

21-DAY FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 12, 2019

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand Double for all her sins.” The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” - Isaiah 40:1-5 NKJV

“The goal of prayer is the ear of God, a goal that can only be reached by patient and continued waiting upon Him, pouring out our heart to Him and permitting Him to speak to us.

Only by so doing can we expect to know Him, and as we come to know Him better we shall spend more time in His presence and find that presence a constant and ever-increasing delight.” - E. M. Bounds

Religious and church life had reached a low point in Wales in 1904. Church attendance was low and apathy and sinful behavior were high. Many were praying for revival. A young man, Evan Roberts, had been praying for 13 years. Sensing God’s call to vocational ministry, he left working in the coal mines to go to school.

He sensed God gave him a message to share with his home church. On a Monday night, he shared a four-point message with 17 young people and all responded with a desire to obey. They met the next night with more responding and attendance began to grow nightly. As Christians got right with God and others, God began to convict unbelievers of sin and many began turning to faith in Christ. In six months over 100,000 had professed faith in Christ.

Because so many people’s lives were being changed, the society changed as well. Crime decreased so much that judges and policemen had little to do. Taverns went out of business because of the decline in drinking alcohol. That affected family life for the good. Even the animals in the coal mines had to be retrained because of the clean language of the converted miners.

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Read Evan's four points and as we pray together this evening, let us each consider what changes you would need to make in order to apply these things in your life.

1. You must put away any unconfessed sin.
2. You must put away any doubtful habit.
3. You must obey the Holy Spirit promptly.
4. You must confess Christ publicly.