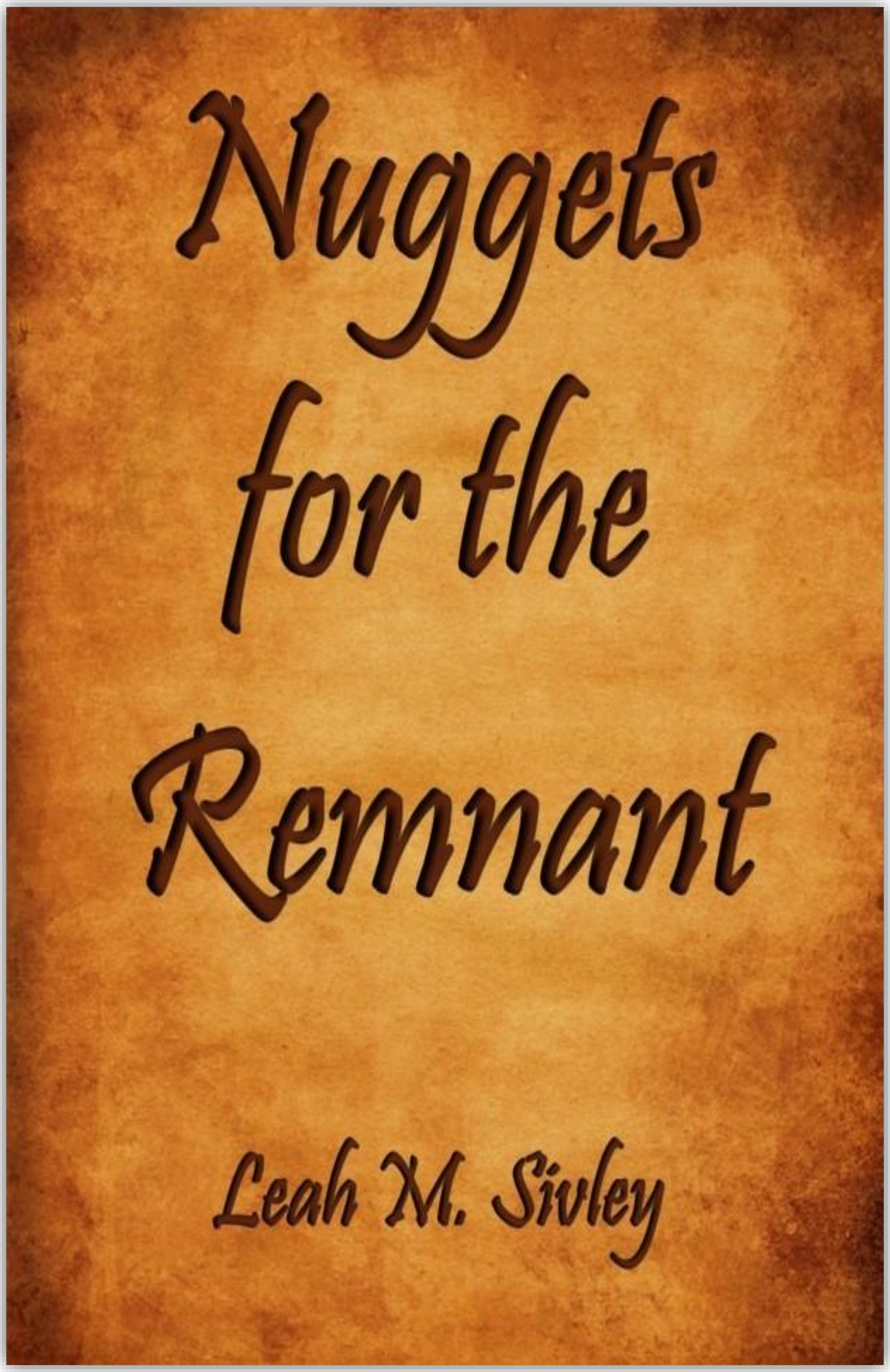

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"My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer." Psalm 45:1 (NASB)

Why is "PLEASE PRAY BEFORE READING" on every Nugget?

When this journey with the Holy Spirit first began, I realized that it is only the Holy Spirit that can bring revelation and life to the scriptures. Man can present the truth of the scriptures in a rightly-divided word, however without the Holy Spirit (the pneuma hagion) working with the precious Word of God to bring the much needed revelation, then people tend to read it as they would a newspaper, instead of receiving all the benefits of the dunamis that is intended to complete the work that the Holy Spirit has begun in them.

