



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles

TITLE: 2 Chronicles – Revival

Revival is something every church, ministry, and Christian desires. We are all praying for it. The problem is we forget that revival doesn't begin out there. It begins in here—our heart. And that's why it's important we look at the book of 2 Chronicles. It's all about revival.

2 Chronicles picks up right where 1 Chronicles concludes. In the Hebrew manuscripts, they are just one book. 2 Chronicles was penned by Ezra just like 1 Chronicles. The book covers roughly 433 years. The book can be divided into two parts. Chapters 1-9 cover the reign of Solomon. Chapters 10-36 cover the reigns of the Kings of Judah.

Much like 1 Chronicles there is a retelling or a different perspective on 1 and 2 Kings. Chronicles focuses on those kings who pattern their life and reign after godly King David. It focuses on old school reformers like Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Is Christ found in 2 Chronicles? Well, again, we don't find Christ explicitly, but He is found under the surface. Where? It's in the principle that a church is not a building but a people. In the case of 2 Chronicles, it's that the throne is in a lineage, not a piece of furniture or palace. The Messiah was to come through the house of David. The throne was destroyed but not the line of David.

What's the main thing in 2 Chronicles? It's revival. Under Asa, Hezekiah, and Josiah, you can learn to bring revival to your heart. Once you've done that, you can ask God to help bring revival to your friends, family, city, church, and beyond.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says,

“And my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

When we pursue revival individually, we will be in a position to experience it corporately and nationally. That's the main thing.

So here's my challenge for you today: Seek personal revival. We tend to notice the condition of others before our own issues. God says, “that's not going to work. Instead, humble yourself, pray, and seek my face. Reject evil and evil actions. I will forgive your sin and bring revival to you and around you.”

So ask God to search your heart and to expose any sin. Confess it. Repent of it. And then begin to be renewed from the inside out.

When pursuing revival, we will win the day.