

**Topical Series on Revival – Part VI**

**‘Jehoida enjoyed a revival when God’s people entered a covenant with God’**

**II Kings 11:17 – 20 (Key - verse 17**

**“And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD’S people; between the king also and the people.”**

**Intro:** It is important for us to understand that revivals are not \_\_\_\_\_, nor can they be scheduled to take place at a particular time. Our part as the Redeemed of the Lord is to be aware of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to send revival, our need for revival in our lives comes about by a supernatural movement of God upon the hearts and lives of His people.

Jehoida is the high priest at this point and time as Athalia usurps the throne. The historical characters in this historical account are:

1. Athalia was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ahab and Jezebel rulers of the northern ten tribes, and we know how wicked they were, and it makes one wonder why Jehoram king of Judah, would have married such a woman with her family ties to Jezebel and Ahab.
2. Jehoram was the son of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat who was a godly king that had a few important lessons to learn, which he did, was father to Jehoram.
3. To differentiate between the two Jehoram’s, one was ruler in Israel (ten tribes) the one in our text is identified as Joram seeing their reigns overlapped at some point.
4. Joram dies – **II Chronicles 21:12 – 18** due to his exceeding \_\_\_\_\_ and this is where Athalia usurps the throne killing off any family members who might challenge her. Jehoram (Joram) also did the same thing to his brothers to ensure none of them would reach the throne.
5. Talk about a vial family, they were all that and more, yet in the midst of this, picking it up in **II Chronicles 11:1 – 3**, Joram’s daughter married to Jehoiada the high priest, took and hid her youngest nephew from the wickedness of Athalia and hid him.
6. For six years of Athalia’s reign, Joash has been kept hidden and is about to be brought out and established as the rightful heir to the throne – **II Kings 11:4 – 12**.
7. Athalia gets wind, cries treason and is removed **II Kings 11:13 – 16**, and this is where we pick it up with the point of this lesson.

**I. Jehoiada enjoys a revival when God’s people entered into a covenant with God – **II Kings 11:17 – 20**.**

- A. Quite an interesting path as we have seen in order to bring about a revival!
1. When we think of a revival we typically think of a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_, perhaps special prayer meetings leading up to a mission's conference or an evangelist.
  2. And we are praying that souls will get saved, backslidden believers will get right and that the Spirit of God will open the windows of heaven, and pour out a revival.
  3. As we have previously stated, a revival isn't something we put on a \_\_\_\_\_ in order to refocus our attention on reviving our spirit of lethargy, and indifference.
  4. Revival can breakout in a person's life, it can breakout in a typical church meeting, in a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ or in a sanctuary, and it usually follows when an individual or an assembly becomes acutely \_\_\_\_\_ (convicted) of sin that has crept into our lives.
- B. In our text today, this revival was uniquely different as it was along the lines of a \_\_\_\_\_ proposition in which a contract was drawn up and the people, & the king signed a document whereby they \_\_\_\_\_ to do right by God – **II Kings 11:4.**
1. Remember, that Athalia was as sinful an individual as was her mother Jezebel, and she was ruthless and vial with a great influence over Judah and Benjamin.  
**(II Chronicles 24:7)**
  2. As unique as this revival is, God blessed them for their \_\_\_\_\_ to commit to depose of this ungodly woman and reestablish righteousness on the throne.
  3. Leonard Ravenhill, a prominent Christian made an observation of the churches need of A spiritual awakening in the church. Revival to many means an awakening long enough to roll over and fall asleep on the other side. Therefore, spiritual lethargy continues as usual.
- C. A genuine supernatural revival is somewhat uncommon in many churches to today – people want \_\_\_\_\_, a title with privileges of doing something in the church so long as there are no \_\_\_\_\_ attached.
1. Such as standards and accountability.
    - a. They want to play an instrument or sing whether in a choir or a group, but tell them they must dress appropriately.
    - b. They want to teach a class, but don't tell them they must be faithful in setting an example of attending all the regular church services!
    - c. When we place limits on our heart attitudes when it comes to serving the Lord, then we have a serious heart issue that limits what God can and will do through us.
  2. What is it that Jesus expects of those who wish to serve the Lord? **I Corinthians 4:2.**
    - a. When we are called upon to serve it isn't just about what we say, it is also about how we live and apply what we teach in our own lives
    - b. No one is above the Word of God, rather we are all servants to do and obey, setting an example - **ITimothy 4:12** is the reason revivals can take place.