

**Chapter 1 : Moving From a Visitation to a Habitation of God – Charisma Magazine**

*3 Words in 1 What Does a Visitation of God Mean? You have to understand what it means when the Word becomes "flesh." When God gives Living utterances through a man's lips and His consuming Words is released, to be mingled with His Living Presence to burn in the hearts of men like lava and to consume them with His Love like dry grass in fire.*

What would you do if a well known person will visit you at your house? What if the new elect president will visit you, what will be your expectation to happen and from him? Our theme for today is about the Lord visitation to His people. Every time the Lord visited His People something great happened. What do we expect from the Lord and what He expects from us when He visits us, His people? After the death of her husband, Ruth migrated with Naomi, her widowed Hebrew mother-in-law, to Bethlehem in Israel. There God providentially provided for her and led her to marry Boaz, a prosperous Hebrew farmer. Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David. She is listed in the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1: Israel irresponsibly disobey God, even Elimelech who chose irresponsibly to go to Moab instead of trusting God. Today I would like to focus on Ruth 1: We can see here what to expect when God visits His people and what He in return expects from us. First we can see that because of famine in their land Naomi and her husband and their children went to the country of Moab to live there. But her husband died and she was left with two sons. She raised her sons in that country far from her relative and friends. And during their time it is difficult to become widow, that is why in the Bible God commanded to take care of the orphan and the widow. Because it will be hard for them to make a living. So she raised her two sons until they get married in that country to a Moabite women. But her two sons also died and now she was left with two widow daughter in law. It is more difficult now, not only to her but even for her daughter in law who is also now a widow. What are the situations or areas of your life that you are in right now that needs to be deliver? It satisfies their needs. Not only our physical needs that God satisfies but even the deepest longing of our soul – Psalm Every heart of man has a void that no one can fill it or satisfies but God. Man in his own natures are not content ILL. But do not just come to God for our own wants but to really enjoy Him and His presence in our life. That He is enough. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. God reveal Himself here that:

## Chapter 2 : Spiritual Meaning of Visitation

*A Visitation Of God A look at four groups of people impacted by the visitation of God on the first Christmas. These four groups are represented one way or another in every visitation of God.*

King Ever since the fall, one of the greatest longings was for God to come and dwell with us once again here on earth. Charisma archives Ever since the fall, one of the greatest longings was for God to come and dwell with us once again here on earth. On some level, this transpired during the time of the Exodus. At the Feast of Tabernacles , tents were hastily constructed with the intention of directly meeting with God. Israel truly yearned for God to dwell with them in an intimate way. They wanted more than just signs, wonders, and miraclesâ€”they ached to truly see His face. With the emergence of Jesus centuries later, this promise was finally realized. The "Tabernacling God" was no longer standing at the periphery; He was actualized in history. Jesus enabled something to happen that past generations could only dream of: After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother and brought them up to a high mountain alone, and was transfigured before them. His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You wish, let us make three tabernacles here: Click here to subscribe to our newsletter. He was convinced God had finally come to dwell; bringing the Law and Prophets. Yet everything else fades as the anointed Messiah is unveiled. What we have in Jesus is the longing of the ages ratified in flesh and blood. For the first time since the dawning of time, God is dwelling with humanity. This is the hope that countless men and women have longed for. God no longer dwells in buildings of wood or stone. He now resides in the hearts and minds of a redeemed humanity. It seems that the Book of Revelation makes an even more startling assertion: What humanity has been yearning for since the beginning is to truly dwell with God. However, what so few realize is that God has made provision for this to happen right nowâ€”through the person of Jesus. The time has come for you and I to truly dwell with God here on earth. Get Spirit-filled content delivered right to your inbox! Help Charisma stay strong for years to come as we report on life in the Spirit. Click here to keep us strong!

