15:3 – the

disciples were continually filled with joy & with the Holy Spirit

c. The repentant sinner desires God to sustain him in his spiritual life – 51:12 – sustain me with a willing spirit

1. He asks God’s support for him to have a willing spirit

a. A willing spirit in glorifying God in all his ways

b. A willing spirit in worshipping God

c. A willing spirit in obeying God

d. A will spirit in serving God

2 Tim. 1:7 – God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love & discipline

Rom 8:15 – you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, you have

received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out Abba Father!

**Things to Remember**

1. God’s best can do the worst!

2. A good beginning will never make up for a bad ending in sin

3. In repenting of sin God restores the damage done by acts of sin

4. Joyfulness is the treasure of salvation

5. Joylessness is sinfulness

6. God’s gracious love forgives & restores the repentant sinner

**Daily Use**

1. Confess your sinful acts to God

2. Live in the joyfulness of your salvation

3. Watch & resist temptations that will bring damage to your relationship with God