

WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

Isa. 40:27-31



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-Vance Hayner

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I. THE REBELLION IS DECEPTIVELY CONCEALED, Isa. 40:27

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A. Spiritual Hide and Seek, 40:27a "...My way is hid from the LORD..."

Psa. 139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. ...

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. ...

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are both alike to thee*.

B. Shallow Hope and Stupidity, 40:27b “...and my judgment is passed over from my God?”

Isa. 29:15 **Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD**, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Isa. 30:1 **Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD**, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may **add sin to sin**:

Ezek. 8:12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for **they say**, **The LORD seeth us not**; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

Psa. 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, **our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.**

Prov. 28:13 **He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:** but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

Jn. 3:20 For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light,** neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Rom. 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness,** and let us put on the armour of light.

Eph. 5:11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,** but rather reprove *them*.

II. THE REVELATION IS DISCERNABLE TO THE CREATOR, Isa. 40:28

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A. The Creator Knows His Creation and Purpose

Jer. 23:24 **Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?** saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

Dan. 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: **he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.**

Mt. 22:18 But **Jesus perceived their wickedness**, and said, **Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?**

1 Cor. 3:20 And again, **The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.**

1 Jn. 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, **God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.**

B. The Creator Knows When His Creation is Perverted

Isa. 64:8 But now, **O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.**

Rom. 9:21 **Hath not the potter power over the clay**, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for **God hath shewed *it* unto them.**

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse:**

21 Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful;** but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

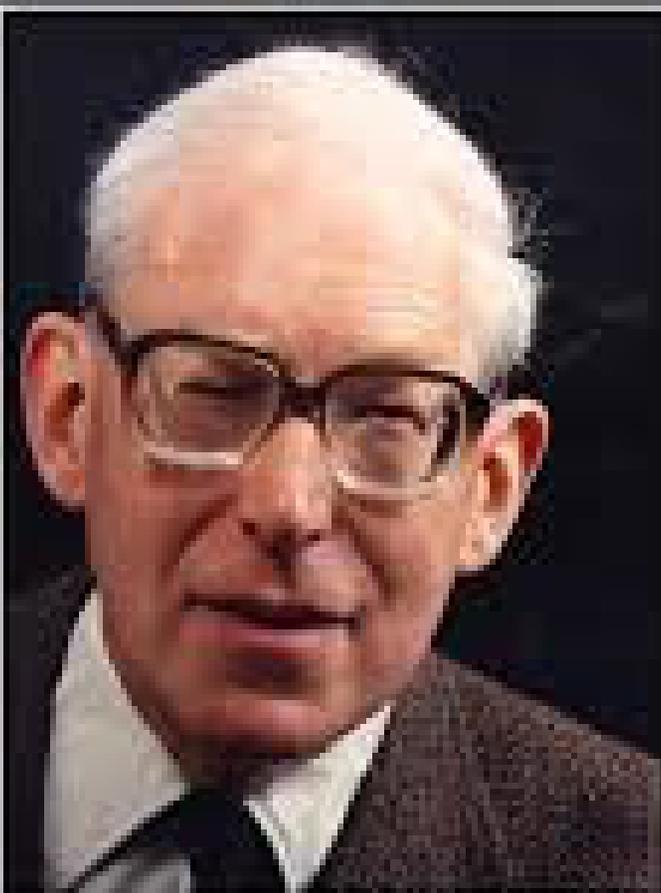
25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

III. THE REVIVAL IS DEPENDENT UPON CONVICTION, Isa. 40:29-31

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A portrait of J. A. Packer, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's near presence and holiness. Thence springs a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart in repentance, praise, and love, with an evangelistic outflow.

