

WEEK 4—DAY 1 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Genesis 19:27 And Abraham rose up early in the morning *and went* to the place where he had stood Jehovah.

Lamentations 3:22-23 *It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, For His compassions do not fail; they are new every morning.*

These many verses tell us that God's servants had the habit of dealing with God early in the morning. Every one of them had the habit of waking early in the morning and fellowshiping with God early in the morning....Although there is no commandment in the Bible that tells us to get up early, there are sufficient examples in the Bible to show us that all faithful servants of God rise up early.

Patterns in the Old Testament

Abraham: *"And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord"* (Gen. 19:27). If you want God to speak to you, you have to go early in the morning to the place where Jehovah speaks to you.

Jacob: *"And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel"* (Gen. 28:18-19). Those who desire fellowship with God must rise up early.

Moses: *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh...and say unto him..."* (Exo. 8:20). Those who want to obey the Lord's command and those who want to testify for Jehovah must rise up early.

Joshua: *"And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jehovah"* (Josh. 6:12). All those who want to overcome their enemies must rise up early.

Job (Job 1:5); **Jeremiah** (Lam. 3:22-23); **Gideon** (Judg. 6:38); **Samuel** (1 Sam. 15:12); **David** (1 Sam. 17:20).

WEEK 4—DAY 2 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, *while it was still night*, He [the Lord Jesus] went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene came early to the tomb while it was yet dark and saw the stone taken away from the tomb.

Patterns in the New Testament and in Church History

The Lord Jesus: Our Lord rose up early. This was His habit. As far as His divinity is concerned, He did not need to pray. In Himself, there was not that much need for prayer. But for our sake, and to leave us a good pattern, He rose up early to pray.

Mary Magdalene: Those women came early in the morning to seek after our Lord. Although others did not find Him, Mary found Him....Mary's seeing the Lord was the best morning watch. In this morning watch, she met the Lord and the Lord met her; she prayed to the Lord and the Lord spoke to her; she fellowshiped with the Lord and the Lord gave His word and His revelation to her....The Lord revealed to her that, from then on, the disciples were His brothers...We must first seek the Lord before we can discover His resurrection, and we must seek the Lord even more before we can experience His resurrection.

The Apostles: *"...they [the Apostles] entered into the temple about daybreak..."* (Acts 5:21).

Watchman Nee: But I have to give you my own testimony, and I must say a strong word to you in this matter. Please do not be offended by my frankness. A Christian who rises up late cannot make any progress at all. I am not saying this hastily. I know what I am saying. All those who have some experience know what I am saying. Which do you love more, your bed or the Lord? Brothers and sisters, do you not realize that our bed is the place of our failure?

Question: What friends or classmates are you praying for?

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

WEEK 4—DAY 3 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Song of Songs 7:12 Let us rise up early for the vineyards...There I will give you my love.

Song of Songs 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.

The Purpose and Benefits of Morning Revival (1)

The Best Time to Receive the Lord's Love and to Love Him

How much a person loves the Lord can be judged primarily by the way he chooses between his bed and the Lord. Do you love your bed or the Lord more? If you love your bed more, you sleep a little longer. If you love the Lord more, you will rise up a little earlier. A man has to choose between the bed and the Lord. If you love your bed more, you sleep a little longer. If you love the Lord more, you rise up a little earlier.

The Best Time to Meet the Lord, Draw Near to Him and to Offer Him Our Best Time

Mr. [George] Muller also benefited greatly during his life by rising up early. Once he traveled to another place and lived in a brother's home. He rose at six o'clock, but the other brother rose earlier than he did. He wondered and asked why the other brother would rise so early. The brother answered, "The book of Leviticus says that one cannot offer the dung of the sacrifices on the altar. I cannot offer my dung-hour to God." From that day, Mr. Muller prayed to have the strength to do the same. He agreed that if a young Christian does not rise early in the morning, he cannot grow.

Some say that early rising is for reading the Bible. Others say that it is for praying. I do not mean that we do not need to read the Bible or pray when we rise up early. I simply mean that the purpose of early rising is not for these matters, but for drawing near to God.

