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Revival: The Dream & the Reality

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Psalm 85:1-6

- ¹ You showed favour to Your land, O LORD; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of Your people
- and covered all their sins.
- ³ You set aside all Your wrath and turned from Your fierce anger. ...

Psalm 85:1-6

- ... ⁴ Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us.
- ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong your anger through all generations?
- ⁶ Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

Acts 3:17-21

¹⁷ Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, ...

Acts 3:17-21

...that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus.

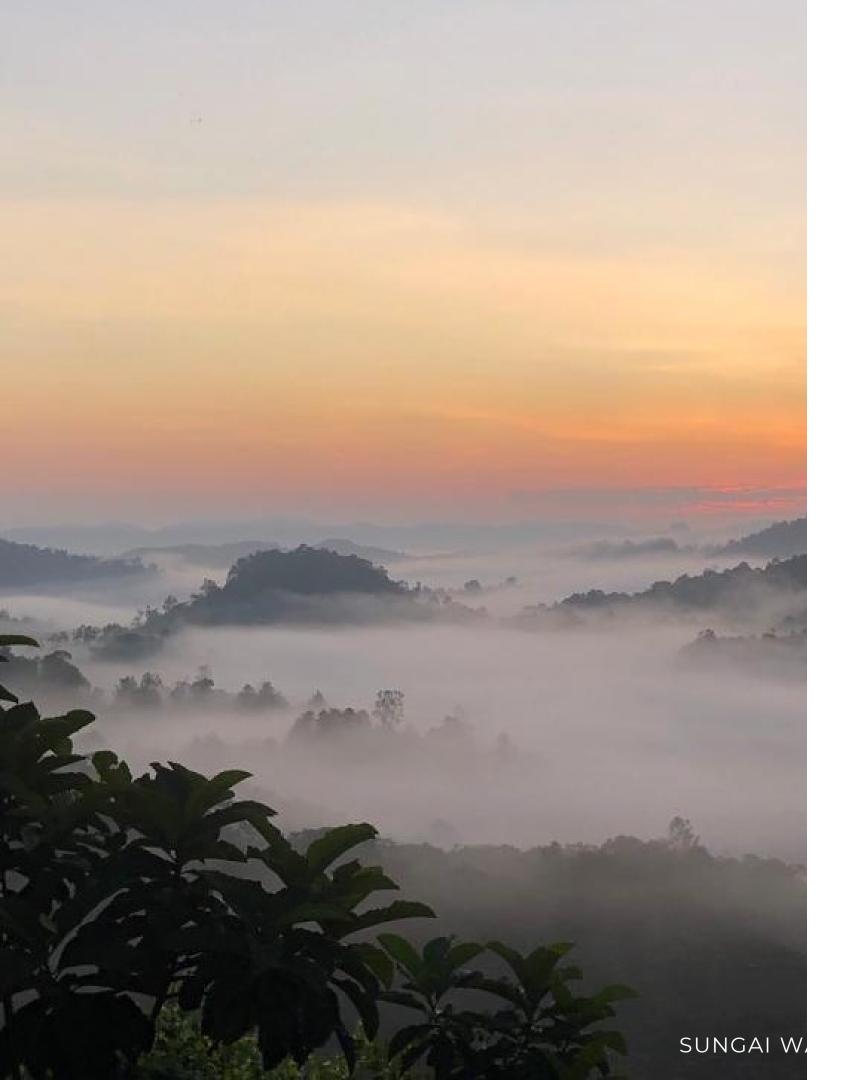
²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.



What is revival?

Extraordinary manifestation of the presence, pleasure and power of God





Omnipresence of God

(Psalms 139:7, 8)

Where can I go from **Your Spirit?** Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.