**Chapter 3 : A Visitation of God - Hardcover - Sean A. Scott - Oxford University Press**

*A Visitation from God - Week 4 Over the centuries, most people have gone to church hoping to meet God there. Most of us have an intuition that there is a God in this universe who is to be known.*

The message, therefore is not flesh, that which you read or see, but in the Spirit to your heart. Listen, have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying in these last times to this generation in America. Beware, many will read, how many will understand? Many people have read the messages I have written before. America judgment and Visitation are words that are taken lightly, however America should be a nation that takes Visitation seriously. We engage ourselves in Visitation daily. We move to and fro throughout the entire earth via radio, television, movies, books, magazines, traversing the planet. People in this country do the same thing, traverse, travel, and enjoy life. But my friends, this kind of Visitation is not of what I speak. That kind is lifestyle, the kind I speak is a Spiritual Visitation of the Living God that reaches down into the physical realm with Judgment or enlightenment. Moreover, not only have Millionaires, and would be Millionaires enjoy the things of America, millions of not so rich do so as well. America is caught up in a life whirlwind of this lifestyle. Lifestyle for us in America is described in one word. That word is Decadence. Now in the guise of holiday trappings, store sales, and excitement the Decadence of America is seen as okay. We remind ourselves of days past. Yet, we are far from our forbearers who started this great nation. America in season and out is Decadent. Decadence and the season for it have arrived. In all its brilliance, lights, and thoughts, the churches and Christians seem to wrap themselves up in a myriad of carnal actions that are more than friendly with the world and the things in it. Only in America can we in the church enjoy the pagan delights of America and take it right into Christianity and say, this is blessed. After all the scripture is found in James 4: Because he is direct, pointed, and gets to the root of the issue. James would be sent packing from our churches today. You know, only fluff, nice religious, make people happy teaching. None of that direct Apostleship quotes and urgent need to repent teachings. No, not in America; after all the God of the heavens blessed us, they say. They have rid the Jewish Messiah, his feasts, his teachings, his commandments, and all he is right out of the churches. They cannot rid him out of the bible because he is there, even in the New Testament. Yes, the Jewish roots implication is there, even more so. You cannot say Yeshua because they believe in Jesus Christ. His name was Yeshua and even among Messianic believers the arguments are vast in the minute differences in spelling. This is a season of Visitation, not of celebration, but of dismay. A testimony of a Chinese House leader on CBN tells the story of how his belief and faith endured during trials. He tells in one part of making Christmas lights. Every day they gave you work. The work was making Christmas lights. We had to install those light ports every day €” seven thousand. Inside the light bulb you have two small lines. You hook them together and you have to use your teeth to bite and then seal it. If you could not finish your goal, they beat you up. When you finished, you had to bow down. Then they used that big long stick and hit your hip. This is the time our Savior was born in a manger right? But my friends even these points are not the real reason visitation has come to this nation. The real reason is the heart attitude. The Love of God and commitment to obey, love, and keep his commandments and walk in him as his disciple. But in celebrating Christmas, as you would call it is not the season of which I speak. Leaders who build kingdoms and keep the sheep blinded with centuries of man-made doctrines that ignore the real truth. I am not going to argue over Christmas, Easter, or other religious pagan celebrations that the church has decided to follow. I will tell you that the Visitation is here and it is the season of it. Will you hear the Spirits call? Will you listen to the truth? What will you do when the season of this Visitation is over? One was King David, the other was Solomon. Solomon though sinned so bad the kingdom was divided into two. A majority of tribes became the Northern tribes, known as Israel or Ephraim. Both kingdoms were eventually overthrown by the Lord and carried captive for their sins. The light that was to come out of Judah and Jerusalem through the temple, its priests, and prophets did not shine forth. It became a melting pot of iniquity and sin. The Lord is bringing the people back to Jerusalem, building up the walls, and erecting the temple again. In this we find two important figures. Both were set to be Gods anointed ones to see that the plans of the Lord were finished. These stood in a vision that Zechariah saw. Judah was represented by Joshua

in this. Judah was in the fire of correction; her priests were judged for their failure and removed from office, the temple gone, and the ceremonies gone. All of it vanished, her visitation had come and gone, they did not listen. Her captivity ended, the Lord now worked to fulfill his word of ending 70 years of judgment and captivity for her sins. Joshua stood there, his name reflecting Gods mighty hand. Jehovah saved, that is Joshua, a brand, a fire brand plucked from the fire of Gods judgment. He now stood filthy, plucked from the fires of judgment, but Gods mercy was with him. The Priesthood let the Lord down. The judgment came, the prophetic utterances quenched, the blessings stopped. They did not warn or teach the people of this Holy God. Now, again brought forth, the Lord establishes the line of Priesthood. The filthy become clean, the hopeless have hope, and the God of redemption moves upon the people to bring in the new era. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. But yet the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua [reminding him in a stern warning]; the protestation of the Angel was given to remind how Joshua ought to walk, for the priests before the captivity did not walk as such and did not give direction to Israel. Thus the Angel gives Joshua a warning that he dare not forget, lest he lose this hope he now has.