The parable of the sower Matthew 13 explains this approach to prayer perfectly. *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart."* Matthew 13:19 (NKJV)

It is vital that when we read God's Word, we are expecting to receive a greater revelation than we had yesterday, no matter how young or old we are. I would encourage you to always pray before reading God's Word to reap the full benefits and ensure that none of it is taken from you.

Recommendation From the Author on How to Use this Devotional

As you will notice from the beginning of this devotion it has not been put together like many other devotionals. Though there are 366 amazing entries, there are no months or dates listed on any of them. Why? I firmly believe that each individual needs to be led by the Holy Spirit daily. (John 16:13) Therefore, I highly encourage you to pray and be led by His Spirit as He is the only One that truly knows what you need **as part of your daily bread**. To help assist you in certain topics there is a user-friendly Table of Contents. I pray this enlightens you, and helps you have a greater intimacy with the Father and the Son.

What is the Remnant saying about "Nuggets for the Remnant?"

"It is my pleasure to write a few words about Nuggets for the Remnant, the inspired work of Leah Sivley, and the fulfillment of her longtime dream. It was, in fact, a dream that encouraged Leah to embark on this journey, and I was fortunate enough to witness the dedication of Leah and Bobbie Laughlin as that calling became a reality. The texts and their accompanying photographs carry a daily message for all who strive to understand the Bible and its teachings. Leah's interpretation of those biblical passages forms a framework for daily life and meditation, and her readers will surely be lifted and drawn closer to faith in Jesus Christ through Nuggets for the Remnant."

Raylene S.-Wyoming

"I have been receiving the Nuggets for the Remnant since they were birthed through the Spirit in 2017. Each day brings a different scripture and lesson to light, giving understanding and revelation on biblical truths. I look forward to reading it each day and enjoying each beautiful photo that is displayed with each Nugget in this new devotional. Thank you, Prevailing Word, for your labor of love in compiling this awesome tool."

Christy S.-Utah

"Leah's "Nuggets" are a compilation of writings based on scripture with scriptural interpretation. The depth of Leah's understanding reveals her deep commitment to the Word of Truth. There's no shying away from an all-in approach to explore the Word. The "Nuggets" will arrest your attention and create a hunger to take the dive, yourself, into the world of the kingdom. As you drink in these refreshing truths and honor the Lord, it will open your heart, change your world, and plant you on the rock of Jesus. It's a resource you'll want to use again and again. "Indeed, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the work that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Linda S.-Wyoming

***"**This work is a much more than a short daily devotional. Every page is filled with deep insight into the hidden mysteries of the word of God. It contains an abundant richness of the things of the spirit, which have been diligently sought out and revealed from the depths of the heart of our Heavenly Father. Every page is filled with a rightly-divided word study which has been thoroughly dissected from the roots of the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures. Its inspirational text aids the reader in understanding the character of God while also allowing for an amazing merge to take place from the scripture into a modern-day life application. I see the true Jesus contained and expressed in this book; the Word of God which is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It has aided me in the illumination and broadening of my understanding as I walk in the spirit with Him. This work will not grow old, but it will continue to be an aid in producing fruit within the Kingdom for years to come."*

Pastor Joseph Lent-Nevada
Yerington Church and Tent Ministry

"Nuggets for the Remnant has been a key part of my daily devotions for most of the past year. It always gives me an interesting, thought-provoking, and encouraging perspective about my walk, usually leading me to a deeper understanding of my relationship with God."

Tom D.-Texas

"Leah Sivley has written a remarkable yearly devotional book titled "Nuggets for The Remnant". This devotional is filled with selected scripture passages, easy to understand teachings and prayers that will help you to gain a clearer understanding of scripture, how to apply it on a daily basis and deepen your relationship with God. It will fill you with faith, hope and provide you with the knowledge, wisdom, and tools to overcome each day. I highly recommend this devotional …. it will prepare you to walk in victory!"

