Theme: The Purpose of a Revival

Proposition: The purpose of a revival is to draw anyone to Christ.

Scripture: Matt. 12:46-50.

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References: Abingdon Bible Commentary, p. 1005.
The New Cokesbury Hymnal, no. 120

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While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

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Introduction:

1. This passage is paralleled in Mark 3:31-35, and is contradictory in no way with it. Therefore, it may be taken as the true word and meaning of Christ.

2. It reveals that Jesus is turning away from his home circle more and more, primarily because they don't understand him, and through such misunderstanding are introducing him to a larger conception.

3. It shows Jesus turning to others than his family for friendship.

4. It introduces us to the formation of that great family of God, the elder brother of which is Jesus, and the members of which are drawn from all races and lands.

I. The condition of becoming a brother of Christ is shown to be doing the will of God.

1. At the expense of losing his loved ones, Jesus did the will of God as he saw it.

a. We must do likewise, if necessary, if we would truly know God and come into fellowship and brotherhood with Christ.

2. To become a brother of Christ, or a true Christian, may demand the sacrifice of long-anticipated pleasures, or long-accustomed duties.

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3. The will of God is certainly involved more in the welfare of many than in that of a few. This must be brought into consideration in making decisions of all kinds.

Jesus left the few of his immediate family for the many.

4. The call here is to do the will of God, regardless of obstacles, if one would be of the family of Jesus.

II. The invitation is issued to no special class of people.

1. It reads "whosoever" will do the will of God.

2. That word "whosoever" implies not those of any one group, but any person of any group.

III. The purpose of a revival is supposedly to bring men to the salvation which comes from brotherhood with and in Christ.

1. That brotherhood must be one of fervent, enthusiastic Christianity.

2. It must therefore be re-entered by lukewarm Christians.

3. It must be entered for the first time by some who have never known Christian brotherhood.

IV. Therefore, the purpose of a revival is to bring men to strive to do God's will.

1. Only through doing God's will is man drawn to Christ.

2. Anyone is invited to do God's will.

Conclusion: Therefore, the purpose of a revival is to draw anyone to Christ.

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Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear,
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my
ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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