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"Then Zerubbabel... and Joshua... the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD, their God, and the words of Haggai, the prophet... and the people did fear the LORD God *and the people did earnestly worship the LORD*." Haggai 1:12

Revival is always sparked by God's Spirit. However, the spark is generally kindled within only a portion of His people. There will always be a remnant that is hungry for the things of God. And it will be this remnant that hear and obey, who listen and respond to the call of the Spirit. This call of the Spirit will always precede revival.

It is the remnant that then hears the Lord's message of encouragement and comfort.... "I am with you," says the Lord." (Haggai 1:13). And it is the remnant that first experiences the stirrings and initial fire of the Spirit. (Of the five hundred believers who witnessed the ascension of the Lord Jesus, only one hundred and twenty were present when the Holy Spirit and His fire arrived on the day of Pentecost!)

Thus it is the remnant – freshly anointed, encouraged and motivated who carry the revival in greater and greater measure to the people and to the nations! As revival breaks out, not just among us, but from us, the larger body of the Church responds and sets their hand to the work. "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel... and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord..." (Haggai 1:14).

Yes, revival is a sovereign work of the Spirit upon the people of God, but, it is our responsibility to be found willing and together in one accord respond to His lead. "Thy people are willing in the day of Thy power!" (Psalm 110:3).

Would you have been one of the three hundred and eighty who missed the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost or would you have been a part of the hundred and twenty faithful who were obedient to the Lord Jesus and were found waiting as per His command? It was these faithful ones who experienced the glory of the Spirit's falling!

Will you be a part of the remnant of God?

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