**Chapter 4 : When God visits His people. Reflections from Luke , , | pentechorus**

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In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: John Giggie bio A Visitation of God: Northern Civilians Interpret the Civil War. Oxford University Press, How did Americans make sense of the Civil War and its revolutionary influence on society, including an unprecedented scale of death and destruction and the ending of slavery? Many leaned heavily on their faith for answers, shows Sean A. Scott in his impressively researched first book. Scott grounds his work in a carefully chosen place and people. There he finds an eclectic [End Page ] mix of foreign immigrants and transplants from the South and Northeast collectively bound together by a shared belief in evangelical Protestantism. While not the only religion in the region, it was the most popular and far-reaching, offering powerful "bonds of community and fellowship" 6. More precisely, they assumed that God favored them in the sectional controversy and willed the war to happen as a means of chastening the nation for its history of sinfulness and destroying the peculiar institution. Their blatant mixing of the spiritual with the political, however, contained unforeseen consequences. By branding God as pro-Union, aggressively seeking to Christianize the Yankee ranks, and relying on the national government instead of the church as the primary vehicle for establishing peace on earth, evangelical Protestants ultimately "trivialized religion by making it the handmaiden of politics" They won the war but lost part of their souls in the process. Like recent monographs by Harry Stout, Mark Noll, Robert Miller, and George Rable, it shows that Americans widely depended on Christianity to interpret the war, infuse it with moral meaning, and find strength and consolation when it claimed loved ones. Scott breaks new ground, though, concentrating on the role of private piety in the lives of women and men on the home front. He is among the first to reveal just how strongly religion structured the daily lives of civilians in the Civil War west and framed their politics, relief efforts, family dynamics, and gender relationships. Specifically, Scott argues that previous scholars have underplayed the "personal and individualistic aspect of faith" when analyzing the reasons behind the wartime activities of religious northerners. When mothers and daughters struggled to explain the death of a family member or rushed to collect supplies, there was more behind their actions than a belief in popular ideas about domesticity. Rather, "devout women emphasized the value of prayer, the importance of spiritual growth, and the necessity of relying completely on God when suffering through trials" Similarly, Scott finds that historians have also misunderstood the importance of religion in the motivations and actions of men living in the Civil War North. Rather than ceding the moral formation of their children to their wives, fathers played a central role in the development of behavioral standards in their families. They extended this duty to the battlefield, peppering letters [End Page ] to family and friends fighting for the Union with ethical advice and admonitions culled straight from the Bible. As Scott writes, "The emphasis on maintaining religious devotion and preserving moral virtue as a demonstration of both physical and spiritual maturity remained a constant theme that Christian fathers stressed for soldiers of all ages and ranks" Scott structures his book as a religious narrative that rises and falls with the events of the war itself. In doing so, he offers a fine model of how to balance spiritual and military histories. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

### Chapter 5 : Divine Visitation: 6 Ways It Can Touch Your Life

*It is in daily commitment that we will find true life and will be ready for a visitation from God. "When you pray for revival and a visitation from God, you're asking God for life-shaking.*

