

Revival or Ruin

III: Our _____: v19-21

Evil = adversity / affliction / calamity...

By way of this passage and many additional Scriptures pertaining Judah during this time, God says to them ... *“alright ... because you have not chosen the way of righteousness and holiness— because you have not hearkened to my Word or law—because you have sought after a life of sin and idolatry—because you have rejected those old paths that I have established and disregarded My warnings about the danger and about the consequences of turning away from Me ... then I will bring adversity, affliction, and calamity upon you, even to the degree that your very thoughts will be affected. I will also put before you stumblingblocks that will effect everyone in Judah— young and old, neighbor and friend. And because you’ve chosen ruin over revival, people will either die or be carried off into Babylon”*

These words reign true to any nation that turns it’s back against God. We find three applications for America, His Church, and Believers...

A. the Law of _____ & _____

B. the Lie of _____

C. the Lack of _____

So long as America continues to sow sin we will inevitably reap destruction; so long at churches continue to live and worship in hypocrisy we will continue to delay revival; and so long Believers continue to say to ourselves and to God ...*“we don’t need or want revival”*, America will continue on its path to ruin rather than blessing.



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Jer. 6:16-21

Throughout the Old Testament, we find God presenting the Jewish people with a choice—revival or ruin! They could either turn from their wicked ways back to God or God would bring His judgment upon them.

Even though America is not Israel, we are, however, a nation built upon Biblical principles and values. And God offers to us the same choice, revival or ruin. God always desires that a nation follow His ways rather than fall under His judgment.

This morning, as we prepare our hearts for revival, we will look at the role that God’s judgment plays in revival and how revival must begin within the church if God’s blessings and prosperity on America are to be prolonged.

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I: God's _____ to Judah: v16-17

God is a wonderful God of mercy, grace, and patience. Therefore He appeals to man first to be saved while also appealing to the saved man to walk righteously according to His Word. And in our passage we find some interesting aspects of His appeal to Judah...

A. Judah was at a _____

America and its churches are also at a crossroad. God is appealing to us right now to decide—will ye seek the old paths, the good way, and find rest for our souls or will we choose ruin?

B. Judah was _____

What a God we have! First, He appeals to our free will to choose righteousness over wickedness and then, rather than simply destroying us, He warns us of the consequences, which is living a cursed life rather than a blessed life, and of His judgment when we make the wrong choice! Why?

- Ez. 33:11 ... **Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?**

God is appealing to both His church and America to seek revival rather than ruin. He has sounded the alarm that judgment is coming unless we turn back to Him. And as God's watchmen of our day, Christians must first be willing and able to blow the horn when we encounter anything that can and will hurt us.

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II: Judah's _____ towards God: v16-17

After God appeals to Judah, either revival or ruin, we see the real heart of Judah exposed in their attitude.

A. attitude of _____

"... we will not walk therein."

B. attitude of _____

"... we will not hearken"

America has sown the wind and we are now about to reap the whirlwind of God's judgment.

We have rebelled against God in our schoolhouses, farmhouses, churchhouses, courthouses, jailhouses, bunkhouses, and penthouses and the result is that now we are no longer a lighthouse but rather we have become a fragile glasshouse ready to be shattered at any moment.

America's attitude has been to disregard God's warnings because we've convinced ourselves that everything is all right, or that we don't need God anymore.

And this has all happened to America, not because we have been conquered from the outside but rather because we have compromised on the inside. This has all happened because for the last 50-60 year our churches have remained silent!

Friends, the church and Biblical Christianity is not what will destroy America but rather it is exactly what God says America needs to avoid His rapidly approaching judgment. And if America's attitude and heart is to ever change, Christians must be the first to heed God's appeal by humbling ourselves and praying, and by seeking His face and turning from our wicked ways.