

WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

Isa. 50:7-11



FIRED UP

Isa. 50:7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have **I set my face like a flint**, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 **Behold, the Lord GOD will help me**; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light? **let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.**

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: **walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled.** This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Christians were once revolutionists-- moral, not political -
- but we have lost our revolutionary character. It is no longer either dangerous or costly to be a Christian.....
We are busy these days proving to the world that they can have all the benefits of the Gospel without any of the inconvenience to their customary way of life. It's 'all this and heaven too.'...

For this reason it is useless for... believers to spend long hours begging God to send revival. Unless we intend to reform, we may as well not pray. Unless praying men have the insight and faith to amend their whole way of life to conform to the New Testament patters, there can be no true revival.

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I. CULTIVATE AN INTENSE DESIRE – “...I set my face like a flint...”

Phil. 3:14 I **press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Psa. 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so **panteth my soul after thee, O God.**

“To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul’s paradox of love.”

— **A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God**

“Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.”

— **A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God**



II. CENTER AN INTIMATE DIRECTION

Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, **Jesus, *thou* Son of David**, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but **he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.**

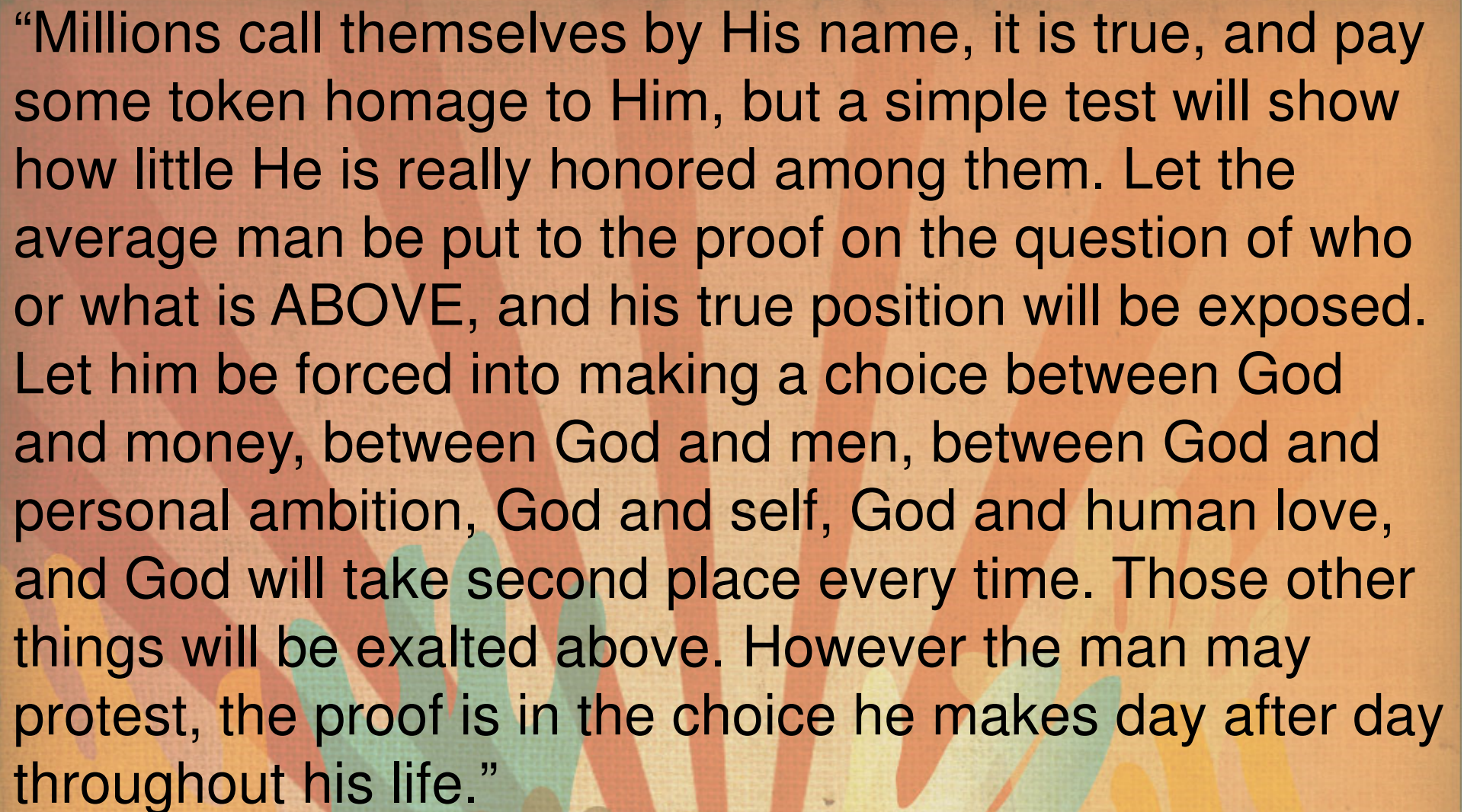
49 And **Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called.**

And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And **he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.**

Isa. 55:6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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“Millions call themselves by His name, it is true, and pay some token homage to Him, but a simple test will show how little He is really honored among them. Let the average man be put to the proof on the question of who or what is ABOVE, and his true position will be exposed. Let him be forced into making a choice between God and money, between God and men, between God and personal ambition, God and self, God and human love, and God will take second place every time. Those other things will be exalted above. However the man may protest, the proof is in the choice he makes day after day throughout his life.”

