

"Getting Back to God"

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (December 1, 2013)

Introduction: Have you ever got frustrated when couldn't fix a problem quickly? We want things now and not later. That is often the theme of many of the things we are learning in **The Story**. Sometimes wanting things RIGHT NOW is a bad thing but in the text of this lesson it is a good thing to push for something quickly. Open your Bible to **II Chronicles 28-30** and we are going to see how revival, according to **II Chronicles 29:36**, came in two months! Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. Things Couldn't Get Much Worse

- A. The People Were in Darkness (**II Chronicles 28:1-4, 19**)
- B. The People Were in Depression (**II Chronicles 28:9-15**)
- C. The People Were in Decay (**II Chronicles 28:24-25, 29:1**)
- D. The People Were in Devastation (**II Chronicles 29:3, 5**)
- E. The People Were in Denial (**II Chronicles 29:8-11**)

II. Things Turned Around Quickly

- A. Worship Became a Priority (**II Chronicles 29:3-6, 20, 25-30**)
- B. Purity Became a Priority (**II Chronicles 29:15-19**)
- C. Generosity Became a Priority (**II Chronicles 29:31, 31:2-8**)
- D. Peace Became a Priority (**II Chronicles 30:1, 6-12**)
- E. Godliness Became a Priority (**II Chronicles 30:2-5, 18-20**)

Conclusion: D.M. Paton said, "Revival is the inrush of the Spirit into the body that threatens to become a corpse." The Israelites were virtually dead in their faith, in their daily living, and in relation to God in general. Today, in the kingdom of God we don't need a building full of corpses. We need revival! In order to do that, we need to get back to God. We need to get back to what matters. Will you follow the call of the Lord?