Elma Garlock-California
Author of "Behind The Lines of The Enemy- The Dream"

"I was so excited to receive the Nuggets Daily Devotional and for excellent reason! I was pleasantly surprised at all the beautiful pictures of God's natural beauty at the center top of each page. And if that wasn't enough, a lovely verse has been added inside each picture making it easy to think about and memorize. It sticks with you all day it seems. Before reading each Nugget, Leah encourages us to pray and prepare our minds to receive the written Word of God in each Nugget. A few Nuggets may have challenging Hebrew and Greek words however, Leah has kindly translated them using the Strong's concordance which really helps the reader achieve a deeper understanding of Biblical truth. Leah uses different versions of Biblical translations substantiating sound Biblical knowledge, making plain, to see ALL translations of the Word go out to accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. If you really are seeking and desire Christ centered, Holy Spirit filled, God ordained daily wisdom to start your day, or any time you need a boost in spirit, the Nuggets for the Remnant devotional fills that spot. What could be better than starting each day with Jesus, our beloved Lord and personal Savior, and a cup of tea or coffee? If you are looking to grow in the Word and enjoy starting every day with Christ Jesus as your main source of inspiration, you will really grow to love and crave reading the Nuggets for the Remnant. Besides getting excited as you learn, you will grow, and meditate on Christ centered knowledge all throughout your day. You'll find yourself using the Bible more and more and marking its pages as you begin to see the Bible as your tool of Great Learning. You'll learn just how indispensable knowing the Written Word is in daily Spiritual warfare success. This is a Daily Devotional for Christians who are serious about growing, maturing, and advancing in moment to moment, total life worship of Our Lord and Savior. It's an excellent food and drink for the spirit and will strengthen and equip you daily to battle and be victorious in daily spiritual warfare. You will be very thankful to have this wonderful devotional in your home and I promise it will be your favorite and most utilized devotional you own! It's user friendly for preteens on up. Thank you so much for this book, I will enjoy it and treasure it all my life."
Margie H.-West Virginia

"I believe these teachings are nothing short of Spirit led, so how can they be wrong? I am edified and blessed everyday by these teachings of truth. I am grateful for this ministry in my journey, they help keep me on the straight road."
Kelli M.-Missouri

***"**This edition of nuggets has been greatly beneficial to me. Helping me to keep my focus on the spirit of God, during times of great stress and distraction. It has really been a blessing as a resource in refocusing on my daily walk with God."*
Theresa B.-Michigan

"I have been uplifted and feel blessed by the nuggets. I have saved them in archives. Each one gives inspiration that gets me through the day. Thanks for following God's direction."
Jack D.-Kansas

"I read 'Nuggets for the Remnant' every morning. The wisdom God has given Leah of the scriptures has led me into a deeper understanding of God's love, and the power He has given us to live boldly and determinedly for Him. I am grateful for her faithfulness and devotion to Him."
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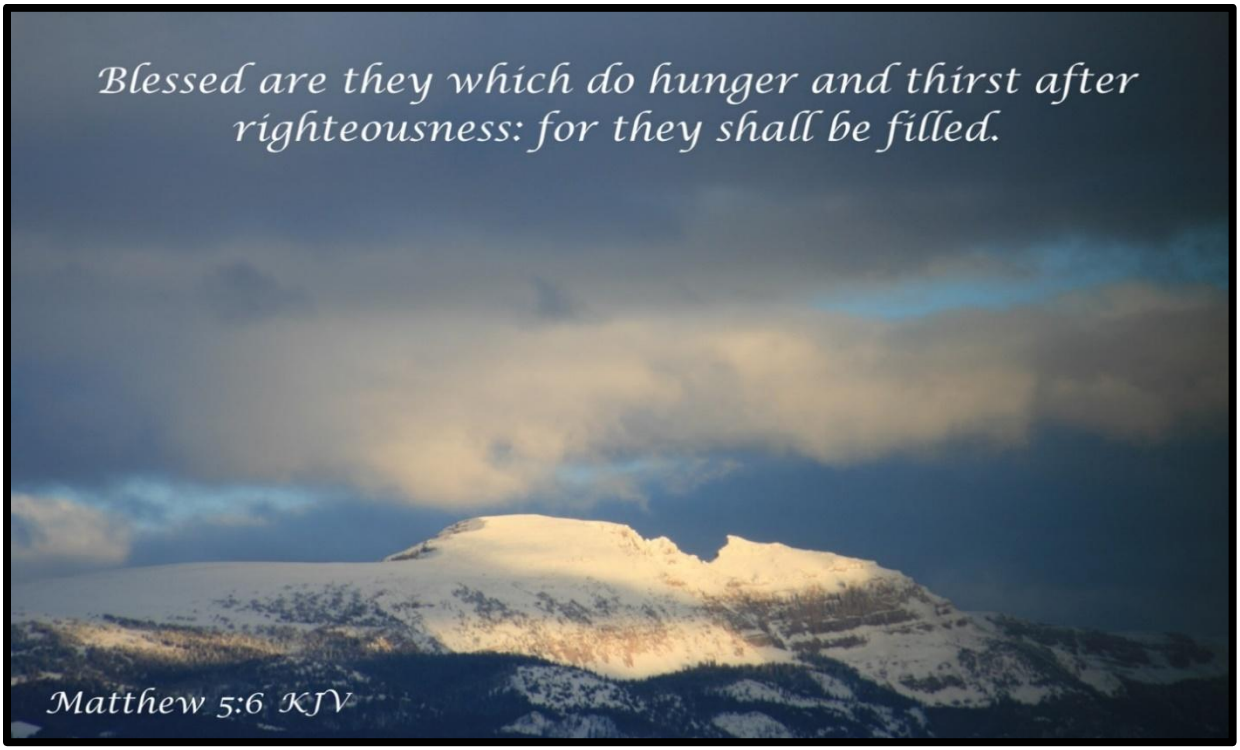
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ARE WE HUNGRY FOR THE INFILLING OF THE "POWER FROM ON HIGH"?

