

Teaching E-mail

Prophetic Warnings From A Righteous God

47. Do You Need To Be Revived In 2010? (December 31, 2009)

In our most recent Teaching E-mail, **46. Developing Spiritual Maturity in an Atomistic Age**, we noted the difficulties confronting those who are living wholeheartedly for our Lord Jesus in this age of self-idolatry. It's tough enough to press on being true to HIM, never mind discipling others who are straying into worldly compromise! You may have discovered for yourself that the support and encouragement that would be so strengthening in your spiritual life journey is minimal or non-existent.

We know that some of you regularly gather to "fellowship" with people who are fervently pursuing self-interest with at least one foot firmly planted in the goals and values of the world. But our Father's definition of "fellowship" is clearly presented in His Word as a life *set apart for Him* and His purposes! (To review His criteria for biblical fellowship, see Teaching E-mail 29. *Are Your Friendships Spiritually Authentic?* July 19, 2007).

You may find that Father God's purposes for fellowship in His Son are in fact *completely at odds* with the self-gratification and self-satisfaction you find among the spiritually lethargic. This is particularly true if you've neglected or even denied God's call for His children to resolutely uphold both **personal and communal righteousness**. By ignoring a life of obedient trust, you can conveniently tolerate and entertain certain sins in your own life and also "fellowship" with others who do likewise (Hebrews 12:1).

When you intentionally gather with people who are harboring or rationaliz-

ing sin the way you are, you're violating a specific warning from God. He knows how susceptible each of us can be to give way to sinful compromise through people who "*have a form of godliness but deny its power.*" His command? "**Have nothing to do with them**" (2 Timothy 3:5).

How do you recognize if your spiritual life is one of words only, but devoid of the life of the Holy Spirit? Honestly examine yourself and the lives of those with whom you "fellowship", and then ask yourself:

- Do you and those with whom you fellowship emanate the same spiritual power as the first followers of Jesus?
- Is Jesus truly the "pearl of great price" in your life, the One Whom you are devoted to pleasing and obeying?

OR,

- Does your lethargic disbelief or spiritual laziness make Jesus out to be a liar when He says, "**You will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father**" (John 14:12)?
- Do the demons recognize your self-idolatry and sham faith as they did in the seven sons of Sceva: "*Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?*" (Acts 19:15)?

Having answered those questions, how do you feel about your relationship with Jesus? If your responses indicate shortcoming, now is the time to repent and be changed! You need a *revival of your spirit*. And, that revival is our purpose in this Teaching E-mail.

We mentioned previously that in 2010 we're being restricted by our Father to come alongside to help ONLY those who are applying the Hebraic foundations as a way of life. These are the called-out in Christ who *love Him wholeheartedly* and are responding to His Spirit to *live in obedient trust* according to the authority of God's Word.

This restriction isn't our choice but our Father's. For nearly sixteen years, through seminars, our website, videos, and writings we've been sharing the Hebraic foundations we received from Him.

You may be among those who cherish your relationship with us more than you do following Jesus by enacting the scriptural truth of the Hebraic foundations in your life. Our Father has warned us that this unresponsive "ear tickling" can no longer go on. If our relationship is blocking your wholehearted commitment to Him, we're ready to obey.

During the past few weeks He has breathed into us several "divine opportunities." Key among these was happening upon a book we'd read decades ago, *Azusa Street* by Frank Bartleman. You may not be familiar with the "Azusa Street Revival" which began in 1905. As we read this autobiography, the Holy Spirit impressed on us that *authentic revival awaits those who are turning to the Gospel and the life that the first followers of Jesus embraced.*

Isaiah wonderfully captures the humble attitude needed by those who earnestly seek revitalization of their spirit:

For this is what the high and lofty One says— He who lives forever, whose Name is Holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite' (Isaiah 57:15).

If you hunger for the Holy Spirit to revive your faltering devotion to our Lord, you need *God's view* of revival rather than man's limited understanding:

- Man defines revival as *a reawakening of religious fervor, especially by means of a series of evangelistic meetings.* This narrow perspective focuses on the *means* of how people see the Holy Spirit move on upon certain people.

- God perceives revival as *a period of time in which He harvests those who forsake everything to love Him through their unconditional obedience to His Word* (see Luke 10:27;14:26,27,33; Matthew 13:44-46).

