

FIRE FALL

Day Eight: Connecting to Our Heritage

And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob...

And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD... 1 Kings 18:31-32a

We are not the first ones to seek God for revival fire. By pursuing God's fire we are connecting with Azusa Street, Shearer Schoolhouse, the Cane Ridge camp meetings, as well as the preaching of Moody, Sunday, Spurgeon, Wesley, and Edwards (to name only a few). Countless other connections are made as we pray for another Great Awakening, stretching across the ocean, around the world and throughout time all the way to Pentecost.

As Elijah was the physical seed of those whom the stones of the altar represented, so also we are the spiritual descendants of those whose lives became living stones in the altar of revival. We rebuild upon the faith of generations before us, and expect nothing less than what they received.

Revival is like a concerto composed and orchestrated by the Spirit. The chords and melodies flow through different measures, hitting different highs and lows, yet always leading to the eventual big finish...the crescendo of Christ's return. As such we anticipate our season of revival to be nearer the crescendo than were the awakenings of old.

Whether the outpouring we receive is deemed greater or lesser than those before us, we do not look upon our position as the revival to end all revivals. We are one section of the orchestration, one thread in the tapestry, one stroke of the brush...and we cannot experience the final design without our connection to the whole.

It has never been about religion. By and large religion has been the byproduct of man's attempt to maintain revival. Thus we do not look to resurrect tradition, nor do we look to create new tradition, but instead we connect with the active faith of the generations so that we may look upon the face of the One who revives His people throughout the ages.

And so we pray:

Father God... Thank You for the ways You have moved among Your people in the past. Help us to remember our spiritual heritage, not to turn the altar into a monument, but to allow it to be a catalyst propelling us into Your manifest presence. As You have answered the prayers of the generations before us, so also hear our prayers. Revive us Your people! Revive our nation! Let the altar of your presence be relit with Your glory!

In Christ Jesus name we pray! AMEN