"*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*
Luke 11:13 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

WE MUST DESIRE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
GOD DOES NOT FORCE THIS FREE GIFT UPON US.

Again, just as salvation (*soteria*) is a gift that we freely received, so also is the baptism of the Holy Spirit a gift to be received. Before we received salvation (*soteria*), there was a hunger inside of us to desire this gift from God. No force came from God in this matter, for that is not the nature of God. He is not going to force something on someone who is not ready for it or doesn't desire it. We were unsettled in our spirit until the time came in which we received salvation (*soteria*), right? For those who desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it is the same situation. They are not settled in their spirit without having it!

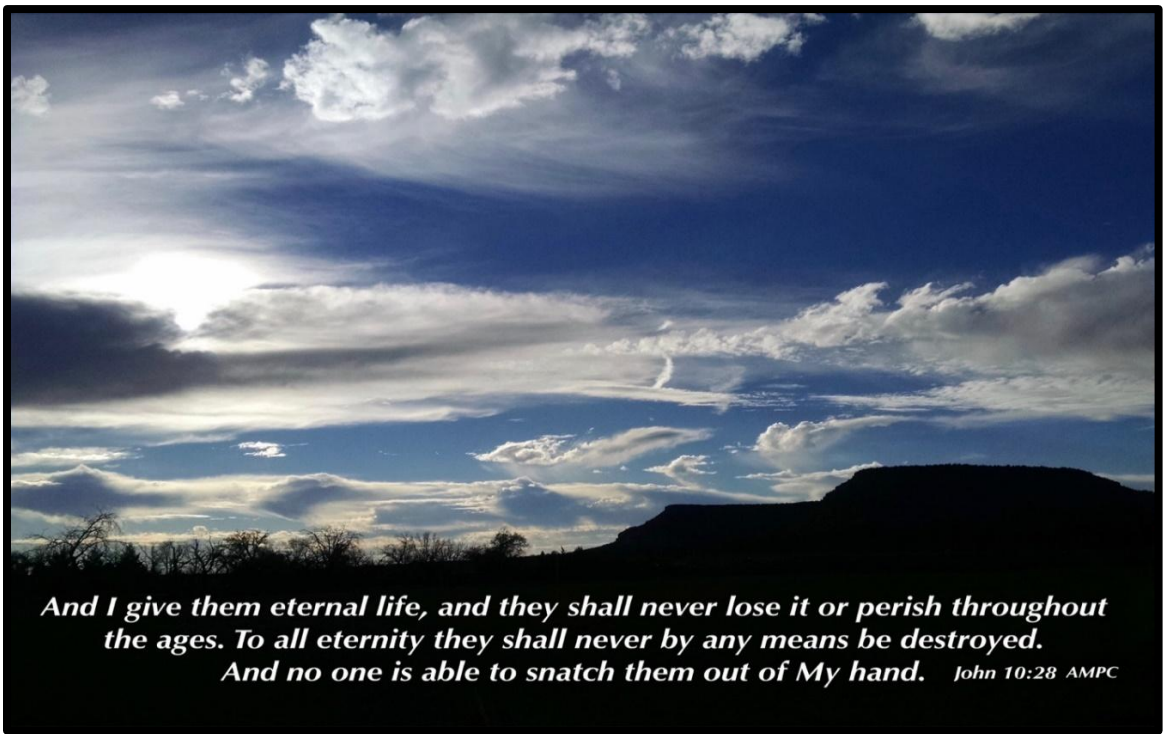
"*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened*." Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV)

