Devotion

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Psalm 51

**Revival through prayer**

This school year my teaching assignment was changed from world history to American history. One of the first topics we look at in my sophomore classes are the great revivals of the 18th century. I often struggle to get students to understand that these revivals last longer than a week. I think sometimes as modern-day Christians we develop the same mindset. However, we serve a god that is still in the revival business. At Pleasant View Baptist Church, we recently held our summer revival about four weeks ago. I wonder if there were some that did not receive revival. I believe there are two things that can prevent us from receiving revival. I believe that sin and ourselves can keep us from receiving a revival.

 In this passage, we can tell that David has sinned against God. David is very remorseful for his sin. David’s sin not only affected him, but others around him and his walk with the Lord. As Christians, we are the same way, our sins affect us, others around us, and our walk with the Lord. One thing that we can see in this passage is that David is in a state of repentance. As Christians, we should do the same. I think repentance of our sins is necessary for us to receive a revival from the Lord.

 I think we can also can allow ourselves to get into the way of receiving a revival. Sometimes life happens and we experience the effects of job loss, health problems, or even personal problems. I really believe that the devil can use these events to hinder our walk with the Lord. As Christians, we need to make sure that we don’t let the devil hinder us from receiving a revival from the Lord.

 I encourage you to evaluate your life wherever your walk is at with the Lord. Have you not received revival lately? If so, my prayer is that you will get in touch with God and allow him to restore your life spiritually.