WEEK 4—DAY 4 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Philippians 3:13-14 Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I pursue toward the goal for the prize.

Ezekiel 24:18 And in the morning I did as I was commanded.

The Purpose and Benefits of Morning Revival (2)

We Can Have a New Beginning, a New Start, Each Day

The life that God gives us contains page after page. Every page is blank on one side; it is a new and fresh beginning. Many times, night is a time of blessing. But it is also a time of curse. When we are tired, we can rest at night. We may fall, become weak, and dirty a page. But thank the Lord that there is a night in which to turn the page, so that we can start a new page. Do not think that rising up early every morning is an insignificant thing. Every morning when we rise up, we turn a new page, and we have a new beginning.

Time for the Best Prayer, the Best Bible Study, and Sweetest Communion with the Lord

Those who rise up early in the morning reap much spiritual benefit. Their prayers at other times of the day cannot be compared with their prayers in the early morning. Their Bible reading at other times of the day cannot be compared with their reading in the early morning. Their fellowship with the Lord at other times cannot be compared with their fellowship in the early morning. The early morning is the best time of the day. We should spend the best time of the day—the early morning—before the Lord, rather than in other things.

Song: A new day has dawned,
The saints are going on.
The glory of the Lord is coming down.
All around us we can see,
There are signs of victory.
Hallelujah, a new day has dawned.

WEEK 4—DAY 5 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Lamentations 3:22 *It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, for His compassions do not fail, they are new every morning.*

Exodus 16:21 And they gathered it [the manna] morning by morning, each one according to his eating;: and when the sun became hot, it melted.

The Purpose and Benefits of Morning Revival (3)

Time to Receive the Lord's Lovingkindness and Compassions/ New Mercies Every Morning

When you were just saved, you felt good and excited; but after two months, perhaps you started feeling old. It was not the dawn anymore; but, instead, you were at your sunset. In these times you should know that there is still a dawn waiting for you. In this dawn there are God's mercies. The mercies of God are new every morning. This newness indicates that we who love God and seek after Him should have a new beginning every morning to enjoy the Lord as our rich breakfast.

Time to be Nourished with Spiritual Food

Manna is gathered before the sun rises (Exo.16:14-21). Anyone who wants to eat God's food should rise up early. When the sun waxes hot, manna melts and is gone. Every young believer needs to know that to receive spiritual nourishment before God, to obtain spiritual food, to be spiritually uplifted and to enjoy spiritual communion, he has to rise up a little earlier. If he rises too late, he will lose his food.

The early morning is the good time when God dispenses His spiritual food and holy fellowship to His children. Whoever is late will not gather anything. Many children of God have no lack in consecration, zeal, or love, but they cannot live a normal Christian life because they rise up too late.... All those who know God rise early. They rise up early as a rule to fellowship with Him.

WEEK 4—DAY 6 MORNING REVIVAL (1)

Proverbs 24:33-34 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and your poverty will come *upon you* like a robber, and your want, like an armed man.

Proverbs 20:13 Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty, open your eyes [and] be satisfied with bread.

The Harmful Consequences of Getting Up Late

Getting Up Late Results in a Weak, Sickly, and Staggering Christian Walk that Ends in Spiritual Death

Many brothers and sisters are weak and unable to take the wilderness journey. We need to ask them, "Have you eaten anything?" They cannot walk because they have not eaten enough. Manna is gathered in the early morning. This is why we need to rise up a little earlier. We will not have any manna if we are late. We have to rise up early in the morning to labor in God's Word.

If We Get Up Late

We Will Make No Progress in Our Spiritual Life, We Will be Spiritually Poor and Will Have Hard Days

A Christian who rises up late cannot make any progress at all. If we do not rise early enough, we no doubt will become exceedingly poor spiritually.

Many Christians find themselves weak during the day because their mornings are ill spent.

If you do not rise up early in the morning, you will live in spiritual poverty. Late rising brings in great loss. Many spiritual things are lost through late rising.

Early rising should be a believer's first habit among all habits.

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