Revive Us Again – Ps 119:37

**Focal Truth: God can revive His people from empty worldly distractions**

Are you living with a desire for worldly things?

What has your hearts devotion?

Do you feel an emptiness spiritually?

Today we look at the need for personal revival from worldly distractions

**Observation**

1. A prayer for God to turn his eyes from looking at vain things

*Turn away my eyes from vain things…*

**Vain = Heb. empty, worthless, useless words, things & lifestyles**

a. The power of the eye – **Guarding the eye – guards the heart!**

1. Looking leads to lusting

2. Looking leads to desiring

3. Looking leads to obsessing

4. Looking leads to possessing – all that is in the world, lust of flesh, eyes & pride of life

b. Gen 3:6 – when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, & that it

was a delight to the eyes, & that the tree was desirable to make one wise,

she took from its fruit & ate…

c. Gen. 13:10 – Lot lifted up his eyes & saw all the valley of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere…like the garden of the Lord, like the land of

Egypt

d. 2 Sam. 11:2, 4 – David arose from his bed & walked around on the roof of

the king’s house, & from the roof of the king’s house he saw a woman

bathing, & the woman was very beautiful in appearance…David sent

messengers & took her & when she came to him, he lay with her…

1. A confidence that God will divert his eyes from looking at vain things

*revive me…*

a. Revival turns our eyes from attraction of the world pursuits

Eccl. 2:11 – I considered all my activities which my hands had done & the

labor which I had exerted, & behold all was vanity & striving after the

wind & there was no profit under the sun

b. Revival opens our eyes to the emptiness of the world

Eccl. 1:2 – all is vanity, under the sun

c. Revival refocuses our eyes on God – Ps. 141:8 – For my eyes are toward

You, O God, the Lord…

1. A desire for God to revive him in the ways of God

*revive me in Your ways*

1. The Holy Spirit will guide us into God’s truth – John 16:13 – the Spirit of Truth He will guide you into all the truth
2. The Lord Jesus is the way to God & the way of God for all believer’s – John 14:6 – I am the way…no one comes to the Father but through Me
3. The Holy Spirit empowers us in living for God – 2 Pet 1:3 – his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life & godliness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence
4. Fixed attention on Jesus Christ gives endurance to turn away from vain things – Heb. 12:2 – fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author & perfecter of faith…

**Things to remember**

1. Delighting in vain things causes corruption of heart – Jer. 4:14 – how long will your vain thoughts lodge within you
2. Desiring vain things makes you vain – 2 Kings 17:15 – they followed vanity and became vain…
3. Vain things promise much but give nothing – Rm. 6:21 – therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
4. Vain living is empty living – Ps. 37:20 – but the wicked will perish, they will vanish, like smoke they vanish away
5. God’s power turns us from vain things – Acts 14:15 - you should turn from these vain things to a living God…
6. Reviving life follows God’s ways not worldly ways – Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light & from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins…

**Daily Use**

1. Admit that you are powerless to the attraction of vain things
2. Ask God to reveal to you the emptiness of vain things
3. Allow the Holy Spirit to turn your desires away from vain things
4. Follow the Holy Spirit, you will avoid the vain things of the world