

Psalm 85:1-13
"A Cry for Revival"

Intro: Some key dates in church history

- October 31, 1517: Oftentimes referred to as the 'birthday of the Reformation.'
- One key principle that fueled the Reformation: That of 'sola Scriptura' or 'Scripture alone.'
- One great doctrine that was rediscovered at the time of the Reformation: The doctrine of biblical repentance.
- The more we study the Reformation: The more we are inclined to cry out to God in asking for a new Reformation.
- Times of revival: Usually preceded by God stirring the hearts of a remnant to cry out to Him in prayer.
- The Reformers: Deeply committed to the word of God and to prayer.
- Charles Spurgeon on prayer: 'None are so able to speak with men as those who have been wrestling with God on their behalf. If we cannot prevail with men for God, we will at least endeavor to prevail with God for men. We cannot save them, or even persuade them to be saved, but we can at least bewail their madness and entreat the interference of the Lord.'
- Times of revival: Preceded by the bold proclamation of the character of God and the sinfulness of sin.
- Times of revival: Preceded by the bold proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Times of revival: Marked by a greater longing for the assembly of the saints and the ordinary means of grace.
- Times of revival: Marked by an intensification of the believer's pursuit of holiness.
- Times of revival: Marked by a widespread moral change in local communities.
- Our cry for revival: A cry for a might work of God in our own church and in our own individual lives as Christians.

Personal Application:

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