Revival – The Challenge of Holiness

Uncovering and exploring a lost truth for today

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Executive Summary

This study book is a book of Exposure, Hope and Challenge.

It is an **exposure** and an unearthing of a lost truth which needs to be rediscovered, taught and experienced in today's Church.

This book is to bring **hope**, encouragement and fresh vision to the Church.

It is for Christians who are:

- 'Saved but stuck'.
- Forgiven but not in victory.
- Frustrated but believing.
- Hungry for more of God.
- Dry, disappointed, discouraged, disillusioned, doubting, damaged, defeated and desperate.

It is for those who want their Christian life to be effective.

It is for Christians who want to see a genuine God-sent Revival.

It explores how we can obey the commandment of the Lord in 1 Peter 1:15-16, 'Be ye Holy, as I am Holy.'

It explores through Scripture and proven testimonies, the Missing Link of the truth of Entire Sanctification or the Clean Heart, where victory over sin is possible (not sinless perfection, please note).

It is a **challenge** for honesty and reality in God's people.

It is not intended to be arrogant or critical, **but** - it is one of exposure and challenge; the challenge in our 'comfortable' Western society.

This book is for the Lord's glory and pleasure, and blessings and fulfilment for the people of God.

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Introduction

If you are hungry and desperate for more of God and His reality in your life and long to see and experience real Revival – this book is for you.

The subject – the challenge of Holiness and how it leads to Revival, was born twenty years ago out of **divine dissatisfaction**. My husband David and I had been Christians for several years, attended an excellent Bible-based charismatic church and received all round, sound teaching from many sources. Yet, we saw unreality, hypocrisy and super-spirituality in the church in general and we wanted **reality** and what Jesus said should happen in His church and for our lives.

David asked God to send him old Revival books and books of great men of God so that he could see if there was something common between them, and, if that was true, what was it! So started our 'search'.

This desire for the truth, and the increasing revelation over this missing 'key', **never** went away, and to this day, it is as strong as we believe it could ever be. God has led, confirmed and encouraged us over and over again and is still doing so.

Scriptural Holiness, the 'missing link' is a result of experiencing and walking in what John Wesley termed Entire Sanctification – the main name I shall use in this study. Since the doctrine of Entire Sanctification has been almost forgotten, hidden and not taught or preached it could appear to be something new. We were careful, therefore, with whom we shared our discoveries, and even today, God restrains us or prompts us. We now feel compelled to 'go public' and proclaim this jewel. God clearly has told me to 'share this with the King's household' (2 Kings 7:9) – with you my fellow believer.

John Wesley said, "Only share this with people who are hungry." We are excited, as we have seen the increase of hunger in God's people and many well-known international ministers of God expressing this deep hunger. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" said Jesus. I pray that this study book will open the way to how to be filled!

Like Joshua and Caleb we press on in spite of unbelief and doubt in others. True holiness has never been a popular subject – the cost is very high.

Satan is a liar and a robber. For half a century and even longer, he has bred and fostered many misinterpretations, misconceptions, and half-truths to God's people. So when we share this, we always ask people to:

- Pray and be like the Bereans and search the Scriptures "...whether those things were so" Acts 17:11,
- Please be patient and see the whole picture before you accept or reject this,
- Please be open-minded since you may hear things new to your perhaps long held theology, and
- Please read this book at least twice!

This book is an exposure of some lies of Satan that millions of sincere, lovely Christians have believed – due to wrong teaching.

I am not a clever scholar but the contents are **based on God's Word and proven testimonies** and my personal observations and leading by the Lord. The content could well be controversial in places but I trust the Lord to be the judge. My intent is not to be arrogant or critical.

From the moment I was saved thirty one years ago, I asked the Holy Spirit to lead me into all truth, and to never let me go astray or follow a wrong doctrine. I believe He has led David and I along this path and we pray that it will lead to the ancient path – the Highway of Holiness – and that you too will walk with us along that road. (*Isaiah 35:8 and Jeremiah 6:16*)

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May this book bring hope, renewed vision to the people of God and Revival to today's church.

God bless you and may the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, lead us ALL into ALL truth - for His glory!

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