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SEPTEMBER 2017 Daniel Boone and Revival– The Rest of the Story

While reading and praying about the need of revival, I came across this exciting account of Daniel Boone.

Daniel Boone became well known as a pioneer in the frontier of Kentucky in the 1800's. It was also during that time a revival broke out called “The Second Great Awakening.”

“The First Great Awakening” took place in the Americas in the 1700's but one hundred years later the thinking of rationalism from France and Great Britain had moved to the colonies. The edition of the *Age of Reason* by Thomas Paine caused Bible Colleges and students to reject their walk with the Lord. There was a great need for revival.

Daniel Boone invited powerful Presbyterian preachers like Bartone Stone and James McGready in May 1801 to serve at the Cane Ridge Meeting House in Bourbon County. People returned home overwhelmed by the “Red River” revival and a second meeting in August was planned.

To their astonishment of all, over 20,000 people arrived for a six-day camp meeting. It was an incredible event for the sparsely populated frontier. Thousands were converted. One of those who later became a Methodist circuit rider named James B. Finley wrote:

“The noise was like the roar of Niagra...I counted seven ministers, all preaching at one time, some on stumps, others in wagons and fallen tree logs....Some of the people were singing, others praying, some crying for mercy in the most piteous accents, while others were shouting most vociferously. My heart beat tumultously, my knees trembled, my lips quivered and I felt as though I must fall to the ground...At one time I saw at least five hundred swept down in a moment as if a battery of a thousand guns had been opened upon them and then immediately followed shrieks and shouts that rent the very heavens.” (Mendell Taylor, *Exploring Evangelism*, p. 142.)

“The American frontier was set ablaze. The Presbyterian and Methodist immediately caught fire, and then the flame broke out among the Baptist in Carroll County on the Ohio River. Great personalities emerged from this awakening. Men like Peter Cartwright, Charles Finney, and the Methodist circuit riders...the frontier was radically transformed. It was God's great hour. Revival stopped skepticism in its tracts and returned the help of the country to the godly.” (Winkie Pratney, *Revival*, p. 115)

Do you desire revival? Are you willing to count the cost? Revival is our only hope to see our nations radically transformed. Daniel Boone was not only a famous frontiersman but he was a man who desired revival for his nation. And now you know, the rest of the story.

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