If up to this time you've ignored our Father's standards for a relationship and way of life that are totally devoted to Him, then repent! Make this forthcoming series of Teaching E-mails fruitful in your life.

We're including excerpts from *Azusa Street* in this Teaching E-mail so that you can glimpse the kind of *determined heart commitment* our Lord looks for before He releases His Spirit on people. Alongside several of the excerpts we'll note how some of the Hebraic foundations our Father gave us to share were also foundational to the Azusa Street Revival over 100 years ago.

You may want a copy of this paper back for yourself. Look on Amazon.com for *Azusa Street* by Frank Bartleman (New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House) 1982.

Please note: This Teaching E-mail will be a waste for you if you don't hunger to seek our Lord Jesus with all that's in you, no matter what the cost. We're living at a time much like that of Elijah when he charged the Israelites:

***“How long will you waver
between two opinions?
If the LORD is God, follow Him;
but if Baal is God,
follow him”*** (1 Kings 18:21)

In recent e-mails we've addressed pagan roots that have been broadly accepted throughout Christendom, especially the clergy system that was not only done away with by the sacrifice of Jesus but was also adapted from the practices of heathen religions of the first centuries AD. Again, ask yourself:

- How many pagan practices can be part of my faith walk before I grieve God?
- In my life, is *one* religious practice that's been adapted from paganism acceptable to our Lord? Are two? Three?
- Are *any* pagan-based faith practices okay with God in the lives of those who proclaim to be His?

NOW is the time to flee ALL pagan practices you've been falsely led into believing are acceptable to our holy God. NOW is the time for you to seek Him and the life that pleases Him as never before.

Excerpts from *Azusa Street* by Frank Bartleman

p.8 - Little Esther's death [Frank Bartleman's young daughter] had broken my heart, and I felt I could only live while in God's service. *I longed to know Him in a more real way and to see the work of God go forth in power.* A great burden and cry came in my heart for a mighty revival. He was preparing me for a fresh service for Him. This could only be brought about by the realization of a deeper need in my own heart for God, and a real soul travail for the

work of God. This He gave me. Many were being similarly prepared at this time in different parts of the world... Intercessors were the need. *“He wondered that there was no intercessor”* (Isaiah 59:16). *“I sought for a man to stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none”* (Ezekiel 22:30).

§ Ezekiel 22:30 has hung on our refrigerator door for years as has Jeremiah 1:17-19, the reason our Father gave us for taking us to Israel in 1993. We want to be those who “stand in the gap.” Are *you* willing to do this?

p. 9 - “Some churches are going to be surprised to find God passing them by. He will work in channels where they will yield to Him. They must humble themselves for Him to come... *Some people are too well satisfied with their own goodness.* They have little faith or interest for the salvation of others. God will humble them by passing them by.”

§ You may have never perceived yourself as a depraved sinner desperately in need of the reconciling sacrifice of Jesus on your behalf. Only by taking ownership of *your innate sinfulness* can you fully and gratefully appreciate the love He has demonstrated on your behalf to present you clean before our Father!

p. 10 - We must keep humble and little in our own eyes... Repentance and sorrow—i.e., true repentance—endure as long as a man is displeased with himself... The depth of any revival will be determined exactly by the *spirit of repentance* that is obtained.

§ If you've embraced the true Gospel that's detailed in *The Gospel of the Covenant is the Pilgrimage to Salvation* (free download at our website), then you know that our Father's Covenant can be entered into only *through repentance*, and maintained only by *ongoing repentance*.

p.11 - I had received a new commission and anointing. My burden was for revival... The spirit of revival consumed me. The spirit of prophecy came upon me strongly also.

p. 14 - Only the man who lives *in fellowship with divine reality* can be used to call the people to God... I found most Christians did not want to take on a burden of prayer. It was *too hard on the flesh*.

p.17 - Then suddenly, the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to us. He seemed to stand directly between us, so close we could have reached out our hand and touched Him.