Are we asking for it? Are we seeking it? Are we knocking on that door with a hunger to have an infilling of the "power from on high"?

Notice here we have asking, seeking, and knocking but never begging. When someone has a gift for us, it is already ours, and they want to give it to us; therefore, we do not have to beg for the gift. In fact, the gift is already promised to us before we receive it. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not something that we have to beg for; it has already been promised to us.

"*For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is to and for you and your children, and to and for all that are far away, [even] to and for as many as the Lord our God invites and bids to come to Himself*."
Acts 2:39 (AMPC)

It has been promised to everyone; the only issue is receiving it, and that is up to the individual.



WE BELIEVE THE TRUE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life." John 3:16 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know this famous scripture and probably have had it memorized for years. However, let us not forget the life this verse promises the recipients will receive, as they have a thorough knowledge of its entire meaning. Thus, the recipients will have a true knowledge of all this verse says, and equally as important, what it does not say.

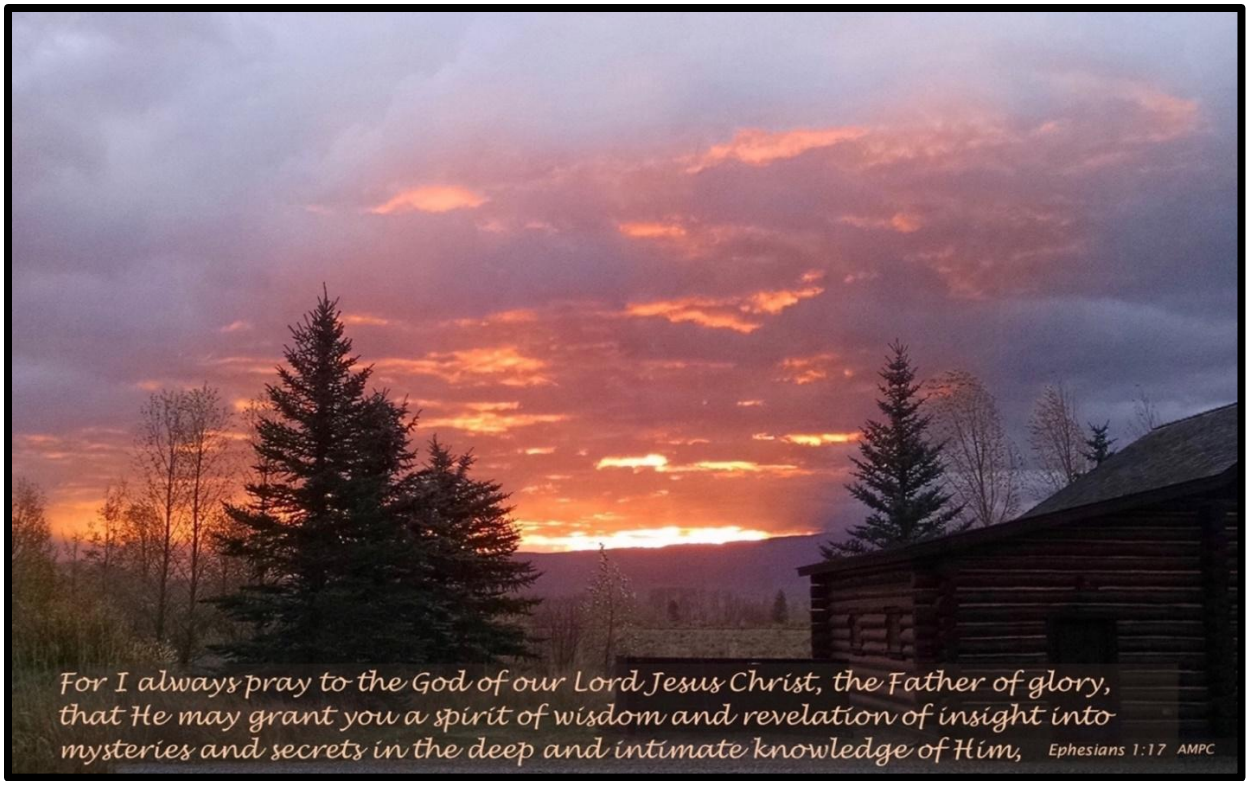
First, we see that God made this eternal life possible by the giving of His only begotten Son. Had it not been for God's infinite love for the world and the giving of His Son, this non-perishable eternal life would have never been possible.

