

“REVIVE MY SOUL”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Psalms 112:4

“Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness.”

By today's standard most people feel comfortable with their **morality** or **ethics**.

Because of today's standard, the Lord's churches are struggling to keep their candlestick.

Is it because of weakness in the pulpit and pew?

Today's standards have infected the Lord's churches causing them to jeopardize the candlestick/life if the church?

Either way people are struggling.

Their fear, instability, insatiable desire feed the flesh has engulfed their desire over biblical knowledge.

Are you concerned yet?

How may we “practically” improve our risk of slipping? (Heb. 2:1) **Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.**

Ezek. 14:12-14

“The word of the Lord came to me again saying, Son of Man when the land sinneth against me by transgressing grievously, then will I stretch out my hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: though these three men **Noah, Daniel, and Job** were in it, they should deliver but their own souls **by their righteousness**, saith the Lord.

Note: Key of survival is “**by their righteousness**”

-includes both imputed/acquired-first judicially then practically

Do we have any idea how this is achieved??

Note: If it were simply “being saved” then Noah and Daniel and Job would not have been singled out. It would have read “children or saints”

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Note: Job eschewed evil. Noah was a preacher of righteousness.

Consider: Daniels righteousness in his day. The instruction is found in **Matt. 5:13-16**.

Matthew 5:13-16

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. **Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”

Strong emphasis/ “so” is weak should read “in this way”

Luke 6:46

”And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

Look at Greek imperative “**I**”. It literally states “**I command you**”

Do you qualify as follower?

The lost or the enemies of Christ greatest problem is...**overcoming righteousness**.

Remember “That **except your righteousness shall exceed** *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

Are we (saved) without struggles? NO

Like these three –“We must be led by the Spirit” Rom. 8:14

Note:

The Spirit leads two ways: By **inward impulse** and by **outward direction**

Inward impulse is more essential.

Is. 63: 11-14

10 But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he **that put his holy Spirit within him?** (This is O.T. remember.)

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12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13 That led *them* through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, **the Spirit of the LORD caused** him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

Jer. 10:23

“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain my own ways before him.”

(Not to complicate but: remember Satan has a counter to this)

Strengthen Impulse:

- 1) Being filled w/ Spirit (means mortifying the flesh)
- 2) Pray...more
- 3) Read the Bible/ Devote a lot of time to study
- 4) **Keep a good heart:**

Deut. 15:7-9

“If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou **shalt not harden thine heart**, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: ⁸But **thou shalt open thine hand wide** unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth. ⁹**Beware that there be not a thought** in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, **and it be sin unto thee.**”

A grievous example:

Don't harden your heart against the poor. But generously provide for their need.

Israel **did not** harken to this serious covenant rule.

The result of obedience or rejection to this rule hung the blessings or curse of the Lord.

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