

In this article the author will attempt to provide for the reader a brief analysis of Scriptural evidence that outlines the bottom line criteria for a visitation of God by the Holy Spirit. Suggesting to the reader that a spirit of desperation for God that is met with faith that leads to seeking God in humility, repentance from sin and dead works, and deep - persevering prayer has always been, and will be in these last days the recipe for Revival. The term revival is meant to express the renewal and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Desperation Met With Faith, The Recipe For Revival

Hey America:

Sad to say, it seems that it has never been in man to seek the Lord as we ought without the Mighty One allowing and causing pressures to come into our lives **to create a spirit of desperation for**

Him, to the end that that we from our hearts might pay attention to His word and thus allow for real and active faith to be created within us. I would like to be able to testify that we as people are wise and



pure of heart, so that on our own initiative (*without the Lord needing to add external pressures to us*) we recognize the supreme attributes of God and thus reason that the only sensible thing to do is to seek God and surrender our all to Him. BUT, there is zero Scripture evidence that other than the person of Yeshua, that there has ever been such man. Certainly there have been a few that have displayed a far greater than average propensity for this type of devotion of faith, but most of us fail quite miserably.

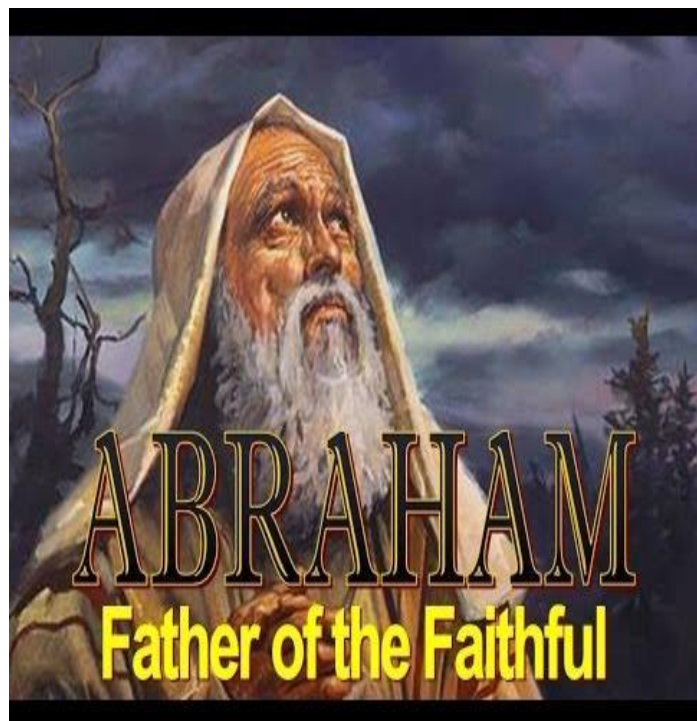
Since the fall of mankind into sin man has ever needed pressures to be put upon him to provoke him to humble himself, wise up, and seek the

Lord. I wish I could suggest to you a higher declaration of the nature of man, but I do not believe one exists. But God be praised for His great love, for He does not simply call us for the losers that we are within ourselves, and thus abandon us to an eternity in our hopeless condition, but in His love He desires every person of the human family to know Him, and that He Himself may know and walk with us, not for this life only but throughout eternity. To Him be praise, for He alone is worthy of praise.

A Scriptural Outline Lending Evidence That YeHoVah' Allows and Creates Pressures On People To Create In Them A Spirit Of Desperation For Him – Thus Sponsoring In Them A Humble Faith That Leads To Repentance And Prayer

- **And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD** (YeHoVah' —Gen. 4:26 KJV). In brief, Adam and his wife Eve because of their sin had been driven from the paradise of God. Eve had borne to Adam two sons: Cain and Abel. Able had a heart for God, but Cain had a “religious heart”, for he was determined to deal with God on his own terms. He possessed a heart that was humanistic, and thus wicked. Then Cain in a fit of rage killed his brother Abel. Later Eve bore another son to Adam whom they named Seth. As this man grew to manhood he recognized a need for God, a desperation for Him, and thus began to call upon the name of YeHoVah'. Why did Seth process a spirit of desperation for God? I suggest that he was a child of truth, that he received the love of the truth and recognized that the world around him had fallen into the influence of the Wicked One, and he being a child of truth did not want to himself fall victim to the sway of Satan, nor did he want to fall victim to his own sinful nature that he came to recognize that he was born with.
- **These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God** (Gen. 6:9 KJV). No, it is not mentioned that Noah, or any of his family cried out to God in prayer. But it is said of him that He was perfect (*complete*) and just, and that everyone in the world around him and his family had corrupted themselves to the point that God would later destroy them. May I suggest this question? Was Noah able to produce and maintain the quality of faith and character to please YeHoVah' without in desperation crying out to God in both prayer and repentance? **I do not think so.** No, obviously this was not a great movement of prayer that involved many people, but it was great in that it was both pure and sincere. It involved Noah and his family, and it brought forth a visitation of YeHoVah' that provided for the deliverance of these eight souls from death and made a name for the LORD (*YeHoVah'*), and provided an example of what happens to those that love and embrace wickedness.

