

WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

2 Cor. 7:8-10



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2 Cor. 7:4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

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"Revival is a return to spiritual health after a period of decline into sin and broken fellowship with God...
Revival is for God's people when they need to be forgiven and restored to life, spiritual health, and vitality"
-Blackaby & King (Fresh Encounter, Lifeway, 1993)

I. THE ATTITUDE CONFRONTING PRESSURE, 7:4-7

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II. THE ANSWER CONCERNING PURPOSE, 7:8-10

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A. The Interaction Between Convicter and Convicted, 7:8

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Short Definition: I pain, grieve, vex, make you **sorry**

Cognate: 3076 *lypéō* (from 3077 */lýpē*, "deep grief") – to experience deep, emotional pain (sadness), i.e. *severe* sorrow (grief).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3076.htm>

True repentance is the work of God in the spiritually sensitive heart, resulting in sorrow for sin.

Original Word: μεταμέλομαι

Transliteration: metamelomai

Definition: (lit: I change one care or interest for another), I change my mind (generally for the better), **repent**, regret.

Properly, to experience a change of concern *after* a *change* of emotion and usually implying *to regret*, i.e. falling into *emotional remorse afterwards* (note the force of *metá*) - also means "regret." <http://biblehub.com/greek/3338.htm>

Paul expresses no regret, then states though, that he did regret that he had to do it.

“This will hurt me more than it hurts you.”

A true man of God may not want to confront error for the sake of hurting someone, but his loyalty to God and His Word will motivate him to do it anyway.

The last of the verse indicates that it accomplished the goal – conviction that led to repentance!

Original Word: βλέπω

Transliteration: blepó

Definition: (primarily physical), I look, see, **perceive**, discern.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/991.htm>

B. The Intention of the Convicter for the Convicted, 7:9

2 Cor. 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

The evidence of repentance, in a broken and contrite heart, is that the conviction was of, and from, God.

Original Word: ζημιόω

Transliteration: zémioó

Definition: I inflict loss (**damage**) upon, fine, punish, sometimes with the acc. of the penalty, even when the verb is passive.

As a person grows in knowing Christ they willingly "lose" their "right" to be *self-governing* – to *gain* eternal significance in every scene of life by living in faith ("His inworked persuasion," *pístis*, Phil 3:8,9). This eternal gain always follows, no matter how "menial" or "mundane" the faith-scene *seems* to be (cf. Mt 13:31,32,17:20).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2210.htm>

The goal was not to damage, but to restore to fellowship with God.

Prov. 9:7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man getteth* himself a blot.

8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: **rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.**

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

The result of a real, spiritual revival – A believer has the sorrow of a real heart-change accompanied with no justification of sin, no playing of the victim-card, no negative spirit, just a broken and contrite spirit of sorrow unto repentance = genuine transformation, the real change of heart and life.

C. The Interpretation from the Convicter for the Convicted, 7:10

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When God works within the heart and the response is humble repentance, then all who love the Lord will rejoice!

One who truly repents will ever never regret doing it.

Original Word: μετάνοια

Transliteration: metanoia

Definition: repentance, a change of mind, change in the inner man.

Cognate: 3341 *metánoia* – literally, "a change of mind" ("after-thought"); *repentance*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3341.htm>

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Original Word: ἐργάζομαι

Transliteration: ergazomai

Definition: I **work**, trade, perform, do, practice, commit, acquire by labor.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2038.htm>

Psa. 34:18 **The Lord *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;** and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: **a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**



Conclusion

Lu. 22:60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And **Peter remembered the word of the Lord**, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