Manifest presence of God (Exodus 3:4,5)

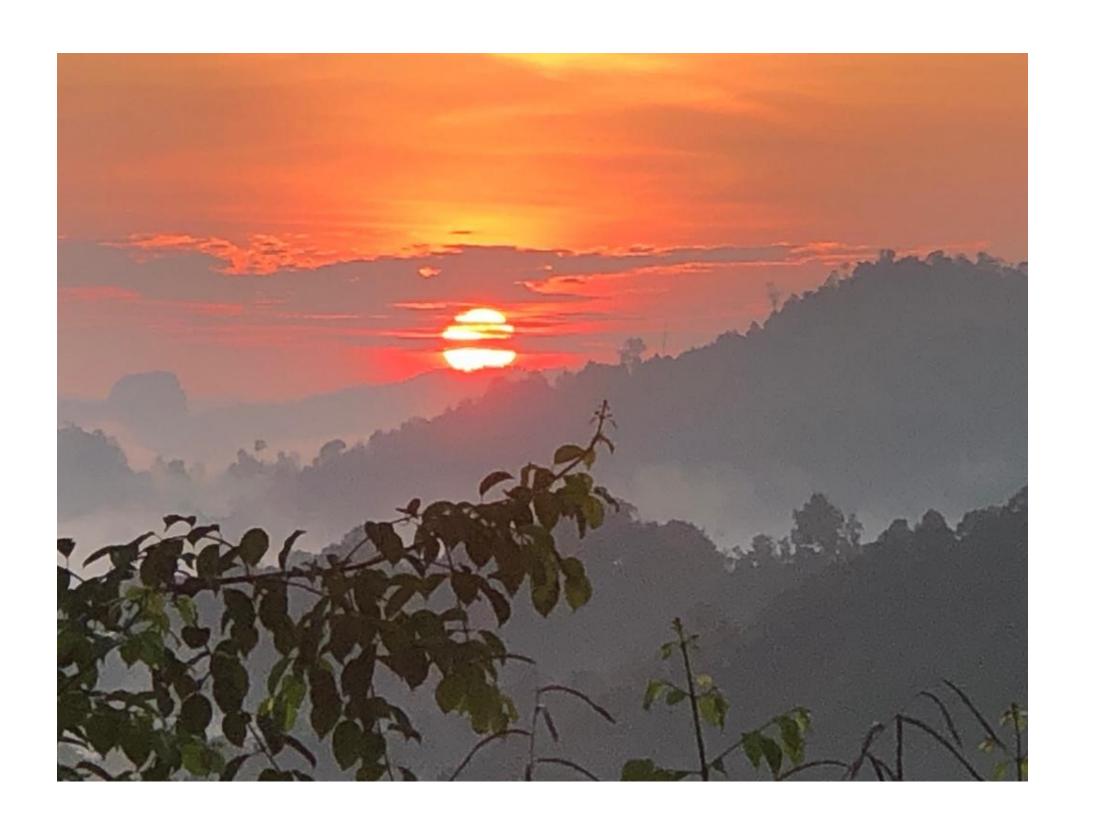
When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