§ You'll find in both our book *Restoring the Early Church* and in **Lesson 46** of *Discussing How to Restore the Early Church* a vital point concerning any fellowship gathering: The *presence of Jesus* in our midst must be the foremost consideration. Consider this: If Jesus doesn't "show up" in your gathering, should you? As you'll see in these excerpts, the Spirit of Jesus *did* show up!

p.18- The Lord said nothing to us, but only overwhelmed our spirits with His presence. He had come to *strengthen and assure us for His service*. We knew now we were *workers with Him, fellowshippers of His sufferings*, in the ministry of "soul travail".

p.19 - The work in our own hearts *must go deeper* than we have ever experienced, deep enough to destroy sectarian prejudice, party spirit, etc., on all sides. God can perfect those whom He chooses.

p.20 - When we began to pray in the spring of 1905, no one seemed to have much faith for anything out of the ordinary. Pessimism in regard to the then present conditions seemed to be felt generally among the saints. But this attitude had changed. *God Himself had given us faith for better things*.

p.22 - *Mercy rejected means judgment, and on a corresponding scale*. In all the history of God's world, there has always been *first the offer of divine mercy, then judgment following*. The prophets ceased not day and night to faithfully warn Israel, but their tears and entreaties for the most part proved in vain. The awful destruction of Jerusalem, in 70 AD, which resulted in the extermination of a million Jews and the captivity of multitudes more, was preceded by the offer of divine mercy at the hands of the Son of God Himself.

§ As boldly as the Spirit has had us write, we both realize fully the *tender mercy of our Father*. He is faithfully pointing people toward *repentance*, that is, to turn away from their sin and to receive His forgiveness and His Spirit so that their way of life pleases Him and serves His Kingdom purposes. That was the understanding of *obedient trust in Christ* in the earliest centuries!

Soon, very soon, He will chastise this nation—and His judgments will be severe. Such severity is needful for people to repent of both their sinful living as well as the religious lies of unscriptural compromise they've swallowed.

p.29 - The New Testament Church, begun by Brother Smale, seemed to be *losing the spirit of prayer as they increased their organization...* They had taken on too many secondary interests. They had become ambitious for a church and organization. It seemed hard to them to not be "like other nations (churches) round about them." And right here they began to fail... *Human organization and human program leave very little room for the free Spirit of God*. It means much to be willing to be considered a failure, while we seek to build up a purely spiritual Kingdom. God's Kingdom cometh not "by observation."... *The prayer life* is needed

much more than buildings or organizations. These are often a substitute for the other. Souls are born into the Kingdom *only through prayer...* A rich lady offered them the money to build a church edifice. The devil was bidding high... We had been called out to evangelize Los Angeles, not build up another sect or party spirit.

pp.40,41 - There was a general *spirit of humility* manifested in the meeting. They were taken up with God. Evidently the Lord had found the little company at last, *outside as always*, through whom He could have His way. God had not chosen an established mission where this could be done. They were in the hands of men; the Spirit could not work... *That which man esteems had been passed by once more, and the Spirit born again in a humble "stable" outside ecclesiastical establishments. A body must be prepared, in repentance and humility, for every outpouring of the Spirit...* At Wittenberg stood an ancient wooden chapel... falling into ruin... It was in this wretched place that the preaching of the Reformation began... Among those thousands of cathedrals and parish churches with which the world is filled, there was not one at that time which God chose for the glorious preaching of eternal life.

§ In **Chapter 1**. "Invitation to the High Places" of our *Going to the High Places* series, and repeated in **Lesson 45** of *Discussing How to Restore the Early Church*, we wrote: "The reevaluation of your priorities is part of your identification with our Lord in this exhortation:

And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through His own blood. Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace He bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come (Hebrews 13:12-14).

If you can't bear His disgrace by leaving reliance on religion behind, you will NOT experience either His presence or His power.

p.42 - There is a *necessary time for preparation...* Men may wonder where it came from, not being conscious of the preparation, but there is always such. *Every movement of the Spirit of God must also run the gauntlet of the devil's forces...* So it was with the present Pentecostal work in its beginning. *The enemy did much counterfeiting.* God kept the young child well hid from the Herods, until it could gain strength and discernment to resist them. The flame was guarded jealously by the hand of the Lord from the winds of criticism, jealousy, unbelief.