Prophetic words are fulfilled, seasons are shifted and new things are brought to birth. Jesus gets the glory. Divine visitation should not be considered an exception; instead, it can be your expectation. When you understand what a visitation from God means, you can position for it in faith. Here are 6 times the Bible tells us God visited His people. As you read these accounts, there may be one or two that particularly resonate with you. If that happens, allow the Spirit of God to ignite faith in your heart, that His Word will be fulfilled in your life in the coming season. They realised God had not left them alone in their suffering, but was intimately concerned for them. His power was about to be revealed. That Visitation had a chain reaction! She moved to that place of visitation and her inheritance and family line was restored there. After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. We cannot earn His visitation—however, we can position ourselves to enter into what the Father wants to do. As you will see, the key to having a Divine visitation lies in our relationship with God. But the moment comes when it is time to give birth. God always desires to bring people closer to Himself, to fill us with His Spirit, to act on our behalf. Here are some arenas you might like to seek God for His kairos timing both now and throughout the coming year. We need His help. When that prayer is answered, Jesus gets the credit, the glory for what takes place. We want to participate with God in His work. If God asks us to do something specific, an act of obedience can bring a powerful breakthrough. God provided food for a widow and her son, but first, she had to give away the last of what she had to Elijah 1 Kings. Sometimes, however, it is not about doing anything except simply receiving—equally an act of obedience. Through our relationship with God, we can experience the ongoing visitation of God in our lives—to move from visitation to habitation. Today I pray with you, that you experience a powerful visitation of God upon your life, your family, work, region and ministry. A Divine visitation that will cause a chain reaction to take place, so that as happened in the time of Naomi, people who have never know God will turn to Him, and generations to come will be impacted by the move of God. Notes and Related Posts:

## Chapter 6 : THE COMING VISITATION

*Terms such as Natural Death or Visitation of God were to be avoided where more precise medical terms on the cause of death could be used. However, there was a slow response to these directions, and it did not overcome the problem of a death where the coroner was not involved.*

Enjoy his article on the prophetic, published here by permission from "Spread the Fire" Magazine, published by "Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship," Canada. Yet, I believe that before we can fully receive the kinds of spiritual phenomena that accompany revival, we need to understand that the Holy Spirit who demonstrates the power of God by miraculous signs, wonders and visitations does so within the boundaries of scripture. We must bear in mind that the works of the Holy Spirit will never contradict the word of God, for the Spirit and Word are one. See 1 John 5: How do I prepare myself for such extraordinary encounters and be certain I am receiving an experience that is of God and biblically sound? Is there a precedent for this sort of spiritual phenomena in the Bible? The Bible is actually full of unusual and extraordinary manifestations of the Spirit. Although there are many examples in Scripture, I believe we need to look at three kinds of biblical phenomena that are relevant to the Church today, because we are fast approaching a time of personal and corporate heavenly visitations. For example, the angel of the Lord visited Moses in a burning bush to commission him to lead Israel out of slavery in Egypt. The angel of the Lord appeared to a Roman centurion named Cornelius and instructed him to summon the apostle Peter to his home in order that the Holy Spirit might be poured out upon the Gentiles. There are a number of other biblical examples of angelic visitation. All of these visitations came during critical times in history. In the light of the transitional age we are living in, I believe that the Body of Christ is once again going to enter a new era of angelic visitation. The message will be the same as it was in the Bible, we have come to the end of a dispensation. The Lord is no longer entombed in the religious place we have prepared for Him. He is risen and has imparted the power of resurrection to all His disciples. And the Church will soon awaken to a revival anointing that is deeply rooted in the resurrection power of Christ. The Risen Lord sometimes strengthened and encouraged believers in the first century Church by appearing to them. When the Lord felt it was necessary to enlarge the Church, He also visited Paul on the Damascus road. Jesus visited Paul converting him to Christianity and commissioning him to apostolic ministry. When the Lord was ready to reveal His resurrected glory to His disciples, He began by visiting two men on the Emmaus road. Yet, perhaps like Paul and Peter, I wonder if we are aware that our time of visitation is at hand. Like the two disciples on the Emmaus road, we often have no idea that Christ often comes alongside us at our times of greatest discouragement. Because it is in the fellowship of sweet communion that the Risen Lord will ultimately bless us and reveal Himself to us. In 2 Chronicles 5: Compare this to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost where the group of disciples were also overwhelmed by the glory of God as they gathered together in fellowship and prayer in an upper room in Jerusalem. And the resurrected Christ appeared in a gathering of His closest disciples where He showed them His hands and feet and opened their minds to further understand the Scriptures. See Luke 24 He then blessed the disciples and told them they would soon be clothed with power from on high. In light of these examples and others like them in Scripture, I am convinced that Jesus Christ will once again appear in church meetings and gatherings around the world. Whether this will be visible in the natural or the spiritual realm, I am not certain. I only know that the Lord will walk right into the middle of many churches and disrupt their programs and agendas. Like the disciples in Luke As the presence of God begins to move in our midst, we will fall prostrate to the floor and lie there awestruck by unusual and extraordinary manifestations of the Spirit. Instantaneous miracles, healings and other spiritual phenomena will occur right before our eyes. The lame will walk and the blind will see, not because of our great faith or gifting, but because the Sovereign Lord is in the house. As much as I want to see these supernatural visitations, my faith does not rest on them. I value my relationship with Jesus Christ far above these kinds of experiences, but my faith is not threatened by them either. Since there is real evidence that these kinds of phenomena are present throughout the Bible and the history of the Church, then it should be no surprise that in the glow of the warm fires of spiritual renewal we will see an increase in visitations like these.

