



**Prayer That Births Revival
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Revival is a season of God's visitation. It is a season of heaven's outpouring on earth.

Zechariah 10:1

Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone.

Psalms 2:7,8

7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

1904 Sialkot Revival

John Hyde and the Sialkot Revival in Punjab

In 1892 young seminary graduate John Hyde from Illinois embarked on a ship to go to the mission field of India...the man who would become God's primary vessel in the Sialkot revival which touched thousands and thousands of lives in India and abroad. Hyde had been praying for years, as God took him deeper and deeper into intercession. In 1899 he started spending whole nights in prayer, forgetting about food or sleep. Hyde was to become God's main instrument of revival in the Punjab region in India. He became known as "Praying Hyde", "the Apostle of Prayer" and "the man that never sleeps".

Early in 1904, a revival broke out in the girls' school, with many girls publicly confessing sins and accepting Jesus. The revival spread to the near-by theological seminary and of the Indian students there decided to visit the boys' school to see the revival spread. However, they were turned away, being accused of emotionalism – another trait of true revival. Shortly after, Dr. W.B. Anderson became the new dean of the school and called for a prayer meeting for India, which took place in Sialkot in April of that year. Not many gathered, among those John Hyde, one of the leading forces and an inspiration in prayer, and other leaders that later played important roles, like McCheyne Peterson, George Turner and Alice McClure. The Punjab Prayer Union was formed, an important key to the coming revival, and all members signed the following five questions, dedicating themselves to them:

1. Are you praying for quickening in your own life, in the life of your fellow workers, and in the Church?
2. Are you longing for greater power of the Holy Spirit in your own life and work, and are you convinced that you cannot go on without this power?
3. Will you pray that you may not be ashamed of Jesus?
4. Do you believe that prayer is the great means for securing this spiritual awakening?
5. Will you set apart one-half hour each day as soon after noon as possible to pray for this awakening, and are you willing to pray till the awakening comes?"

A call went throughout India to gather at Sialkot in August for a convention. Thirty days before its start, Hyde and Paterson started praying day and night, being joined by Turner on the tenth



day. At that time they heard about the revival in Wales, which increased their prayers even more, as they believed God for the same in India. The results were tremendous as God heard from heaven and answered their cries for revival.

"The victory of the Sialkot meetings was not won in the pulpit but in the closet. Often the glory rested on these meetings in a mighty way, while hidden, out of sight, John Hyde and a faithful few travailed in prayer."

God spoke Isaiah 62:6-7 to his servant John Hyde: I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth, which became his moving force.

We can see hints of the outward manifestations of the Spirit occurring at the revival meetings, However, since the revival took place in the Presbyterian church, we can assume that much was not written down or lost. As in other revivals people were trembling: "Others, as they arose to speak, trembled as hidden sins were brought to light." and falling to the ground: "Before the meeting was over, the Indian translator, overcome by his feelings and overpowered by the Spirit of God, failed to go on, and another had to take his place." John Hyde himself was very acquainted with holy laughter and dance, which also occurred in the meetings: "Mouths were filled with laughter and song. Then it was that we began to realize what it is 'to joy in the Holy Ghost'." "This time some shouted for joy, and others like David danced before the Lord." After John was done praying, "he would clap his hands, dance, shout and was often filled with holy laughter." The Holy Spirit was a constant guest where John Hyde was speaking. On one occasion, after a victory of obedience, John entered the hall with great joy ... he spoke three words in Urdu and three in English, repeating them three times [...] 'O Heavenly Father'. What followed who can describe. It was as if a great ocean came sweeping into that assembly, and 'suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.' Hearts were bowed before the divine presence as trees [...] before a mighty tempest." Visions were given frequently, sometimes accompanied by trance-like states: "Some of the Indian girls, after making confession of their sins, would enter into a semi-trance, so customary among the Indian religious leaders, during which time they reported to have seen heaven, the angels, and Christ in the glory world."

In 1907 a plague swept over India and John was confronted with divine healing, believing His word that the sick would recover. "I have seen remarkable answers to prayer of the recovery of people from the plague, [...] Jesus is living and can bring and remove pestilence.

His agony for the lost increased so that his heart-cry became "Father, give me these souls or I die!"

In 1911 John Hyde started his journey back to America. He later died in 1912 at the age of 47.

1905 Mukti Mission Revival

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost & Fire, Minnie Abrams, 1906.

Abrams' book recounts the events of the revival at Mukti Mission (a home for girls run by the famous Indian women's advocate, Pandita Ramabai). The Mukti revival had begun in 1905, the



year before the Azusa Street Revival (which Western historians have often mistakenly lauded as the first Pentecostal revival). The following is a transcription of a portion of Abrams' account.

