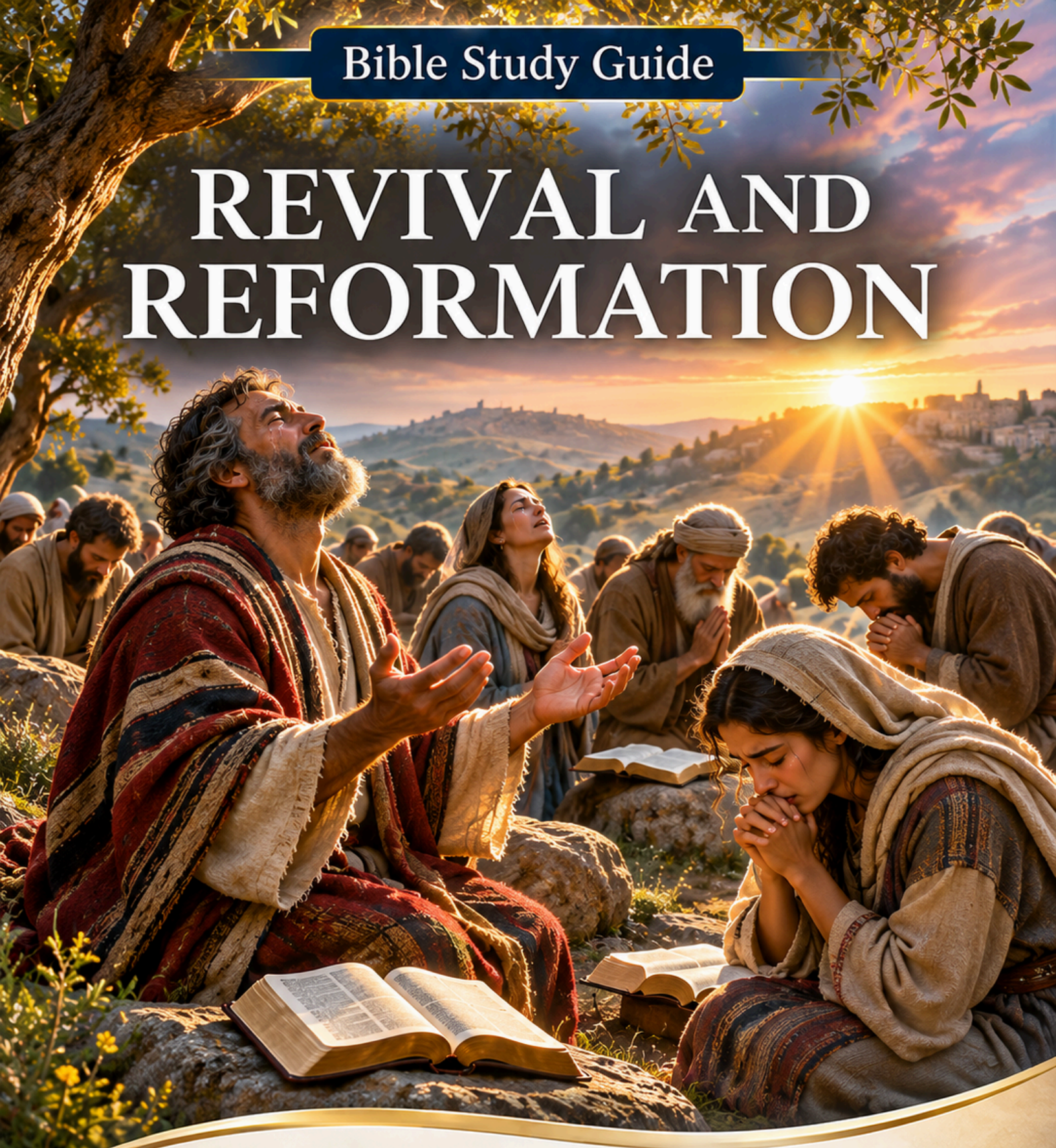
Bible Study Guide

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION



A Bible Study on Repentance, Prayer, and a Return to God's Word

Introduction

At Pentecost, the disciples who once disputed about which of them was greatest gathered in prayer and unity. Their own strength had not been sufficient in the hour of testing. Now, as they waited upon God, the Holy Spirit empowered them to bear witness to Jesus. True revival begins in the heart and becomes visible in changed relationships, habits, and service.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What did the psalmist ask God to do for His people?** (Psalm 85:6)