We are about to enter a realm of revival and spiritual phenomena as never seen before. In fact, current renewals such as those in Toronto, Canada and Pensacola, Florida are, in my view, just the beginning of fresh visitations from the Lord. There will be an unprecedented increase of angelic visitations, supernatural dreams and visions, appearances of Christ, signs and wonders, extraordinary miracles and a host of other phenomenal manifestations which I believe will draw multitudes of people to Christ. The result will be a deeper relationship between the Lord and His Church as well as a great harvest of souls. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. He is a gifted and humorous teacher who illuminates scriptural truths and their relevance to this generation.. Larry is also the author of the widely acclaimed book, User Friendly Prophecy.

**Chapter 7 : A season of God's visitation - Vanguard News Nigeria**

*A Visitation of God Northern Civilians Interpret the Civil War Sean A. Scott. Examines civilian views of Civil War using an extensive selection of letters and diaries.*

What does this mean? For centuries, doctors struggled in the darkness over the causes of disease and death, and how the human body functioned. Occasionally he would describe the cause of death as a Visitation of God. Used in a more religious time than ours, it meant the death was inexplicable and it was thought that God had decided that it was time for the person to die. It later came to mean that the person died of natural causes. It was very rare that any autopsy was held and a doctor would give his opinion from the physical evidence of the body before him and the accounts he heard from others of the health of the deceased. Also the coroner was only really concerned with the detection of crime, so the medical reason for the death did not matter to him once criminality had been ruled out. In compulsory registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages was introduced. In an attempt to bring statistical order to the reports made by the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages on the numbers of such events, coroners were directed that the cause of death were to be made in precise terms. Terms such as Natural Death or Visitation of God were to be avoided where more precise medical terms on the cause of death could be used. However, there was a slow response to these directions, and it did not overcome the problem of a death where the coroner was not involved. Many doctors continued using the term. In the Royal College of Physicians published guidance called the Nomenclature of Disease which was issued to every doctor in the United Kingdom. It was attempt to create a common standard of classification to the various causes of death, and doctors were urged to use the guide when completing a death certificate. If no cause of death was given, the Registrar would be likely to return the certificate requesting the doctor to make a better diagnosis. Despite this, later legislation, and the advancement of medical knowledge, Visitation of God can still be found on the occasional death certificate up until Find your Ancestors in the Newspapers Newspaper archives are now a very important source of information for researching your family tree. Try our example search to help you discover if your ancestors are in the British Newspaper Archive. Help me find my ancestors - example search Looking for pictures to add to your family tree album? Ebay is a good source of old images of Essex towns and villages. Link below already formatted for Essex and Postcards.

**Chapter 8 : Visitation Tis the Season of God Watchman Expose Prophecy Newsletter**

*Through our relationship with God, we can experience the ongoing visitation of God in our lives to move from visitation to habitation. Today I pray with you, that you experience a powerful visitation of God upon your life, your family, work, region and ministry.*