In January, 1905, Pandita Ramabai spoke to the girls of Mukti concerning the need of a revival, and called for volunteers to meet with her daily to pray for it. Seventy volunteered, and from time to time others joined, until at the beginning of the revival there were 550 meeting twice daily. In June, Pandita Ramabai asked for volunteers from the Bible School to give up their secular studies and go out into the villages about us to preach the gospel. Thirty young women volunteered, and we were meeting daily to pray for the "endowment of power," when the revival came.

On the 29th of June, at 3:30 A.M., the Holy Spirit was poured out upon --- ---, one of these volunteers. The young woman sleeping next to her awoke when this occurred, and seeing the fire enveloping her, ran across the dormitory, brought a pail of water, and was about to dash it upon her, when she discovered that --- --- was not on fire. In less than an hour nearly all of the young women in the compound gathered around, weeping, praying, and confessing their sins to God. The newly Spirit baptized girl sat in the midst of them, telling what God had done for her, and exhorting them to repentance.

The next evening, June 30th, while Pandita Ramabai was expounding John 8, in her usual quiet way, the Holy Spirit descended, and the girls all began to pray aloud so that she had to cease talking. All in the room were weeping and praying, some kneeling, some sitting, some standing, many with hands outstretched to God. Promises and words of help were of no avail. God was dealing with them and they could listen to no one else.

From that time the two daily meetings of the Praying Band became great assemblies, morning and evening, and the Bible school was turned into an inquiry room. Girls stricken down under the power of conviction of sin while in school, the industrial school, or at their work were brought there. Regular Bible lessons were suspended, and the Holy Spirit, Himself, gave to the leaders such messages as were needed by the seeking ones. Soon three rooms were needed. After strong repentance, confession, and assurance of salvation, many came back in a day or two saying, "We are saved, our sins are forgiven, now we want a baptism of fire." One Sunday, the text spoken from was, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." Matt. 3:11. The usual explanation of the fire here spoken of is that it means to trials, losses, sicknesses, and difficulties which God allows in order to bring us nearer to him; but the Holy Spirit evidently had taught the girls through this passage, and the one in Acts 2:1-4, as well as through the experience of the first Spirit baptized girl, to expect an actual experience of fire; and God met them in their expectation. They cried out with the burning that came into and upon them. Some fell as they saw a great light; and when the fire of God burned, the members of the body of sin, pride, love of the world, selfishness, uncleanness, &c., passed before them. Such sorrow for sin! Such suffering under the view of the self-life, while it was all being told out to God, the person being wholly occupied with God and her sinful state! This would have been too much for flesh and blood to bear save that all of these sufferings were intermingled with joy, wooing the stricken soul on, until the battle was won. Finally complete assurance and joy took the place of repentance. Some who had been shaken violently under the power of conviction, now sang, praised, danced for joy. Some had visions, others dreams. The word of God confirmed all of this. The Holy Ghost had been poured out according to the Scriptures. Such intense seeking could not have been endured save that it had been done in the power of the Spirit. They neither ate nor slept until the victory was won. Then the joy was so great that for two or three days after receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost they did not care for food.



The burning in the bodies of those who were seized with a strong spirit of repentance, given to search out sin, and to enlighten the dark mind concerning the way of salvation, as well as through the suffering experienced, to cause to realize the awful consequences of sin, and what Jesus has suffered for them, left a strong impression. This burning passed away when the joy of salvation came. When some who had been God's children for some time, and had known the blessing of heart purity, sought and received the abiding presence of the fire of the Holy Ghost, an abiding Presence, giving marvellous power for service, and to prevail in prayer, this impression was greatly magnified. At first some of the missionaries thought that the fire poured out on the girls at the time of repentance was necessary for their cleansing because they had been idolators; but when persons fully saved and sanctified received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, these workers began to search the word of God to see if this experience of power and service was for them also.

It is now fifteen months since this revival began. Lives are truly transformed, and those fully saved are walking with God in daily victory, while those who have received this mighty baptism for service are growing in power. The word of God confirmed by the example of these holy lives filled with power for service, convinced us that this baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is for all who are willing to put themselves wholly at God's disposal for His work and His glory. A goodly number of the foreign missionaries and workers at Mukti, as well as in other places have sought and found, and are convinced that until the fire has actually wrought within us purification; until He who is a consuming fire consumes us with humility, with love for souls, and with compassion like to that of Jesus; until God's holiness, power, grace, love and longsuffering have been revealed in us through the fire of the Holy Ghost, surpassing the knowledge of Him which had been received through intellectual avenues, the fulness of the baptism of the Holy Ghost has not been obtained. It is hoped that this plain account of what has been found in the word of God concerning this baptism, will reach many hungry hearts desiring perfect victory over sin, and power for service.

"Revival comes from heaven when heroic souls enter the conflict determined to win or die - or if need be, to win and die! 'The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.'" -Charles Finney.

Isaiah 64:1-4

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—

2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.



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