

## **Critical Mass**

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'Critical Mass' is a nuclear term. It refers to the minimum amount of radioactive material that can and will sustain a nuclear chain reaction. In only two realms do you **decrease** the size in order to **increase** the power: nuclear power and Spiritual awakening. ( Judges 7 )

The current Christian generation must allow itself to undergo a dealing of God that resembles an atom being brought into fission. We need some understanding how fission happens. The following description is a gross simplification of a highly technical act. The power is in the nuclear of the atom. That is why we speak of nuclear power. The power is trapped within the atom until the proper principle is used to release it. The nucleus of the atom is surrounded by a negative electron cloud and something must penetrate that cloud and agitate the nucleus. What does this is a neutron beam. That beam bombards the atom until the nucleus starts to respond. The physical characteristics of the nucleus completely changes, it is now a critical mass. The key is the penetration of the negative electron cloud by the neutron beam. This uses an incredible amount of energy because the cloud around the nucleus is a powerful shield. Bear this in mind because that cloud is the greatest obstacle to fission, just as its spiritual counterpart is the greatest barrier to revival.

### **The first stage of revival – desperation.**

The first stage of revival is to establish a core, two or three people who long to see the Glory of God in their generation. Abraham required only 5 to save Sodom and Gomorrah, Gideon needed 300, Daniel reached the throne room alone in prayer, Esther and others all the way to the upper room with 120. What is it Father looks for? *The element of desperation to do something about the way things are. To bring change or revival whatever burden the Spirit has laid on your heart. The core has to have a single vision and all have the same goal. Identify the real issues.*

In revival prayer, a person presents himself before God to give birth to an act of God, he is not muttering requests, he is suspending his very being between God and man. At first it is just words and petitions, but soon it envelopes the person. He is reduced to one long, all-consuming declaration. His whole body becomes the prayer. The first characteristic of this kind of prayer is that it is focused. Nothing is more important for experiencing this forceful prayer than to focus your concern. Tied to our lack of power in prayer is our lack of a target.

Even when we are totally unaware of any result, something is going on in the heavenlies. Something is being created that we can't feel or understand. The angel told Daniel that his voice was heard and a response was on its way from the first moment he set his heart to seek God. You must stay focused on the burden God has laid on your heart until God is satisfied that this particular season of prayer has fulfilled its purpose. Never lose sight of the fact that what you are doing is of life and death importance.

### **Second stage – purifying.**

In Nature, fission will not happen unless a minimum amount and a specific purity of fissile material is present. Critical mass is that minimum amount -there is a purity in that amount. This time of prayer could be months or years.

Settle it in your heart that as God warned Moses that if he saw God's face it would mean death, so will our exposure to the glory mean the death of pride, lust and anger. It will shatter the barrier. It will bring change and revival.

### **Third stage – a burst of power.**

Revival, like fission, is a sudden burst of power that is irresistible. That power overwhelms the gates of hell. Satanic hordes flee in total terror before the crashing

wave of God. Nothing travels as fast as light and nothing penetrates humanity like righteousness. To be brought to critical mass is worth everything. The glory will come, sin will be cleansed. Soon it will start intensifying; barriers will be broken, until suddenly, a rushing wind --- tongues of fire. The sword of God is unsheathed, and the army of God is poured out on a waiting world.

### **Revival is born.**

Revival is NOT produced, it is born! Born of the Spirit, conceived in relationship. God has been waiting for us to come on to HIS ground, waiting for us to understand that it is all about His Glory, His Son Jesus Christ is the Glory of God, and everything is toward Him. In 2 Chronicles 4:22 the well known injunction is voiced: "If My people". Many have earnestly repented and tried desperately to humble themselves, but of little avail. It is only as *we seek His face* and come to a relationship with Him, will we see it is HIS glory that is paramount. Only in the light of His glory, will we come to Holy Spirit conviction of sin - honest repentance and a true humbling of self. If it were not for the work of Christ at Calvary we could not stand in God's Glory, but as we look to the cross and the grace of God we will be changed into the likeness of Christ. "And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. (Isaiah 40:3-5)

