

Being Renewed Day by Day

Psalm 5:3 **O Jehovah, in the morning / You will hear my voice; / In the morning I will set forth *my words* in order to You, / And I will watch.**

2 Corinthians 4:16 **Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner *man* is being renewed day by day.**

Our Christian life begins anew every day in the morning. According to God's principle in His creation, within every twenty-four hours, there is a new chance for us to have a new start and be renewed. We call this a "Morning Revival."

The "Morning Revival" principle is found in 2 Timothy 1:6a, which says, "For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you." Many times we cool down. Especially during the night, our spirit is not so burning. Romans 12:11 says that we should be "burning in spirit." The Lord in Revelation 3:15-16 warns us against being lukewarm. Rather, we should be hot. Therefore, every morning we must start with a "Morning Revival" by fanning our spirit into flame so that we may be burning in spirit and hotly in love with the Lord.

In the early morning, do not read too much and do not take many portions of the Word. Instead, read a single portion of the Bible carefully, always mingling your reading with unceasing communion with God and singing. This does not mean that you should fellowship with God first, praise second, and then read the Bible last. You have to blend all these things together.

As you read, you may be convicted to confess your sins or touched by His grace to offer up thanksgiving. You can also pray to God concerning what you have read in the Word. You can say, "Lord, this is truly what I need. This portion, this verse, this word, truly exposes my lack. Lord, fill up this lack of mine." When you find a promise, you can say, "Lord, I believe in this promise." When you find grace, you can say, "Lord, I take this grace."

The Christian life does not only have one day. We are being renewed day by day. This means that day after day we have to be revived by the Lord. Yesterday morning we may have had a revival, but this morning we need another one, and tomorrow we need another one. Every year we need three hundred sixty-five revivals to be renewed day by day.

Suggested Hymn #643 (Take Time to Behold Him)

Take time to behold Him,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus
Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends, in thy conduct,
His likeness shall see.