- **Now the LORD** (YeHoVah') **had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee** (Gen. 12:1 KJV). Abraham, being called the father of the faithful was obviously a man of prayer, and it takes only an honest and observant heart to read his story in the Scripture to see that he experienced a number of huge, and what might be called heart breaking and gut wrenching experiences. Such as:
 -- Droughts that threatened to kill himself and his people



- The king of Egypt stealing his wife from Him
- Civil unrest between the herdsman of his nephew Lot and his own herdsman, and the separation that was caused by that
- Watching the descent of his nephew Lot into the compromise of sin in Sodom
- The inability for Sarah to conceive child, and the 25 years of waiting to receive the promised seed that was to inherit the promises made by YeHoVah' to Him
- The unrest in his immediate house caused by the unbelief and rebellion of Hagar
- YeHoVah' commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac who was the promised seed that He and Sarah had waited such a long time for

Twice the following phrase is directly mentioned in the scripture pertaining to Abraham. But I suggest to you that it was the pattern of his life in that he was a man of truth, and because of his love for the truth He worshipped YeHoVah' who is the God of all truth, and because life (*by the will of God*) presented him with desperate situations, this produced a spirit of desperation for God in him that provoke prayer. Abraham was a man of prayer.

--Genesis: 12:8 KJV ***And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Ai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD (YeHoVah'), and called upon the name of the LORD (YeHoVah').***

--Genesis 13:4 KJV ***Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord (YeHoVah').***

- Isaac, the son of Abraham also was a child of truth, and thus loved and sought YeHoVah'. An honest reading of the events of his life will also note that he experienced numerous great trials that mixed with a heart of truth produced a man of prayer. After a series of dangerous and what must have been very stressful contentions with Abimelech, the Canaanite king, in whose land Isaac dwelt, YeHoVah' provided peace for him and the members of his household. Isaac was also a man of prayer, and this is said of him.



-- Genesis 26:25 KJV ***And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD (YeHoVah'), and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.***

- Jacob, whose name literally means “following after”, in that he was the second born of twins, came to be known as Jacob a supplanter, or trickster, this is because in his younger years those characteristics overshadowed his life. None the less he very obviously, by the grace of God received the love of the truth and throughout his life grew in the grace and knowledge of YeHoVah'. For although it took a lot of years and some very grievous trials, his love of truth produced a very sound faith in him and caused him to be a man of prayer. Here is an example of that faith and humility expressed in prayer:

--Genesis 32:10-12 KJV

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Later, in a very desperate situation Jacob was given an opportunity to not only be visited by an angel, but in his desperation of spirit He grabbed hold of that angel and wrestled with him refusing to let the angel go. There is an example of deep-fervent prayer (Genesis 32: 1-32), and because of this he was visited with the protection of the Mighty One, and on top of that he was given a new name. That of Israel, for in respect to faith he had shown himself to be a prince.

- Joseph was another example of how faith tested with desperation brings forth a person of prayer, and brings the blessing and visitation of God into that person's life. This man experienced some very desperate times, and being mixed with faith produced a life and heart that communed with God.

- ***Therefore, they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the***



field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigor (Ex. 1:11-14 KJV). We will leave off for the time being focusing on individuals, and begin to view how God deals with the community of faith. The children of Abraham, who were in their time the community of faith, ended up in Egypt and there were very severely suppressed and even murdered at the hand of the Pharaoh the king of Egypt. The people, because of their situation became very desperate for God and thus they responded by means of the faith of their hearts and cried out to God.

--Exodus 2:4 KJV

And the LORD (YeHoVah') said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites

--Exodus 3:9 KJV

Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now

therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

A movement of prayer was at that time birthed and YeHoVah' answered it by sending to them a deliverer in the person of Moses, and then later opening up for them an inheritance. This is very typical of the goodness of God in response to His people crying out to Him. He not only delivers His own, but also opens up a future for them.

- Please take note of the very many times that Moses and Aaron, the servants of YeHoVah' cried out to Him during their time in the desert, and how YeHoVah' always answered their faithful prayer by a sign of His visitation. They saw:
 - Twice they experienced a river of water flow from a rock (Ex. 17:1-7, Nu. 20:11, 1Co. 10:4).
 - Six days a week for forty years they experienced their daily provision of food in the form of manna (Ex. 16:35).
 - Their clothes never wore out for that forty - year period (Deut. 8:4).
 - Bitter water turned sweet (Ex. 15:22-24).
 - YeHoVah' visiting them from the mountain (Ex. 19:1---20:17).
 - They experienced a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night for forty years (Ex. 13:21).
 - Etc., for there were numerous other signs of the presence of God among the people of faith in that generation.



There are very many numerous accounts in the Scripture of YeHoVah' visiting an individual person of faith who in desperation called upon him, such as Hanna who cried out for a child. David who cried out for deliverance and that the will of YeHoVah' might come true in his life. Hezekiah who cried out for deliverance from the Assyrians. Jehoshaphat who cried out for deliverance. Abigail, whom I believe cried out to God in that she was very unequally yoked in marriage. Etc., there are very many stories.

