

REVIVAL SERIES.

" LORD WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO?"
ACTS 9:6

Calumny

For some time now we have been praying and looking forward to this Night even to this very hour. A revival should be in process all the time in every church, even with that we need these special seasons of refreshing which come by fellowship, concerted effort, and united prayer.

There are many classes of people in Water Valley tonight, just as there are many ~~classes~~ of people in every town. These various classes have their respective attitudes toward revivals. One class never give the revival one thought. They see its announcement in the papers and hear people talk about it but to them it is just like some minor happening in China, Japan, or South Africaa.

Some will notice that such a thing is going to start in the town and will have curiosity enough to ask some friend, "I wonder what they are going to do at that meeting, what is the big object?" Curiosity almost kills some folks. Have you not seen them on the train? Just dying to know what the young couple is doing in front of them. A man and woman came to my house one night to get married. I did not know that any body saw them come in, it had not occurred to me that any body had. The next day a man called to me across the street and wanted to speak to me. I naturally thought that he wanted to give me a subscription to the N.O. Advocate or something. But he said, "Brother Wroten, my wife has been at me all day to ask you who that couple was at the parsonage last night." She lost sleep over it. A little boy was always asking questions. One day he said to his uncle, "Uncle Frank, how come your finger off?" The uncle replied, "If I will tell you how it came to be off will you not ask me any more questions?" The little boy said, "No." The uncle replied, "It was knawed off." Little boy said, "Well what knawed it off."

Another person gets up curiosity enough to say, "Well I am going up there and see for myself what they are going to do." What THEY are going to do. With some people there is a mysterious "They" about a meeting such as we are begining here this evening. He sits as some one separate from the meeting although present. Never join in the singing. Never utter a prayer in public or private. Never shake hands with some one and give a complimentary word for the meeting, but just there to see what they are going to do. That person may be a memabr of some church or of that particular church and yet have no burden for a single soul. No series of services will have the carry-ing and the winning power it ought till every one becomes vitally interested.

Another class says, "I would like to do something in the meeting, is there not something I could do?" Now there is a wide gulf between that person and the one over yonder who never gives the meeting a thought. This class has the possibility of soon developing into that class who says, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Now there is something in this meeting right here that God would have for each of us to do. It will not be the same thing for each one but there is something vital for each of us to do. If you will ask the Lord He will impress you what the particular thing is that you ought to do. It may be that some member of your family needs to be won to Jesus and you are the one to do that. It may be that another of you has a neighbor or maybe a friend in another part of the city who needs to be one for the church. It may be that you know of some one out of the church whose name you can hand in to

the pastor. It may be that there are some people who have no way to come to the services unless you bring them. It may be that you can sing and have never volunteered to do so. It may be that your church letter is off some where else and you could move it here and become more active for Christ.

Now aside from some things peculiar to ourselves that we can do there are some other things that all of us can do.

- a. We can invest in this meeting. Time is one investment. Just plan to be here and thereby let your presence count. Effort is something else we can invest. You some times hear people say, "You will get out of this meeting just what you put into it." That is a very untrue saying. The Kingdom is a poor place for investment if that expression be true. No man wants to lend money and collect just what he let the borrower have. You will get a large profit out of your investment. We are too afraid of investing in the Kingdom. A beggar appeared at a lady's house for some help. The lady gave him a nicle. Then she said, "How did it happen that you became so destitute?" He replied, "Lady I have always been like you-giving away large sums of money to the poor and needy."
- b. We can all reconsecrate our lives to Jesus and His cause.
- c. We can all talk this meeting and invite others to come.
- d. We can all pray for the meeting
- e. We can all set some goals for this meeting.
 1. Win some one to Jesus. Did you ever have that thrill?
 2. Get all the folk who have membership elsewhere to move letters here.
 3. Establish new family altars.
 4. Get new pupils for the Sunday school.
 5. Read the Bible daily

"I wish I could do something but I can't." Jesus is asking us to bring the little talent we have and He will bless it and make it multiply in power and fruits.

How many of you will consecrate yourselves to the success of this revival? Such would mean that you

1. Talk up the meeting not talk it down.
2. Attend and try to bring some one else with you
3. Pray for it.