§ In our **Teaching E-mail 25**. *Out of the Rubble*, June 28, 2006, we discussed how lonely it can be if you're willing to make the Hebraic foundations a way of life. The time of separation from religion is in fact a *time of preparation*. You must first be deprogrammed from that which you held dear as religious ritual and obligation. Then the Spirit can give you a determined and devoted heart toward our King. Keep in mind that only with a total commitment to Jesus *as your Lord* can you do your part in His Kingdom.

p.43 - The wonder was, not that Luther had the courage to face pope and cardinals, but that he had the *courage to endure the contempt* which his own doctrines brought upon him, as espoused and paraded by fanatical advocates.

pp.44,45 - Adam Clark said: "Nature, along with Satan, will always *mingle themselves*, as far as they can, in the genuine work of the Spirit *in order to discredit and destroy it.*"...When Luther nailed his theses to the door of the cathedral at Wittenberg, cau-

tious men were astonished at his audacity. When John Wesley ignored all church restrictions and religious propriety and preached in the fields and byways, men declared *his reputation was ruined*. So it has been in all ages. When the religious condition of the times called for men who were willing to sacrifice all for Christ, the demand created the supply, and *there have always been found a few who were willing to be regarded reckless for the Lord*. An utter recklessness concerning men's opinions and other consequences is the only attitude that can meet the needs of the present times... "*When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness*" (Isaiah 26:9). A tremendous burden of prayer came upon me that the people *might not be indifferent to His voice*.

§ Look around at all the catastrophes and crises going on across the globe. GOD is sovereignly doing this to bring people to repentance—to open their hearts to *turn to Him!* The World Trade Centers—God used those deluded men to take on the *principality of greed* that rules this nation. When that didn't work, He sent a recession. What will He have to do next before He *brings us to repentance?*

p.47 - The combined forces of hell were set determinedly against us in the beginning. It was not all blessing. In fact, the fight was terrific. As always, the devil combed the country for crooked spirits to destroy the work if possible. But the fire could not be smothered. Gradually the tide arose in victory. But from a small beginning, a very little flame.

p. 48 - There was a presence of God with us, through prayer, we could depend on. The leaders had limited experience, and the wonder is that the work survived at all against its powerful adversaries. But it was

of God. That was the secret... On the day of Pentecost, Christianity faced the world, a new religion without a college, a people, or a patron. All that was ancient and venerable rose up before her in solid opposition, and she did not flatter or conciliate any one of them. She assailed every existing system and every bad habit, burning her way through innumerable forms of opposition. This she accomplished with her "tongue of fire" alone... *The apostasy of the early Church came as a result of a greater desire to see the spread of its power and rule than to see new natures given to its individual members*. The moment we covet a large following and rejoice in the crowd that is attracted by our presentation of what we consider truth, and have not a greater desire to see the natures of individuals changed according to the divine plan, we start to travel the same road of apostasy that leads to Rome and her daughters.

p.49 - Nearly every pulpit in the land was working overtime to prove that God had nothing to do with earthquakes and thus allay the fears of the people. The Spirit was striving to knock at hearts with conviction through this judgment. [re: the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco]

§ An interesting insight came in the Jan/Feb 2010 *Mission Frontiers* magazine that may startle you if you doubt God uses catastrophe to bring people to Himself. Ponder this in your spirit: "**Forty percent** of church-planting breakthroughs among Muslim people groups followed some kind of natural disaster. **Eighty percent** of major crises (including earthquakes, wars and famines) in the last 20 years have taken place in the 10/40 window region. [The 10/40 window is the area between 10° latitude above the equator and 40° latitude below it—home to the majority of the world's Muslims.]

p.52 - There was much persecution, *especially from the press*. They wrote us up shamefully, but this only drew the crowds... Soon the meetings were running day and night. The place was packed out nightly.

p.53 - Great emphasis was placed on Christ's blood, for cleansing, etc. A high standard was held up for *a clean life*. "*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him*" (Isaiah 59:19). Divine love was wonderfully manifest in the meetings. They would not even allow an unkind word said against their opposers or the churches. The message was the love of God... *The Word of God itself decided absolutely all issues*. The hearts of the people, both in act and motive, were searched to the very bottom.

§ In our **December 2002 Newsletter**, *Acquire the Character of Jesus*, and in **Lesson 32** of *Discussing How to Restore the Early Church* we emphasized that the Hebraic foundations rely on you being "*Obedience-based*", not "*Outcome-based*."

Obedience-based followers of Jesus live a love-grounded life of trust. As the character of Jesus is formed in them, they're able to do the work of Jesus — doing only what their Father wills.

