

THE Watchword

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen;
All day and night they will never keep silent
You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves,
And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Isaiah 62:6-7

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The purpose of this newsletter is to encourage prayer and passion for a true revival of apostolic Christianity.

The following material is offered in the hopes of provoking zeal and providing a vision of what the church could be if we would fervently pray.

PRAYER MAKES HISTORY

"You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed." Few men have practiced this truth as well as Howell Harris. Mr. Harris was both a prophet to the church and a guide to the lost. He could fearlessly roar like a lion in the face of sin and yet with compassion plead with the lost and perishing. Often those who attended his ministry were brought to tears, broken under the uncompromising Word of God.

Harris' most striking characteristic was his unceasing and fervent energy in fulfilling the call of God. "He preferred to renounce everything rather than cease from warning his fellow man of their danger." He was often told that God did not intend for him to exhaust himself with such extreme efforts. When Harris heeded such advice he immediately noticed that his fellowship with God was broken. Seeing the connection between the two, he would resume his labors and once again enjoy sweet communion with Christ through prayer.

Harris believed that he had been called to toil day and night to be a witness against all those who are idle in the vineyard. Howell Harris once wrote, "I know not how short my time is, and zeal is a fire sooner put out by negligence than by opposition."



HOWELL HARRIS

Like Christ, Mr. Harris spent much time in prayer and thus followed in His steps bringing glory to God through "good works".

"Howell Harris fulfilled the apostolic command to be instant in prayer as faithfully as any man. Whatever his deficiency he prayed without ceasing. Prayer was interwoven with all his thoughts, all his words, and all his actions."

PRINCIPLES OF REVIVAL

Every revival goes back more or less to apostolic times, to apostolic simplicity, to primitive conditions, and to the spirit of the early Church. It attempts to rid the Church and individual soul of the heavy encumbrances imposed in a time of lifelessness and decay... With Christ, and the message of the Cross as its central fire, each revival also is characterized either by the reviving of some doctrine coldly held, or by the discovery of some new aspect of divine truth, revealed in Scripture, but lost sight of.

James Burns-

Revival: their laws and leaders.

"...I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Isaiah 57:15

BOOKS WORTH READING

When God Stepped Down From Heaven

Owen Murphy

'a remarkable account of the Hebrides revival of 1949-1952.'

Grace Ministries

Sodom Had No Bible

Leonard Ravenhill

'an impassioned appeal to live up to our responsibilities for revival.'

Bethany House Pub

Power From On High

Charles G. Finney

'a revealing look at the baptism of the spirit as an empowering to live a holy life.'

Christian Literature Crusade

A TIME TO PRAY

Mon-Fri

6 am auditorium

Sat 8 am basement

Sun 8 am auditorium

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Hidden In Him
prayer watch

"...that in all things,
He (Jesus Christ) may have the
preeminence."
(Col 1:15-18)