

Isaiah 41:4 AMP “Who has prepared and done this, calling forth and guiding the destinies of the generations [of the nations] from the beginning. I, the Lord – the first [existing before history began] and the last [an ever-present, unchanging God] – I am He.”

1 Cor. 1:18,19 AMP “For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to those of us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God.

19) For it is written, I will baffle and render useless and destroy the learning of the learned and the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of the clever and the discernment of the discerning: I will frustrate and nullify [them] and bring [them] to nothing.”

From the sound of things, our Father is about to put to shame the box that we have attempted to contain Him in. But then, that has always been the case. The glory of God is so much greater than any man can attempt to duplicate.

In today’s churches, because of the hardness of the hearts of most of us, we have attempted to portray our perspective of who God is to a world who doesn’t seem to recognize Him. That’s because we do not really know Him ourselves. We cannot give someone a description of One Who we haven’t ever really seen.

I certainly am not an expert on the characteristics of any kind of revival. In fact, to attempt to characterize and categorize the aspects that signify revival is foolish. God usually confounds those who attempt to do so by “being God” and doing something unique every time. Whenever true revival occurs, however, it has one element missing from those conjured up by man. What’s absent, is the presence of anything man-made.

Early in the nineteen –hundreds, the Holy Spirit visited a warehouse on Azuza Street in California for a season. While He was there, the “preacher” hid his face from those present by placing his head in a crate so that he could be alone with his Lord. Those attending spent their time under benches, and in corners, getting “right” with God, sometimes for days. Others were dropped to their knees in repentance as far away as two blocks from the warehouse that He chose to envelop. Anyone who attempted to stand and proclaim their own words in “the meetings” were dropped to their knees under the power of God. Flesh was not allowed in the presence of God. God did something that man had never heard of before.

We have become so “dulled” in our experience with God that we have attempted to duplicate His presence with more songs, louder preaching, and empty promises of power. We have “cast this and bound that” in make-believe macho stuff. We have said “thus sayeth the Lord,” when He has not said it. We have falsely “taken cities” with pumped up bravado, conjured up by “evangelists” who have to come back to that same city to “take it” again. (It amazes me that they are even invited back.) We have become foolish to the world with our empty promises, foolish actions and powerless lives.

I believe that God will not allow that to continue for much longer. His Word is too precious for Him to allow us to mess with it as we have, without Him intervening and saying “enough”. God will have His Holy People, His way, in His time.

Needing to “drop and wait” – Jim Corbett