Outcome-based people pursue need fulfillment and activities according to how they want things to turn out, regardless of whether it's God's will for them. They've been taught that "spiritual busyness" is pleasing to God because religious systems need busy, involved people to keep the system running smoothly.

p.54 - Any cheapening of the price of Pentecost would be a disaster of untold magnitude. The company in the upper room, upon who Pentecost fell, had paid the highest price for it. In this they approached as near as possible to Him

who had paid the supreme price in order to send it. Do we ever really adequately realize *how utterly lost to this world, how completely despised, rejected and outcast* was that company?

p.55 - We may, therefore, each of us say to ourselves: *As your cross, so will your Pentecost be. God's way to Pentecost was via Calvary*. Individually it must be so today also. The purity and fullness of the individual Pentecost must depend on *the completeness of the individual Calvary*. This is an unalterable principle.

§ We wrote in **Lesson 7** of *Discussing How to Restore the Early Church*, "If your relationship with our Father and Jesus is not right, nothing in your life will be right." Our Father offers us through the shed blood of Jesus the opportunity to live in Covenant union with Him. In *The Gospel of the Covenant is the Pilgrimage to Salvation* you'll find His stipulation for entering Covenant with you: *your FULL heart's determination to live in union with Him*.

p.56 - In the beginning at Azusa, we had no musical instruments. In fact, we felt no need for them. There was no place for them in our worship—all was spontaneous.

§ As with the early gatherings of extended spiritual family in Christ, each person was to come prepared to offer themselves spiritually in some way as the Spirit empowered them: "*Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, or a teaching, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation*" (1 Corinthians 14:26). If this isn't characteristic of your gathering together, then you're locking the Holy Spirit out!

p.57 - Hymn books today are too largely a *commercial proposition*, and we would not lose much without most of them. Even the

old tunes are often violated by change, and new styles must be gotten out every season *for added profit*. There is *very little real spirit of worship in them*. They move the toes, but not the hearts of men... [W]e had no pope or hierarchy. We were *brethren*. We had no human program; the Lord himself was leading. We had no priest class, nor priest craft. These things have come in later, *apostatizing the movement*.

p. 58 - We did not even have a platform or pulpit in the beginning. All were on one level. The ministers were *servants*, according to the true meaning of the word. We did not honor men for their advantage in means or education, but rather for their God-given "gifts"... *The people came to meet God—He was always there*. Hence a continuous meeting. *The meeting did not depend on the human leader*. God's presence became more and more wonderful. In that old building, with its low rafters and bare floors, God broke strong men and women to pieces, and put them together again for His glory.

p. 58-9 - No subjects or sermons were announced head of time, and no special speakers for such an hour. No one knew what might be coming, what God would do. All was spontaneous, ordered by the Spirit. *We wanted to hear from God, through whomever He might speak*. We had no respect of persons. The rich and educated were the same as the poor and ignorant, although *the former found it much harder to die to self*. We only recognized God. All were equal. No flesh might glory in His presence. He could not use the self-opinionated. Those were Holy Spirit meetings, led of the Lord. It had to start in poor surroundings to keep out the selfish, human element... *We were delivered right there from ecclesiastical hierarchism and abuse*. *We wanted God*. When we first reached

the meeting, we avoided human contact and greeting as much as possible. We wanted to meet God first. We got our head under some bench in the corner in prayer, and met men only in the Spirit, knowing them "after the flesh" no more... *We had no prearranged program to be jammed through on time*. Our time was the Lord's.

p.59,60 - We had *real testimonies from fresh heart experience*... All obeyed God in meekness and humility.

§ As we were reviewing our years within the Nicolaitan system, we recalled how few authentic testimonies to our Father's faithfulness came forth in those gatherings. Anything that was shared was very "me-oriented", aimed at some personal desire that had somehow been accomplished.

Other testimonies generally voiced what we called "*God emptied my garbage pail again*" — a besetting sin or problem was proclaimed yet again as overcome only to be engaged in once again during the next week. What were some of these "victory/defeat", week after week testimonies in front of the congregation? Smoking, getting drunk, immorality, gossiping, anger. Over time, the demons use repeated testimonies of shortlived pseudo-victory to defame God's power and to create doubt and distrust in others that He really can change lives.

p.61 - The whole place was *steeped in prayer*. God was in His holy temple. It was for man to keep silent. The shekinah glory rested there... Presumptuous men would sometimes come among us. Especially preachers who would try to spread themselves in self-opinionation. But their effort was short lived. The breath would be taken from them... They were up against God... The "old man" died with all his pride, arrogance, and good works.