- Luke 1:10 KJV ***And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.*** The next huge visitation (*and I mean huge*) of God in answer to prayer was the coming of Messiah. The people of faith were desperately suppressed under the heel of the Romans, and knowing the promise of the coming of Messiah gave themselves to prayer. All one needs to do is stop and really think of the conditions that their lives had to be in under the Roman occupation and it will come to that person the obvious desperation that the people of faith had to have been experiencing, and then mixing their desperation with faith that would of necessity sponsored a movement of prayer. And, in answer to that prayer YeHoVah' firstly brought forth John the Baptist the forerunner of Yeshua who was then followed by the Messiah Himself, and His great ministry, and the purchase of our salvation. Who can tell of all the wonders that this visitation of God brought forth to mankind? Undoubtedly we will be telling of it for eternity.
- Acts 1:4-5 KJV ***And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*** Acts 1:14 KJV reads, ***These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*** The next great visitation of God that came in answer to desperation that was mixed with faith, that led to repentance and prayer was the outpouring of the Holy spirit as was experienced in Acts chapter 2, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. All one has to do is thoughtfully consider all that the disciples had been through, their indescribable loss at the death of Yeshua, and then the staggering reality of his resurrection and calling on their lives, and then I am sure that that person will come to conclude that those early disciples were desperate in their abandonment to Yeshua. **For He, and His purpose was their everything. Nothing else mattered to them.** Thus at His ascension, when He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promised out pouring of the Holy Spirit they were desperate to receive from Him all that He intended for them to have. And wait, and pray they did! This visitation was huge.....and it was wide spread, and it flowed forth from and through the people of faith, and unto that whole generation. Its manifestations were:
 - Signs and wonders (Acts 5:12, 6:8, 8:6-7)
 - Great conviction of sin (Acts 2:37, 5:33, Jo. 16:8)
 - Great conviction of righteousness (Jo. 16:8, 2Tim. 3:16, Phil. 1:9, Col. 1:9, Eph. 1:17-19)
 - Great conviction of that final judgment day (Jo. 16:8, Rev.1:3, 20:11-13, He. 9:27, Acts 24:25)
 - Judgment within the Church (1Pe. 4:17, 1Co. 5:12)
 - Unity among those that loved the truth (1Co. 12:12-31, Eph. 4:1-6, Phil. 1:27, 2:2)
 - The breaking down of division within the household of faith, such as between the Pharisees and Sadducees, what today might be seen as denominations and other forms of sectarianism (Ro. 16:17, 1Co. 12:25, 1Co. 11:19, Titus 3:10)
 - A clearer and clearer revelation and understanding of what truth really and to walk in it (1Jo. 4:6, 2Tim. 2:15, Eph. 6:14, Jo. 1:14 & 17, 4:24)
 - A strong and abiding movement of prayer (Lk. 1:10, Rev. 8:3, Acts 1:14, 2:42-47, 4:31, 6:4)

--A deep brotherly love among the people of faith (Acts 4:32-36, Mat. 25:35-39, Ro. 12:9-16, 13:8, 14:9, 15:1, 1Co. 16:14)

These same signs will be the signal qualities of that last great revival, the Latter Rain.

The Church fell into a time of apostasy and darkness when the organized Church married the Roman state, thus the dark ages. But, as the desperation of the times was mixed with faith, each situation had its movement of prayer, and revivals and reformations were birthed.

- Martin Luther's separation from the Catholic Church
- The Great Reformation that sprang from that movement
- The various revivals and reformations that swept the nations of Europe
- The Great English revival that was birthed in Whales
- America's first Great Awakening
- America's Second Great Awakening

Now we sit at this present time. The days are very evil around us, and it must need be that the desperation of the days be mixed with faith that brings forth a movement of prayer and repentance of both dead works and of sin.

I would like to think that we as the people of faith would not need to be suppressed by the evil of this generation, that a love for God, and a love for the truth alone would promote a movement of prayer. However, I believe that to think such would be very naive on my part. I do not



believe it has ever worked that way among the people of faith, and I do not now think that such will presently be the case.

To date this article, I will now mention that we are right before the American presidential election of 2016. If the democrats get their candidate elected, then I believe extreme evil and difficult times will very quickly begin to descend upon this society. If we are shown mercy of God to see the Republican party dominate the election, then we will at a slower pace see great difficulties. **But**

either way great difficulties lie ahead, for we are a wicked generation, and judgment is our due. But don't you see, the tribulation that judgment brings will be our very salvation Dear Christian, for if we are wise to mix our desperation with faith, that will inevitably lead to a movement of prayer and repentance from dead works and from the vile sins that are predominate in our culture, and sad to say, many of which are common in most everything that I know to be called Christian (we as American Christians have many blind spots).

We as a culture, are to my observation quickly being brought to a place of desperation, for the ease of life as we have known it will soon evaporate, even as a vapor. Then, at that time, may all us who have not

before found heart to embrace the grace of God, may we then embrace His grace and allow that grace to lead us to repent of sin and dead works, and to surrender to God in prayer. Amen! To God be the glory!

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