We have seen the end of September and we have started marching into October Brethren, this should give us confidence that there is hope. Even if your condition is one that you do not have any challenge that has kept your spirit low, you still have to thank God. Brethren, a lot of good things may come your way even before this year ends. You only need to exercise your faith and hold on firmly to God. Note that Esther had been there all along. She never in her wildest dream knew she would replace the queen. God caused Vashti to misbehave so that Esther would replace her as queen. You are also in the tenth month of ; God will visit you with His favor in Jesus name. In other words, prayers that produce result and this do not come easy. Our reference is found in Mark 11 vs. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. A major problem with us is that when we pray, our mind is focused on how the miracle will manifest. Most of the time however, miracles manifest the way God wants it and not the way we human beings want it. The human mind in Esther will begin to make guesses. Will the queen die; will I be married to a foreigner and become queen in another land? None of these happened yet she became queen. Keep praying and be full of expectation that the Lord will visit you. God oftentimes visits without us being aware. The cheerful result is the consequence of His visitation. Be full of hope that the Lord will visit you. Resist the temptation to do evil, let God visit you. There is no need to be bitter about what anyone has done to you. This is because bitterness, failure to forgive may be an obstacle to that desired miracle. Let the words of Psalm 75 verses 6 and 7 echo in your heart. But God is the judge: Now, this woman was happily married with children. Suddenly, the husband got entangled with a strange woman and he moved out of the home. The wife panicked, she cried, she became sorrowful. She went to her Pastor and they began to pray. She was encouraged to move on. She did and God was with her. Brethren, this woman must have given up. She must have come to the conclusion that God has forgotten her. She might even begin to question the anointing of her Pastor. The truth however is that many times when we think God has forgotten us; he is actually working to change that ugly condition. Christians must realize that there is a difference between magic and miracle. Whereas, magic may produce temporary relief, miracle brings in permanent joy. Miracle turns the one who is being mocked to a celebrity. Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Look forward to his visitation. When he visits, your life will be a wonder to many, including your friends and your mockers. When God visits, you will be singled out for favour like Esther. A lady got married in , conceived immediately but she had a miscarriage. Her landlady promised to take her to native doctor so that she should get pregnant but she refused. Asking herself why she should turn to an unbeliever for help. For a lady who married late, people had been telling her that childbearing would be difficult and that could be true from the scientific perspective. She however, held on to God, speaking to the photograph and asking God to bless her with children. She took in but was told it was fibroid. The lady said she took a medication that almost killed her. To the glory of God despite multiple fibroids, she was delivered of a baby last year. In the name of Jesus, before this year ends, the Lord will visit you and your story will change.

**Chapter 9 : "VISITATION TO HABITATION"**

*The Bible teaches about God's visitation. The Bible teaches a powerful concept called "visitation." The Hebrew word for visitation, paqad, indicates a time when the Eternal God breaks into human history in order to bless or to punish individuals or nations.*

A visitation from God Acts 2: So, this week I am going to focus on personal encounters with God that fall outside our normal experience with God as churchgoers. We witness several reports in the Book of Acts telling about times when God meets his people in a fresh way. What I mean is: But, Acts 2 reports that this truly happened. I want to talk about these meetings with God both as a church and to us as individuals. On the individual plane, we sometimes talk about those times in which God seems more present and real than usual. When these special meetings with God happen in a church as a whole, we speak of revival. Today, I want to talk 1 mostly about revival and then 2 briefly about how you might meet God personally First to the Church as a Whole: Those who are students of church history know that there have been times throughout the history of the church " often launched through the passionate faith of young people and students " that people have experienced special church wide movements of God that we call revival. So, as I talk about revival today, I want you to know this: God is always ready to be known through faith in Jesus. God is always present and at work in this world. But, there are times in which God does a special work of renewal, restoration and revival in the lives of churches. Revival has always comes to those committed to the essentials of biblical faith. Still, having said that, God seems to spread his renewal around among his children. In Korea, revival started largely among Presbyterians. In Africa, mostly among Anglicans. In Latin and South America, among Pentecostals. He visits as he will. So, how might we discern whether God whether God is doing something special among us? But, I know I have to be very clear here. By "revival", churchgoers can think several different things: There are people who say there is no such thing as revival. They often say, "Revival? We love our church as it is. We can make it happen " This is the kind of church I grew up in back in WV. Twice a year we had "revival services. You need to bring all your friends and unsaved relatives. And, we need to promote it well. Of course, we need the right kind of music a point that always caused some division. And, we need a preacher who can engage the people. I think what we did was closer to an evangelistic service. In revival, God lets us know, "I am with you. Many have said that if we see healings and experience words of knowledge then, ipso facto, it is a revival. When I was ministering in India years ago, I remember a pastor telling me about a Satanic cult in which there were ongoing healings of sorts and wonders. He was convinced that, although God does miracles and often does them in the midst of revival, that signs and wonders are not revivals in and of themselves. This is true of us as individuals and true of churches. In those times, we can go one of two directions: When we become utterly dependent on God, we become open to God doing whatever he will in our lives. In Acts 6 it was in the face of heavy persecution that a movement of God emerged. Later, in the greatest revival of my lifetime, the Korean revival emerged after decades of heavy persecution from surrounding nations. The same has often been the case with revivals. But, there have also been times when revival has come when good things are be happening in our lives or in our churches " but still there is a longing for a deeper connection with God, a greater love for people, and a more substantial impact in the community and world. Often student movements have looked at the church and sensed that the church was growing complacent and operating in the same way as the world. When we focus more on the Harvard Business Review than the Bible to guide our planning, we may find a new generation longing for a fresh wind of the Spirit to move. People like Simeon, reported in Luke 2, had remained righteous and devout as he waited for God with the Holy Spirit being "on him. Even after the resurrection and ascension, the disciples had to wait in obedience and prayer for God to move. The same thing is seen in every revival movement in history. The Moravian Community in commenced a round-the-clock "prayer watch" that continued nonstop for over a hundred years. At the beginning of the community of about three hundred people was wracked by dissension and bickering. Five months later, on May 12, the Spirit of God moved among them. Christians were aglow with new life and power, dissension vanished and unbelievers were converted. But, it was a hundred years

