

## CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF NAZARETH?

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Can anything good come out of a place with such a vile reputation, where adultery, whore-mongering and every conceivable sin was committed?

Listen, Nazareth was a stinking hell hole where people scavenged in the rubbish where the Roman garrison threw its filth; nothing was good within its city walls...

Listen church, are we not the same, we have compromised with our enemies, we are scavengers seeking government grants and tax breaks in order to survive?

We have compromised and become like the world in order to fit in and be loved.

Have we forgotten that the gospel is offensive to them that don't believe, but to us who are saved it is the power of God unto salvation?

When are we going to be still enough to hear the voice of God calling us to "come out from among them and be you separate, be you Holy as I am Holy."

Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Out of a church that is so steeped in religion that it is practically embalmed?

Can anything good come out of the mess we have created; can God do anything to breathe new life into us?

Oh Yes, he can for the God who told Ezekiel to speak to a valley of dry bones and cause them to live has not changed... **Ezekiel 37**

God always has a man in every generation who will dare to speak to his church and say; 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord, behold I will cause breath to enter into you and you shall live? **V6**

God always has an Ezekiel who will speak with such authority that there will be a noise and a shaking that will bring every part of the body of Christ together in unity, **v7**

God always sends a man to prophecy to the four corners of the church and who will say to the Holy Spirit; 'Breathe on your church that has been slain by sin and iniquity and compromise that she may live. **V9** Breathe on us Holy Spirit that we may live and stand to our feet an exceeding great army **v9-10**

While there is one yearning heart, while there is one broken and contrite spirit God can and will send revival.

Where there is one flickering candle flickering in the darkness, while there is one smoldering ember left he can and he will start a fire that will consume sin and revive the dead...

Awake O' church and put on strength, awake you that sleep, arise from the dead and Christ shall give you strength, Ephesians 5:14  
God wants to turn up this morning, he desires to breathe new life into each one of us but we have placed a wall of rebellion and stubbornness around us that he cannot enter.

We have sought to be entertained, to be made comfortable, warm, and cozy and have fallen asleep while the Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts seeking to come in and fellowship with us.

Who will be willing to allow him an entrance into their lives? No not just on Sunday but every day, who will humble themselves, turn from their wicked ways, seek his face and pray until he comes to visit us again.

Who will cry instead of sing? Who will weep between the altars and intercede for Ireland and the lost, who will repent openly before God and declare that they have sinned before God and before heaven?

Who is there that will allow God to touch them with the fire of the Holy Ghost until they are consumed, until they no longer live but Christ lives in them?

God is about to shake everything in the church, he has shaken the world now it's our turn, shake Lord... shake us until we seek your face and cry unto you for freedom and revival.

This is once again that period called "the fullness of time" God is about to send his Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the dry bones of the church. He is about to shake and to root out and destroy sin and to bring live to His bride.

He will bring healing to the sick and the dying; he will give the bread of life to the hungry and living water to them that thirst.

He has pity for his Holy name which we have profaned among the heathen  
Ezekiel 36v21

He will sprinkle us with clean water and we shall be clean from all our filthiness and our idols. v25

He will give us a new heart and a new spirit will he put within us. He will take away the heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh and put his own Spirit within us.

Its time for revival, no, it's past time; for we have talked long enough about wanting it to come... the question is:

Are we willing to pay the price? Are we willing to pray until repentance starts in the church, are we willing to repent of our unforgiveness and our hard hearts?

Are we willing to die to our own desires and to live for his alone?

Are we willing to place our lives on the altar and become the sacrifice God desires?

Are we willing to take up our cross and follow Christ should it be to our Gethsemane where will plead for Gods will to be done whatever the personal cost...

Are we willing to be scorned and abused by religious men for our faith, to be beaten and accused in the wrong and finally die if that is the will of God...

What then? Shall we follow Christ and live or remain as dead bones... what is your choice this morning? Choose you whom you will serve...

**ARE YOU THE MAN OR WOMAN GOD IS SEEKING FOR THIS HOUR?**