

# Humility: Coming to God on His Terms

## Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2

### INTRODUCTION

**Revival...**the word conjures up different images in our mind. In order to understand what revival is, sometimes it's helpful to start by looking at what it is **not**.

Revival is not . . .

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- an \_\_\_\_\_

### So what is REVIVAL?

Revival is the *“extraordinary movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of God’s people producing extraordinary results.”*

**Revival is for believers**, those who already have God’s life in them. **It is the word we use to describe those seasons when God is restored to His rightful place in our lives, our families, and our churches.**

Historically there have been many periods of great, nationwide, supernatural movements of revival. These revivals have been marked by...

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**So, what is the beginning point of revival.** What is the key that will begin to open the door to God’s presence and power in your life, the door to the abundant life God has for us? **The secret to the presence of God in your life is to bow. The secret is HUMILITY.** Humility is essential as we are to draw near to God on His terms.

Let me give you a working **definition: “Humility is honestly assessing ourselves in light of God’s holiness and our sinfulness.”** (Mahaney, *Humility*, p. 22) Without an honest awareness of both these realities, all self-evaluation will be skewed and we’ll fail to either understand or practice true humility.

*Please note...*

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Humility**

Let's consider some Scripture:

**A. Isaiah 57:15**

**B. Isaiah 66:1-2**

**Humility gets God's attention.** Humility draws the gaze of our Sovereign God.

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Humility: PRIDE

Writing in Mere Christianity, CS Lewis states: *"the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."*

### How does pride manifest itself in our lives?

- Gossip
- Contentious spirit
- Self-sufficiency
- Unforgiveness and bitterness
- Judgmental spirit.
- Feelings of superiority over others
- Fear of man
- Argumentative, headstrong, stubborn spirit
- Unwillingness to let God have control
- Unwillingness to be honest about my sin

**What does God think about my pride? What is God's take on Pride? Proverbs 6:16-17; 16:5, 18; James 4:6**

## CONCLUSION

Arrogance says, *"I will live my life without God."* If you're not careful, pride will escort you to Hell. *"Pride: the sin that turned an angel into a devil. Pride: the sin that depopulated the very realms of Heaven. Pride: the sin that emptied the beautiful, idyllic, peaceful Garden of Eden. Pride: the sin that brought the Saviour to the cross and made Him bleed and die as a necessity for forgiveness. Pride: the sin that keeps the sinners heart closed to the salvation of God and keeps him on a bound road to an eternal hell. Pride is that sin that populates hell."*

How can we cultivate humility? **How do you "humble yourself" in a practical sense?** Dallas Willard offers three helpful answers:

- don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- don't \_\_\_\_\_.