### **God will do it for His name's sake**

*Isaiah 48:10-11 Behold, I have refined you, though not as silver, I have purified you in the furnace of affliction. For My name sake, I will do it that My name may NOT be polluted and that I may NOT give My Glory to another. Malachi 3:3 For he shall return to refine and purify the people like silver; and He shall cleanse the sons of Levi and purge them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering of righteousness.*

We can now stand in amazement as we see that God's plan with every calamity that has befallen us in this nation is to bring us to see that it is only God's glory that will transform our situation. The fate of nations rests in the hands of the righteous. When the beloved of God turn to Him, it has more impact than the evil that surrounds us. God's decision to spare a nation is based upon finding His people in a place of intercession and purifying them. The depravity of our country shall not preoccupy our thinking. Let's quit worrying about what they are doing and instead, correct what we are doing.

### **The dark night of the soul.**

Another key similarity between revival and nuclear fission is a strange phenomenon that occurs right before the atom splits. The nucleus actually depresses. Scientists observe that the neutron bombardment, which should be changing the nucleus, suddenly shows no sign of reaching critical mass. Nothing seems to be happening. The calm before the storm, the silence before the hurricane.

That is also what happens right before a manifestation of God's glory. The revival core will be praying and sensing a rising tide of power and expectancy. All of a sudden, you hit a brick wall. The power and revelation is gone. God's presence seems to have lifted. Your prayers feel trapped in your mouth. A deep despair settles in. You feel physically drained. This is the dark night of the soul. This is where every revival has been before you and now it's your turn. It will take everything in you to keep moving.

The sobering fact is that many who have reached the dark night of the soul have retreated. Eternity will reveal a long, sad history of revival near-misses. Let me state emphatically that 90% of revival is getting to the point where an unshakeable resolve is born. Everything you have done before you reach this dark night will seem unimportant. It is what you do now that makes or breaks your heart's desire.

At no other point does God express love more than when He allows this time of total emptiness. God risks being misunderstood. He faces the potential of one of His children walking away frustrated and confused, but He believes the good it will produce is worth the risk.

What do you do when this cloud of darkness and quiet settles on you? Scientists respond to a depressed nucleus by INTENSIFYING the neutron beam, and resolve to do so until fission occurs. They commit to keep moving, not relying on any physical signs. That is precisely what we must do to see the end of this night.

**The only pure motivation to continue praying.**

If the prayer or the revival core continues during this dark night, their true motive surfaces. The only thing that will hold us when the nucleus depresses is a pure heart of love for the lost and a true desire to see God glorified. God wisely observes that anyone who survives this night is rightfully suited to invade enemy territory.

Gethsemane was the dark night of the soul for Jesus Christ. What the Lord is looking for a servant who knows that the cup cannot pass.

The nucleus explodes from that depressed condition. It does not split when it looks inflated and energetic but rather when it is shrunken and lifeless. Revival comes out of nowhere by sovereign timing. It has happened in each revival and its manifestation literally creates a circle of radioactivity- fall out, that strikes anyone who enters it with conviction.

**True Revival.**

True Revival is absolutely supernatural and spontaneous, it cannot be scheduled or orchestrated, it cannot be contained or controlled, it is from God not man. True revival is God glorifying in its character. No flesh can boast in its presence, fire burns up flesh. It restores Christ to His rightful place as head of the church, to His Lordship. ( Col.1:15 -18 Phil 2:9-10 Eph1:2)

Revival is the glorification of The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In a revival Church Jesus reigns supreme. The cross & the blood become central themes.

Revival brings an overflowing revelation of the Holiness of God and the sinfulness of man Revival restores the fear of God, the reality of heaven and earth, it is purifying and refining. Where the fire falls it is totally consuming.

If the Spirit leads a man to pray for revival, the inference from the Bible is that God designs to bring it about. To be brought to critical mass is worth everything.

Whatever the cost, revival is worth it. The glory will come, sin will be cleansed. Soon it will start intensifying; barriers will be broken, until suddenly, a rushing wind and tongues of fire. The sword of God is unsheathed, and the army of God is poured out on a waiting world.