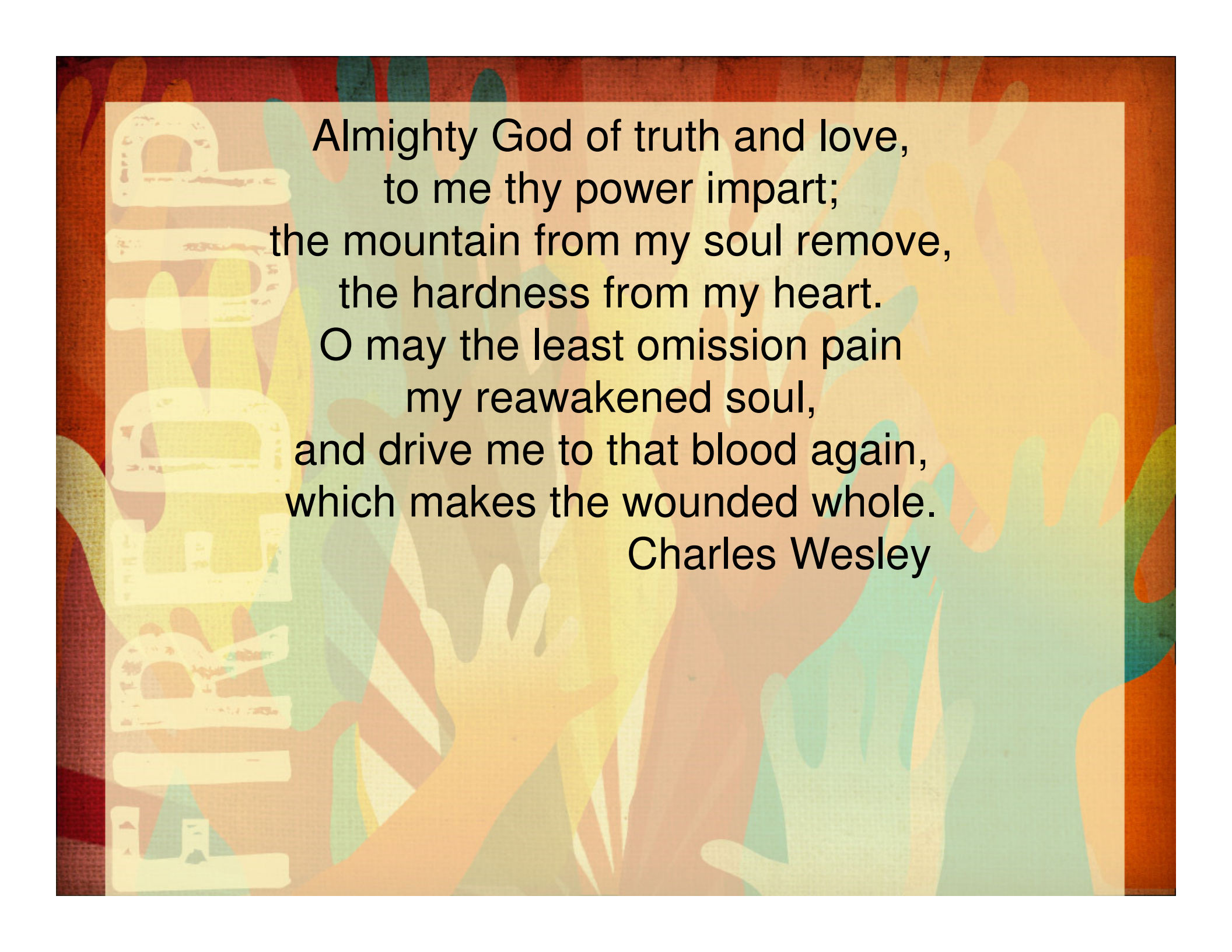
62 And **Peter went out, and wept bitterly.**

I Want A Principle Within

I want a principle within
of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin,
a pain to feel it near.

I want the first approach to feel
of pride or wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will,
and quench the kindling fire.

From thee that I no more may stray,
no more thy goodness grieve,
grant me the filial awe, I pray,
the tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye,
O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh,
and keep it still awake.



Almighty God of truth and love,
to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove,
the hardness from my heart.
O may the least omission pain
my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again,
which makes the wounded whole.

Charles Wesley