— *J. A. Packer* —

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A. Strength is Available for Renewal

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for **when I am weak, then am I strong.**

B. Spiritual Assistance via Repentance

Jn. 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Num. 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

Prov. 26:26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, **his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.**

Eccl. 12:14 For **God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing,** whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Lu. 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Heb. 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Zech. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

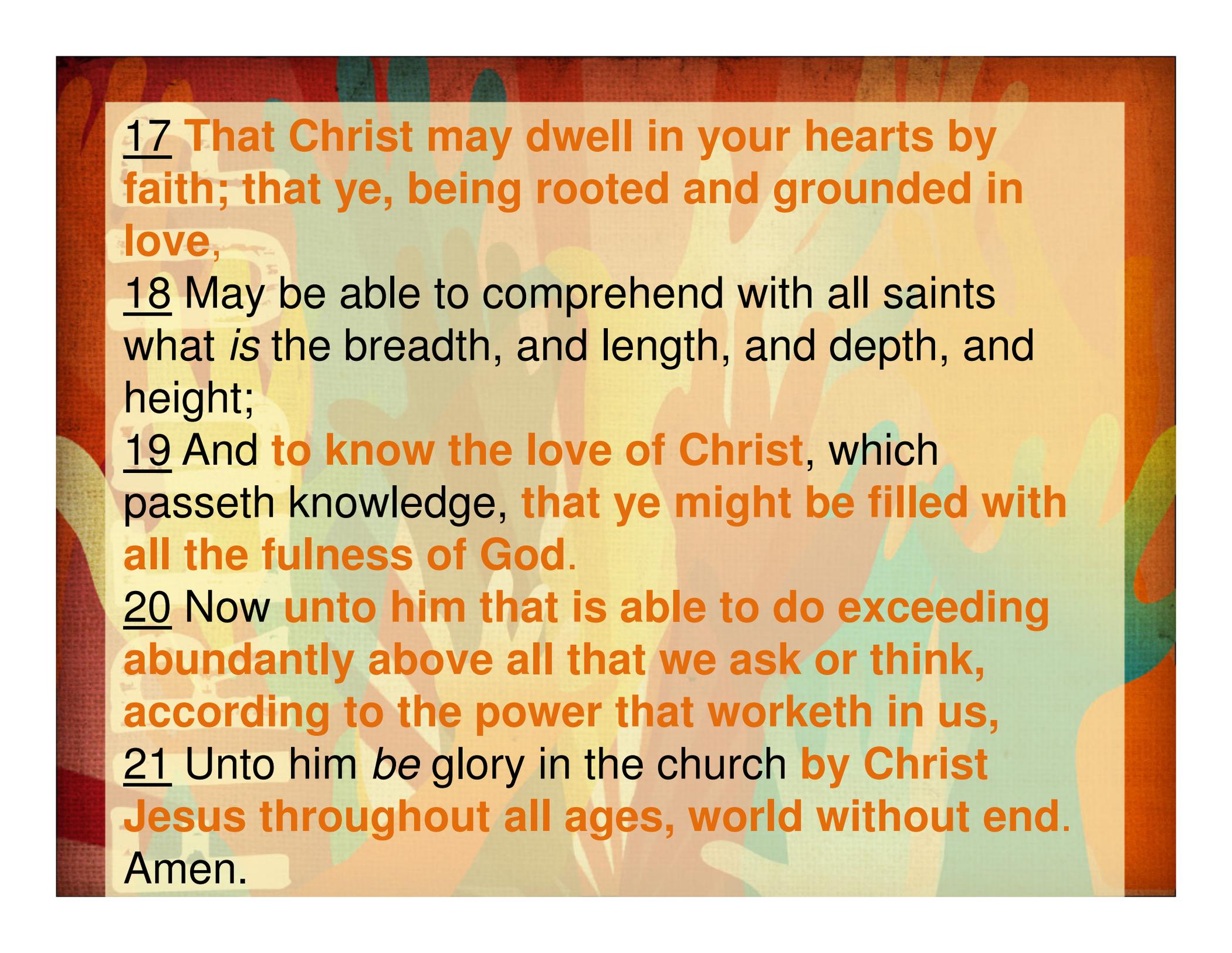
Conclusion

1 Pet. 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God **commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.**

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

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17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.****

20 Now **unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

21 Unto him *be* glory in the church **by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.**

Amen.