p. 61,62 - In my own case, I came to abhor myself. I begged the Lord to drop a curtain so close behind me on my past that it would hit my heels. He told me to *forget every good deed as though it had never occurred, as soon as it was accomplished, and go forward again as though I had never accomplished anything for Him, lest my good works become a snare to me.* We saw some wonderful things in those days. Even very good men came to abhor themselves in the clearer light of God. Often, it was hardest for preachers to die to self. They had so much to die to. *So much reputation and good works.* But when God got through with them, they gladly turned a new page and chapter. That was one reason they fought so hard. *Death to self is not at all a pleasant experience.* And strong men die hard.

p. 64 - Many high dignitaries of the Roman Church in Luther's time were convinced of the need for reformation, and they knew that he was on the right track. But they declared, in so many words, that they could never consent that this new doctrine should issue from 'such a corner.' *That it should be a monk, a poor monk, who presumes to reform us all is what we cannot tolerate,* they said. 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?'

p.67 - Heroes are being developed, the weak made strong in the Lord. Men's hearts are being searched as with a lighted candle. *It is a tremendous sifting time, not only of actions, but of inner secret motives.* Nothing can escape the all-searching eye of God. Jesus is being lifted up, His blood magnified, and the Holy Spirit honored once more.

§ Do you believe that God can use *you* to do something great in His Kingdom? Just look at the people He used throughout the Bible. Organized

religion has long looked to the wrong type of people as their guides, those who are highly esteemed by the worldly and the powerful. Yet Jesus tells us, *"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You concealed these things from the sophisticated and educated and revealed them to ordinary folks"* (Matthew 11:25, CJB). The truths of His Kingdom are hidden from the learned and those who think too much of their own ability!

You can be sure that the two of us didn't ask our Father to give us the Hebraic foundations to share! In fact, after years of ministry that led up to our going to Israel, our marriage was barely hanging on by a thread. Yet, our Father in His divine selection recruited us to reveal His divine plan: to both restore the Jewish people to Israel one last time according to His Word, and to restore to the Gentiles the foundations of the earliest Church that made them so spiritually powerful and relationally intimate as family in Jesus.

God's ongoing revelations to us of what to share and how to share it often come suddenly and unexpectedly. And sometimes we almost shrink from writing because of the rejection we frequently face. But for His glory alone through His Spirit in us we're strengthened and encouraged to press on.

p.69 - Opportunity once passed is lost forever. There is a time when the tide is sweeping by our door. We may then plunge in and be carried to glorious blessing, success, and victory. *To stand shivering on the bank, timid or paralyzed with stupor at such a time, is to miss all,* and most miserably fail, both for time and for eternity. O, our responsibility! The mighty tide of God's grace and favor is even now sweeping by us in its prayer-directed

course... It is time to “get together” and plunge in, individually and collectively... *Let us lay aside all carnal contentions and divisions that separate us from each other and from God.* The opportunity of a lifetime—of centuries—is at our door, to be eternally gained or lost. There is no time to hesitate. Act quickly, lest another take thy crown. *O, Church of Christ, awake!* Be baptized with power. Then fly to *rescue others*, and to meet your Lord. “If anti-Christ is about to make his mightiest and most malignant demonstration, ought not the Church to confront him with mighty displays of the Spirit’s saving power?” - Gordon

p.70,71 - Pierson has said: “The most alarming peril of today is *naturalism*—the denial of all direct divine agency and control [the *Humanism* of today]. *Science is uniting with unbelief, wickedness and worldliness, skepticism and materialism, to rule a personal God out of the universe*” [Remember, this was written over *100 years ago!*]... Oh, our weakness! Oh, our unbelief! May the Lord help us get back to Pentecostal experiences. “*When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?*” “The presence of God in the Church will put an end to infidelity. Men will not doubt His Word when they feel His Spirit.” Spurgeon

We’ve shared with you excerpts of the first three chapters of *Azusa Street*. You can sense the intensity of their commitment and the cost of their choice to be true to our Lord. We’ve also cited various materials our Father has given us to write to help equip you in a Kingdom way of life.

The issue for you today is this:

Do you have the same heart’s fervor and willingness to pay the cost our Lord Jesus calls for in order to follow Him in obedient trust? If you don’t, then cry out to Him in unceasing prayer until He breaks through and gives you this yearning to trust and obey! Nothing else is acceptable if you are to have Jesus revive you this coming year!

In our next Teaching E-mail we’ll explore more of *Azusa Street* to help you develop the fullness of what authentic revival entails.