later that this movement touched the life of people like John Wesley and led to the huge revivals called the Great Awakenings. I believe that, if we indeed are experiencing a sense of longing for God to work in a new way among us here at LAC, we need to set aside time to seek him together. But, as God leads, I urge you to spend more time in prayer in your classes and small groups. Here in America, we love instant gratification. But, God honors faithfulness. The Moment of Visitation – God makes his presence known We read about this in Acts 2 as being a mighty wind blowing through the room and fire descending. In Acts 4, the entire building the believers were in began to shake. My point is that God makes himself known in many different ways when he visits. Still, in times of revival throughout history, God has chosen ways to himself known in unmistakably to those seeking him. The term that many Christians have used for this is "visitation". God visits his people. One of those was not as dramatic as Acts 2 or Acts 4. But, several years ago, God sent us a revival at Trinity International University. There had been a mess in our athletic programs. On one weekend I had to dismiss 18 students for infractions as serious as anything you could find on any secular campus in the world. We felt called to seek God after this crisis. A group of seminary students began mentoring some of our football players and decided to take them to a spiritual retreat. While there, the Lord "visited" them. This resulted in humble confession of serious sin, and a deep repentance from that sin and a turning to God. These football players returned to campus with the fire of God in their hearts. They decided to invite other students to join them in a time of seeking God together. They called it the FAT movement, i. Students gathered every Thursday evening simply for worship and prayer. This resulted among that larger group in open and honest confession of sin and a turning to God. And, God "visited" our campus. There was a certainty that God was among us. These students turned the campus upside down as they shared openly about their new lives with God. After this time of visitation, football players who one day were being disciplined for serious infractions, on the next were confessing sins and giving praise for the grace of God. And, they went out and gave witness to the reality of God that led to high school students in the public schools coming to faith and joining the revival. Then, they went to a local secular college and experienced people coming to Jesus and joining the times of revival. And that brings me to the last point. The Life of Transformation – Witness and Service Every revival that has ever happened in history has led to people going out and witnessing to Jesus as the savior of the world. And, they also have shown the love of Christ to those they meet. Revivals in England led to people beginning schools for kids who had never before had the opportunity to learn to go to school. The great awakenings in our own country led to the founding of orphanages all through the east and south. When we truly meet God, we know this cannot be a private thing. We share our faith. We care about people. People who were viewed as outsiders are welcomed into the church and called brother and sister. The poor come into the church and find a family. Hospitals have been started out of revival. Slavery has been opposed. When we meet God, we know what once seemed impossible is not impossible. Obstacles that seemed insurmountable are not insurmountable. Eternal things become more important and temporary things are seen to be temporary. Tim Keller puts it this way: