

**Theme:** CONDITIONS FOR REVIVAL

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 35:2-3* “Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went”.

**Texts:** Genesis 35:2-7; Nehemiah 1:3-11; Luke 3:5-14

The action-packed address of Jacob here is full information as to the activities leading to sweeping revival. He embarked on total house-cleaning exercise. This shows that true revival follows after serious dissatisfaction with the prevalent spiritual condition of oneself and immediate area of influence (Isaiah 6:5; Nehemiah 1:3,4; Luke 3:5-9); deep and honest repentance (Psalm 139:23,24; Isaiah 6:5; Nehemiah 1:5-11; Daniel 9:3-19; 2 Chronicles 7:14); exhaustive restitution (Ezekiel 33:15,16); complete transformation (Isaiah 40:4,5); passionate prayer (Daniel 9:3-19); uncommon self-discipline (1 Corinthians 9:27); and strong faith in God, the only source of true revival (Habakkuk 3:2-16).

Whether in Bible times or in our contemporary period, men and women who have left footprints in the sands of time with regards to revival have been people who dared to pay certain uncommon price. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem (Genesis 35:4). Jacob took definite steps to obey God’s command and to repair his relationship with Him. Jacob called his household and told them of the movement to Bethel.

He knew there were things that were wrong with his household and he dealt with them. We cannot come to the presence of the holy God with strange gods, uncleanness and worldly garments. Jacob’s family had to put off all these and the earrings. It is instructive that in the days of Jacob when there was very limited revelation of God’s will on the issue of dressing and jewelry, the house of Jacob was willing to give up their earrings. No excuse is therefore acceptable from believers on dressing today. God is interested in the physical appearance of His people and does not want them to dress like sinners in the world (Deuteronomy 22:5; Isaiah 3:16- 24; 1 Timothy 2:9,10; 1 Peter 3:3,4).

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Micah 1	Micah 2
MONDAY	Micah 3	Micah 4
TUESDAY	Micah 5	Micah 6
WEDNESDAY	Micah 7	Nahum 1
THURSDAY	Nahum 2	Nahum 3
FRIDAY	Habakuk 1	Habakuk 2
SATURDAY	Habakuk 3	Zephaniah 1