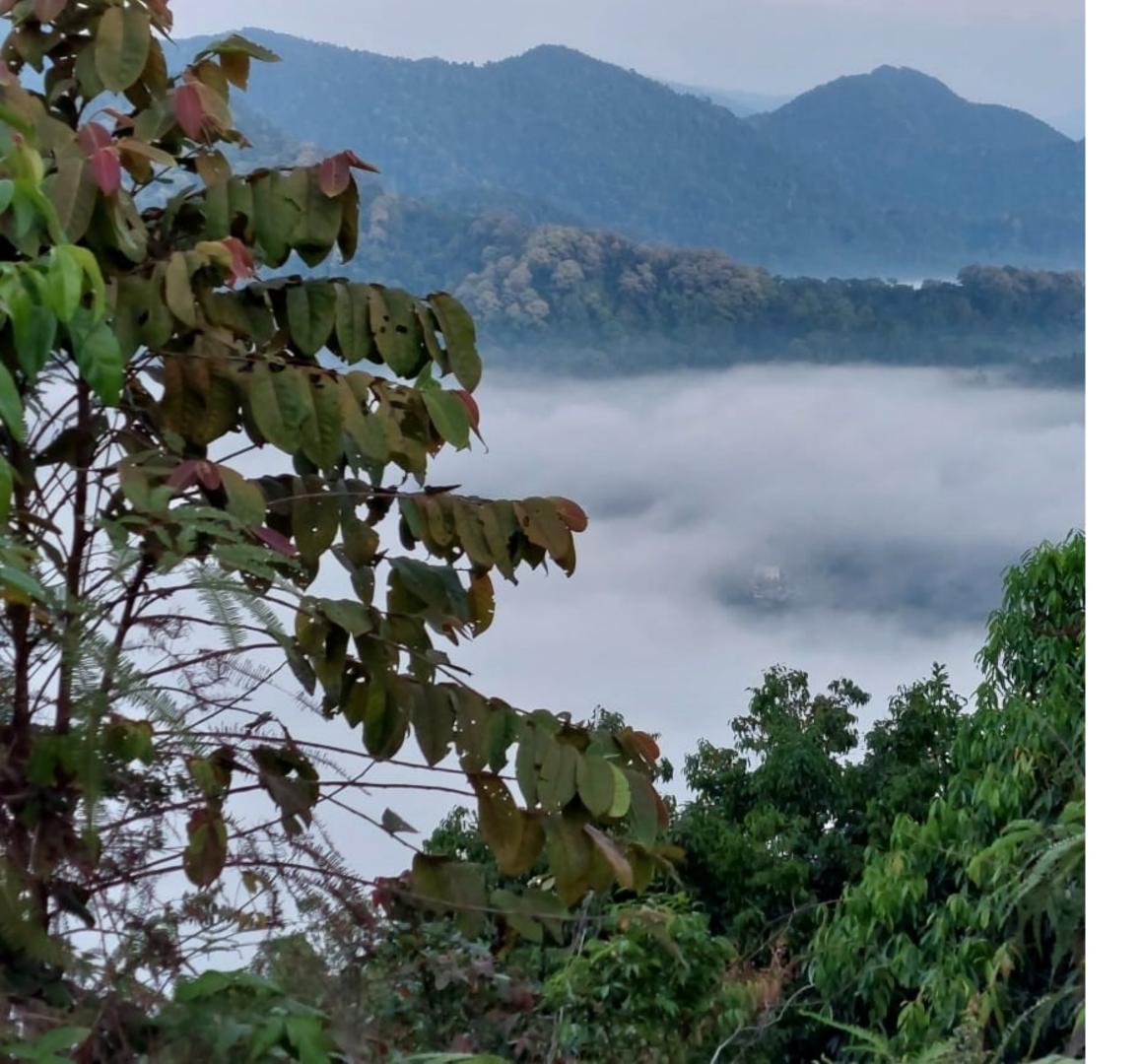
In revival:

- Encounter the presence of God
- Enjoy the pleasure of God
- Experience the power of God



In revival it is the manifest presence of God that we are experiencing and are talking about





The dream for revival:

A desire of every Christian (Psalms 85:6)

Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?





A delight for every Christian (Hosea 6:2)

After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence.

A duty in every Christian (Acts 2:43, 46-47)



Acts 2:43

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

A duty in every Christian

(Acts 2:43, 46-47)



⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



The reality in revival (Acts 3):

The 7 R's of revival

1. Repentance from sin (v.19a)

Acts 3:19a
Repent, then, and turn to God, ...



2. Returning to God (v. 19b)

Acts 3:19b

... turn to God, ...



3. Remission of sins

(v. 19c)

Acts 3:19c

... so that your sins may be wiped out,



4. Receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Peter replied, Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



5. Refreshing from the Lord (v. 19d)

Acts 3:19d

... that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ...



6. Restoration of all that has been lost (v. 21)

Acts 3:21

He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.



6. Restoration of all that has been lost (v. 21)

- What we have lost
- But also what the world has lost!

7. Return of Jesus

(v. 20, 21a)

... and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, ...





"Some things are too important not to share!"

Mercedes Benz chief engineer