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FOREWORD

While Derek Prince was living in London in 1953, the Lord spoke these words to him: “There shall be a great revival in the United States and Great Britain.”

Derek testified that this was the only time he ever heard the audible voice of God, even though he sensed His direction and promptings many other times throughout his life. And the promise God spoke to him then came with absolute authenticity and authority.

Do you believe the Lord wants to bring revival? On the basis of God’s promise, Derek believed it. What’s more, he felt the word spoken to him in 1953 was yet to be fulfilled.

If it is true that the revival we seek is still around the corner, then the years to come will hold great excitement for us. The renewal God wants to bring to the United States and Great Britain—indeed, to the whole world—lies just ahead for all of us.

Is it possible we have a pivotal role to play in this coming revival? If so, how should we prepare ourselves to be used by the Lord in the revolutionary times to come? You will find thoroughly biblical and practical answers to these questions in this riveting book, *The Coming Revival*, containing the teachings of Derek Prince.

Derek knew there would be many contributing factors to the world-wide revival God intends to bring. However, in these teachings, he chose to focus on just seven elements essential to the process. These elements fall into two categories: positive aspects we must incorporate into our Christian experience and negative aspects we need to remove from our lives and testimony.

Here are the seven pivotal factors Derek highlighted which comprise the seven parts of this book:

1. “Loving Others”: recognizing the foundation of true revival
2. “Loving God”: giving ourselves fully and obediently in preparation for revival
3. “Humbling Ourselves”: surrendering pride, a major obstacle to revival
4. “Eliminating Legalism”: removing a self-righteous and self-sufficient mind-set, a second obstacle to revival
5. “Unmasking Witchcraft”: eradicating witchcraft (control and manipulation in all its forms), a third obstacle to revival
6. “Getting Desperate”: becoming hungry for revival
7. “Purifying Ourselves”: coming into total commitment to God, leading to revival

What might happen within the church and in the world if we would apply just these seven principles? Imagine the impact it would make if we would simply take the positive steps of loving one another, obeying the Lord, calling out to God in sincerity, and purifying ourselves, as well as eliminating the negative forces of pride, legalism, and manipulation from our midst!

Are you ready to prepare your heart for the revival just ahead? Will you start the process by focusing on the steps Derek has suggested?

“There shall be a great revival in the United States and Great Britain.” Let it begin with us—as we respond in faith, taking the seven initial steps outlined in this book.

—The International Publishing Team of Derek Prince Ministries

PART ONE:
LOVING OTHERS

1

THE FOUNDATION OF REVIVAL

It may surprise you that a book on revival would begin with a discussion of love. But loving others is actually the foundation and beginning point for true revival. I believe that if we are going to see the revival our hearts long for, we must address seven essential issues, the first two of which involve a deeper commitment to and development of love: (1) loving others, (2) loving God, (3) humbling ourselves, (4) eliminating legalism, (5) unmasking witchcraft, (6) getting desperate, and (7) purifying ourselves. In this chapter, we will begin an in-depth look at the first of those seven issues.

LOVE IS CENTRAL

Love—that small but powerful word—takes center stage in the pages that follow. For the church to respond to a dying world in desperate need of revival, something life-changing must happen to us deep in our hearts. We need a fresh encounter with genuine love—God’s own love. This irresistible love is “ground zero,” the very starting point for revival. Only when we receive the love of God (see Romans 5:5) can we love other people.

We will begin our exploration of the vital quality of love with a passage in 1 John 4. Various forms of the word *love* appear twenty-eight times throughout this chapter. For our purposes, we will read only six verses. However, I recommend that you review the full chapter on your own so you can see for yourself how often this term appears. It is quite remarkable.

Clearly, love is central to the nature of God—and loving others is an essential principle for preparing our hearts for revival.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.... And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

(1 John 4:7–11, 16)

LOVE CHANGES HEARTS

When I read passages like this about the depth of God’s love for us, I tend to get emotional. Years ago, I would not have had such a response. God had to do a deep work in my heart, because I was brought up not to show emotion. Although I came from a good family, we never discussed or demonstrated love for one another. I won’t go into all my background, but I am from a military family, and I was educated in boarding schools and universities in England from the age of nine until the age of twenty-five. If ever anyone was trained in “The School of the Stiff Upper Lip,” it was I. Emotion had very little place in my life.

God filled this pronounced lack of receiving and demonstrating love in my life on the last Thursday night of July 1941. In a British army barracks room in the middle of the night, I had a dramatic personal encounter with Jesus Christ that totally and permanently changed my life. I am certainly not perfect, but I am markedly different from what I was before I met Jesus—especially in my ability to receive and express God’s love.

“A GREAT REVIVAL”

From that point in my life, let us fast forward twelve years to 1953. At that time, I was pastoring a small assembly of believers in the Bayswater

area of London. One night, around two in the morning, the Lord woke me up and spoke to me. That was the only time in my life I actually heard God speak to me audibly, and I have never forgotten one word of what He said.

I will quote some of His message here. There was no introduction or explanation about what He spoke. God simply said this: “There shall be a great revival in the United States and Great Britain.” Then He gave me some personal instruction for my ministry, and He ended with these words: “But the condition is obedience in small things and in great things; for the small things are as great as the great things.”

I have never doubted that God spoke those words to me, even though decades have passed. For me, this passage of time is particularly important in light of the statement Caleb made before going into the promised land. He declared, in effect, “Forty-five years have passed, but I intend to go into the inheritance.” (See Joshua 14:6–15.) Entering into God’s inheritance is my intention, too.

You might be saying to yourself, “That’s all well and good, but that was years ago, and the world is still falling apart. Where is the revival God promised?”

I will tell you what I believe: God is going to send a great revival—but He is not going to send it to the nations. He is going to send revival to the church *in* the nations. This is a very important distinction, because it is revival in the church that will impact the nations of the world.

MEETING GOD’S CONDITIONS

Like me, you have probably heard various prophecies about revival. I have heard people prophesy, “There is going to be revival here,” or “There will be a revival there.” I have believed some of these prophecies, yet I have questioned others. Maybe you feel the same way about what you have heard.

The problem is that as exciting as these prophecies may sound, they can be self-defeating. Why? Because just to say, “There is going to be a revival,” tends to let people off the hook of their personal responsibility in relation to revival. These kinds of prophecies leave people thinking, “Well,

thank goodness I don't have to do much of anything to make revival happen, since it's going to happen anyway!"

But this is a faulty perspective. I believe in God's promise that there will be revival. But it will happen *only when God's people meet His conditions*. No prayer or prophecy can bypass God's conditions. Revival will not take place automatically. It will come as God's people fulfill His requirements. When the Lord spoke that word to me many years ago, He concluded by saying, "But the condition is obedience in small things and in great things; for the small things are as great as the great things."

If we take an honest look at our troubled world, it is evident that we can no longer just sit back and wait for God to send revival. That is clearly not what God is asking us to do! Even so, as the world languishes, the church seems to remain in a state of confusion about what steps it needs to take. It is fairly obvious the church has not yet met the conditions God spoke of that night in 1953. Even though we have earnestly prayed, fasted, and prophesied, something is still missing.

I believe the Holy Spirit has revealed the essential issues we must face if we truly expect revival to come—the seven elements described in the preface to this book and at the beginning of this chapter. It is my hope that *The Coming Revival* will renew a hope and an expectation in your heart for revival. Our heavenly Father longs to send revival to our troubled world. He is ready and waiting—if you and I will simply meet the conditions.