"Wilt thou not _____ us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

Revival is the restoration of spiritual life, not the manufacture of excitement or enthusiasm.

2 **What does Christ offer the burdened soul?** (Matthew 11:28-29)

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____."

Rest comes through coming to Christ and learning His meekness, not through self-reliance.

3 **What did David ask God to create within him?** (Psalm 51:10)

"Create in me a _____, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Reformation grows from the renewed heart God gives. Outward changes without that renewal cannot produce lasting spiritual life.

4 **How does God transform the believer?** (Romans 12:2)

"be ye transformed by the renewing of your _____,"

Transformation begins in the mind and becomes visible in daily life.

5 **What does God promise when we confess our sins?** (1 John 1:9)

"he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to _____ us from all unrighteousness."

God promises forgiveness and cleansing, not permission to remain in sin.

6 **What does Laodicea claim about itself?** (Revelation 3:17)

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have _____; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

The sense that we need nothing is an obstacle to receiving the very help Christ offers.

7 **How does Jesus respond to the people He loves?** (Revelation 3:19)

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and _____."

Christ's diagnosis is an invitation to restoration rather than rejection.

8 **What gift does the Father give those who ask Him?** (Luke 11:13)

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the _____ to them that ask him?"

The greatest need of the believer is God's own Spirit, received through trusting prayer.

9 **What does Jesus invite us to do?** (Matthew 7:7)

"_____, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"

God invites us to come to Him in persistent, trusting prayer.

10 **What invitation does Jesus give to the spiritually thirsty?** (John 7:37)

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and _____."

Spiritual thirst is answered by coming to Christ; the Spirit is received as a gift.

11 **In what condition were the disciples gathered at Pentecost?** (Acts 2:1)

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with _____ in one place."

They laid aside rivalry and waited together upon the Lord. Spiritual unity is the fruit of surrender, not forced agreement.

12 **What should believers endeavor to preserve?** (Ephesians 4:3)

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of _____."

Unity is maintained in humility through the Spirit, not imposed by force.

13 **What was the purpose of the power promised to the disciples?** (Acts 1:8)

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be _____ unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Spirit empowers the church to reveal and proclaim Christ rather than to glorify human ability.

14 **By what power is God's work accomplished?** (Zechariah 4:6)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my _____, saith the LORD of hosts."

Human resources cannot substitute for the power of the Holy Spirit.

15 **Whom should our good works glorify?** (Matthew 5:16)

"that they may see your good works, and glorify your _____ which is in heaven."

Visible good works are meant to reveal God, not advertise ourselves.

16 **What does God ask His people to do before seeking His healing?** (2 Chronicles 7:14)

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall _____, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God's invitation includes humility, prayer and turning from sin. Revival is inseparable from repentance.

17 **What practice strengthens fellowship and healing?** (James 5:16)

"Confess your faults one to another, and _____ one for another, that ye may be healed."

Honest confession and prayer can help remove barriers between believers.

18 **Who will complete the work begun in the believer?** (Philippians 1:6)

"he which hath begun a good work in you will _____ it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Our hope rests in God's faithfulness as we continually surrender to Him.

Appeal

Will you ask the Holy Spirit to revive your heart, remove what hinders His work, and make you a faithful witness for Christ?

Commitment

I choose to humble myself before God, receive His Spirit, and allow revival to bear fruit in practical reformation.

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