— **A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God**

III. CONFESS AFTER INVESTIGATING DEEPLY

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

1 Jn. 1:9 **If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Original Word: ὁμολογέω

Transliteration: homologeó

Short Definition: I confess, profess, acknowledge, praise

properly, to voice the same conclusion, i.e. agree ("confess"); to profess (confess) because in full agreement; to align with (endorse).

[homologéō ("confess") means to speak the same thing, i.e. "assent, agree with, confess, declare, admit" (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 120).] <http://biblehub.com/greek/3670.htm>

“God must do everything for us. Our part is to yield and trust”
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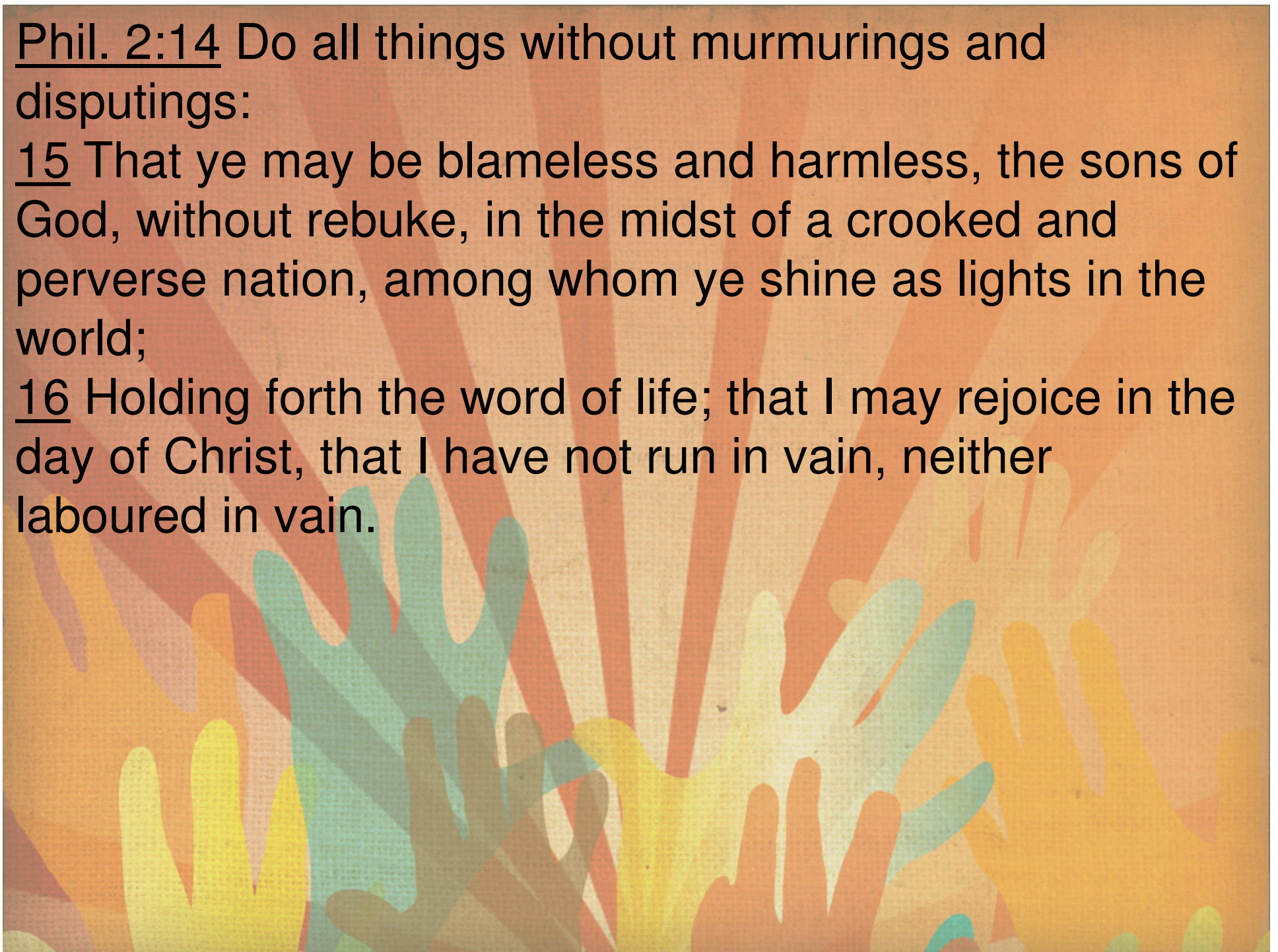
IV. COMMIT ALL INDISPUTABLY AND DECISIVELY

- Total emptying of self to divine ownership.
- Humbly refrain from defending yourself.
- Never defame a fellow Christian.
- Never receive or accept any glory.
- Judge yourself by the attitude you exhibit –
 - Is it joyous or caustic?
 - Complimenting or faultfinding?
 - Is it sweet or bitter?

Phil. 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.



“O God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee, that so I may know Thee indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me. Say to my soul, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." Then give me grace to rise and follow Thee up from this”

— **A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God**

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Conclusion

Rom. 8:35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**