

REVIVE US AGAIN — William Mackay (2:06)

1 We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus Who died, And is now gone above.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

2 We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light, Who hath shown us our Savior, And scattered our night. (Refrain)

3 Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. (Refrain)

Revival - The **urgent need!** **Godlessness!** **Lawlessness!** **Pandemic!** **Election in 10 weeks!** **End times!** We need to see the present appalling need and pray for the need to pray!

A matter for the whole Church – every single member matters much and needs to pray! How much more this Saturday Morning Prayer Group!

Urgent matter for every member of the Church. Should we as Christians not feel a grave concern of the state of the Church, the state of our nation, about the honor of Almighty God, in the world today? This **matter of revival should be a matter of high importance for every one of us!**

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

Mark 9:28-29 *And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" [29] So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."*

Looking at this story using it as a representation: The boy representing the world. The disciples representing the church, which presently is failing in many ways, not as effective as some years ago! The Church is trying – like the disciples, busily doing lots of things, but failing to deal with the situation. We can rather easily understand the feeling of the disciples. The question we should be asking and rather urgently, **"Why could we not cast it out?"** What is the matter? What is the cause of the failure? What is the explanation to the current situation?

This kind! Jesus said, We need to recognize ***this kind!*** There is a difference between this kind and the kind they had been so successful in other situations (Luke 10). Principle – problem is the same – devil possession, but there is a difference between devil and devil! There are graduations in the evil kingdom, a hierarchy, headed by the Satan himself, the prince of the power of the air! But here is a spirit of more power, being a much greater problem! That's true for us too! The disciples jumped quickly into the situation not understanding the nature of the problem. We're all such activists, all so busy! We haven't stopped to consider **"This kind!"** We need to understand not to try any cure until we have understood the problem! Are we aware, in a spiritual sense of the depth of the problems we confront at this time? We often carry on with methods that were once successful, but no longer, because the change in the nature of the problem being confronting! All problems have a need. We must know the precise nature or character of this need? There, we need to think! Needing a little subtlety in our approach. Times have changed, now no longer is the world interested in the soul, no real acceptance of the Bible or truth, or even that Jesus Christ is more than a man or good teacher.

This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting – Certain things are quite useless! Using something that lacks the necessary power, although okay in other less critical situations, is useless, leaving you helpless and hopeless and leaves the boy in his terrible condition! Things that are not enough, proving to be useless - thing which the church is still relying and pinning their faith – **Apologetics** – presenting the Christian faith in a philosophical manner, showing the

reasonableness of the Christian faith. The Bible can be presented in that it fits into science. – **Archaeology** – clutching at archaeologist proof of something related to the Bible. **Methods – new translations** of the Bible! The Bible in modern language! How exciting! Based on this – the unsaved man today is outside the church because he can't understand the authorized version! We need a modern Bible in modern slang! NO! NO! It's the heart of men! The evil that's in him, not the question of language! Whatever the value of new translations, that's not going to solve the problem. **Make use of modern media! Advertising!** If we only advertise the church they will want it and come to it?? **Popular evangelism.** Everything that will appeal to the modern man. The time has come to ask this simple question – **What are the results? Is the modern problem being touched at all?** What of the bulk of men and women? Is anyone being affected other than those already in the church or are on the fringe of the church? The result seems to be that of these disciples who were trying but failing!

This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting. Disciples, you lack power! You failed to succeed because you failed to recognize the power that was needed. Jesus is saying that power is available from the Holy Spirit! He is saying *This kind* will never come out, unless you apply to God for which He alone can give you. You must become aware of your need! Of your impotence, helplessness! You must recognize you're confronting something that is too great for your present methods to deal with. You need something that can go down beneath it and shatter it! There is only one thing that can do that and that is the power of God! You must be convinced of your need! You have to realize that you must be filled with God's Spirit and be equally certain that God can fill you with His Spirit! You must begin to seek the power. You must begin to pray for the power. To plead and yearn for the power. This kind needs prayer!

Are you really concerned about the present condition of the Church in these times? How desperate is your concern? Are you praying about it? Do you ever pray for the power in the Church today?

This kind comes out by nothing but concentrated prayer and giving it your undivided attention, waiting on God until He fills you with His power! Have you seen the desperate need of prayer – private prayer, corporate prayer, the prayer of the whole church? There is no other hope, other than praying for revival with urgency and concentration! Let us pray!

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! - Redman

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never, Oh my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great, And Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come.

Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore.

Forevermore - Refrain (2X)

I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name