Next, we see that the promise is addressed to *"…whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him…"* God has no hidden agendas in place or any other qualifications except to believe on His Son; that is it!

Then, we see that the promise to the ones who believe on His Son is that they "…*shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life."* What a promise, and all we must do is BELIEVE!

Now finally, we will look at what it does not say. It does not say **ANYWHERE** that eternal life and this salvation power begins at death. Have we forgotten *"…I came that they may have **life,** and have it abundantly"*? John 10:10 (NASB) Yes, it is **NOW** that we are to experience eternal life abundantly with the power of His salvation. John 10:10 does not say that Jesus came that we may have death; rather that we may have abundant life, which means more than enough!

Jesus said, *"… I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life."*
John 5:24 (AMPC)



INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."
2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

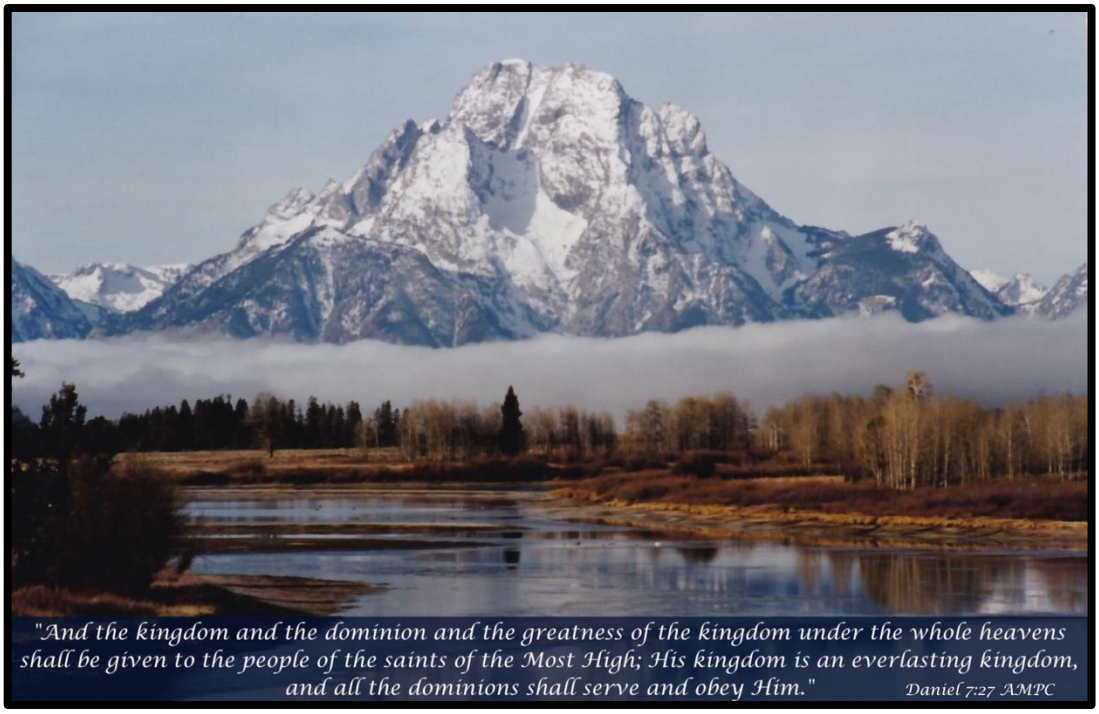
Remnant, we see how in the above scripture Peter ends his letter by saying "…*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* We must remember that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14), and that is Jesus. Since we cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word, we see that it is the perfect will of the Holy Spirit that we are to continue to GROW in the knowledge of the Word of God, right?

Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us that we should *"…all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."* As a result, *"…we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming";* but rather, Paul goes on to say that in the maturity of the Word of God we are now *"…speaking the truth in love," AND* "***we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.***" Ephesians 4:13-15 (NASB) You mean that we can grow more fully into Christ, in all aspects? Well, that is what the Word of God says, and we should believe that more than anything man could conjure up, right?

Now, this last verse should make any believer want to strive for more revelation knowledge in His Word:

"…the things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever…"
Deuteronomy 29:29 (AMPC)

Remnant, revelation knowledge belongs to us; once we have it, it remains with us, and our children, forever! That should make every believer want to run to the Word of God right now and press in like never before, seeking God for more wisdom and revelation by rightly dividing His Word!



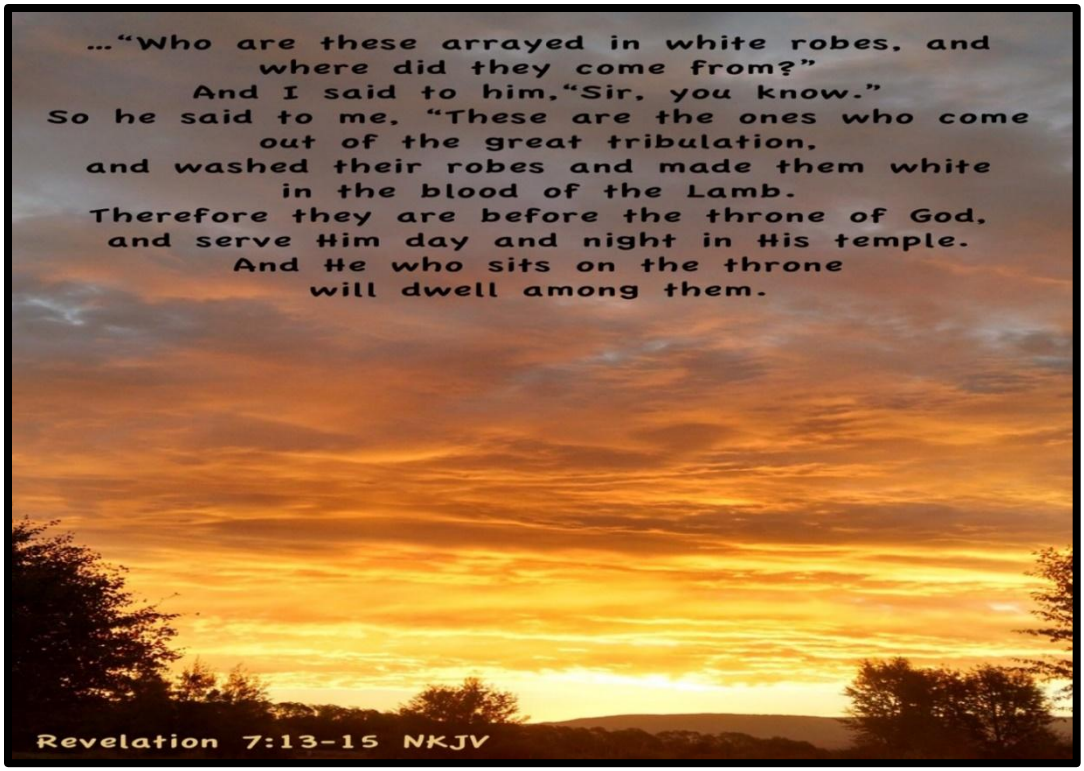
UNSHAKABLE KINGDOMS REMAIN

"… He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." This indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, "… that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." Hebrews 12:26-27 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant as we are living in these final moments, it is certain that there is a whole lot of shaking going on. It is God who is doing this shaking, and it is all for His glory! As this shaking continues, we are beginning to see that as unrighteousness is being removed, it is also being exposed. God's Word plainly declares, "*For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come out into the open."* Luke 8:17 (AMPC)

You see, it has always been in God's plan that *"… the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."* Psalm 37:11 (NKJV) Well, who are the meek? The meek are His people, His remnant! All unrighteousness must be removed from the land, for it is God's promise that the righteous shall inherit the land! *"For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever."* Psalm 37:28-29 (NKJV)

Now in conclusion, Hebrews 12 goes on to read, *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."* Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV) Since God's Word ties perfectly together from Genesis to Revelation, let us find out more about this kingdom we are receiving. When the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, He replied, *"The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display, Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]."* Luke 17:20-21 (AMPC) This kingdom is a kingdom that we are receiving, and it is certain that neither the kingdom nor the remnant will be removed or shaken, but rather we will remain. The kingdom will remain because the remnant will remain, for the kingdom of God is within us!



HIS BLOOD WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we know, the benefits of the blood of Jesus go far beyond washing away sin. God's Word tells us to *"…forget not all His benefits…"* Psalm 103:2 (NKJV) Therefore let's meditate on the benefits we have by the blood of Jesus which we have been freely given and remember that this precious blood will never relinquish its power!

Intimacy with God- *"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."* Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV)

Healing- *"…who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."* 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

Justification/Protection- *"…having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."* Romans 5:9 (NKJV)

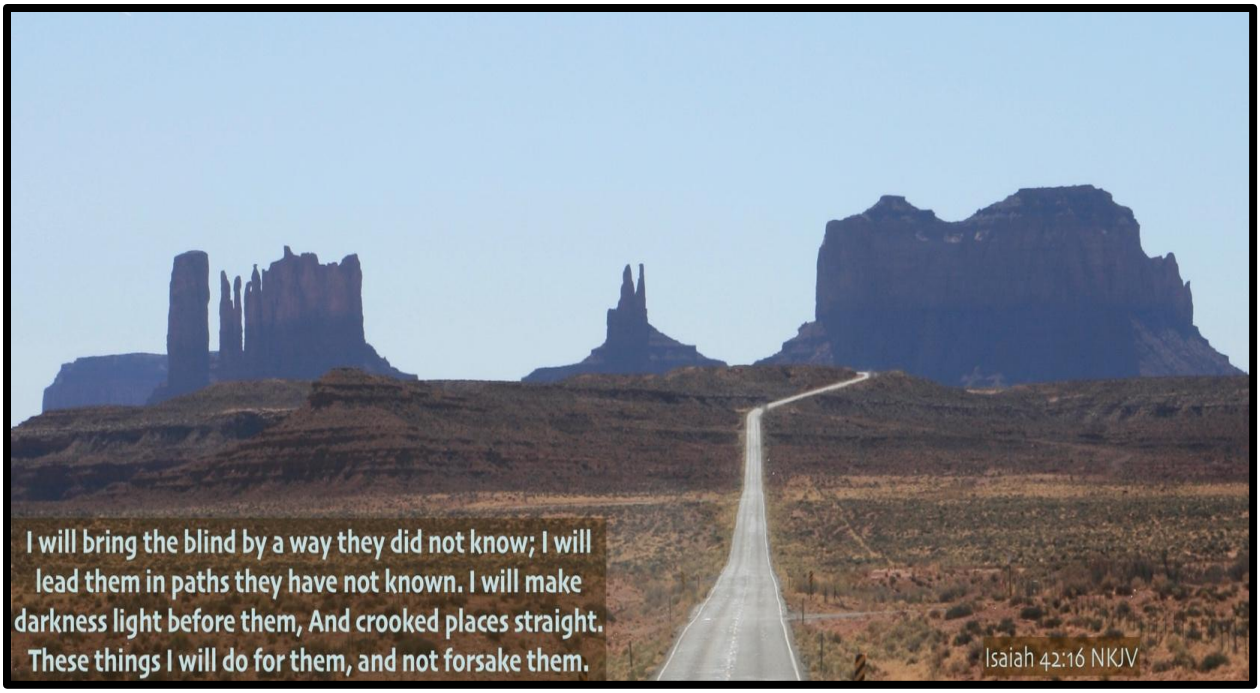
Reconciliation to Him- *"…by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."* Colossians 1:20 (NKJV)

Sanctification- *"…He might sanctify the people with His own blood…."* Hebrews 13:12 (NKJV)

Access to the Holy of Holies- *"…we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus,"* Hebrews 10:19 (AMPC)

Cleansing- *"…how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"* Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)

Overcoming Victory- *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."* Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)



HIS HIGHWAY LEADS US TO HIS DWELLING PLACE!

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me…" Malachi 3:1 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

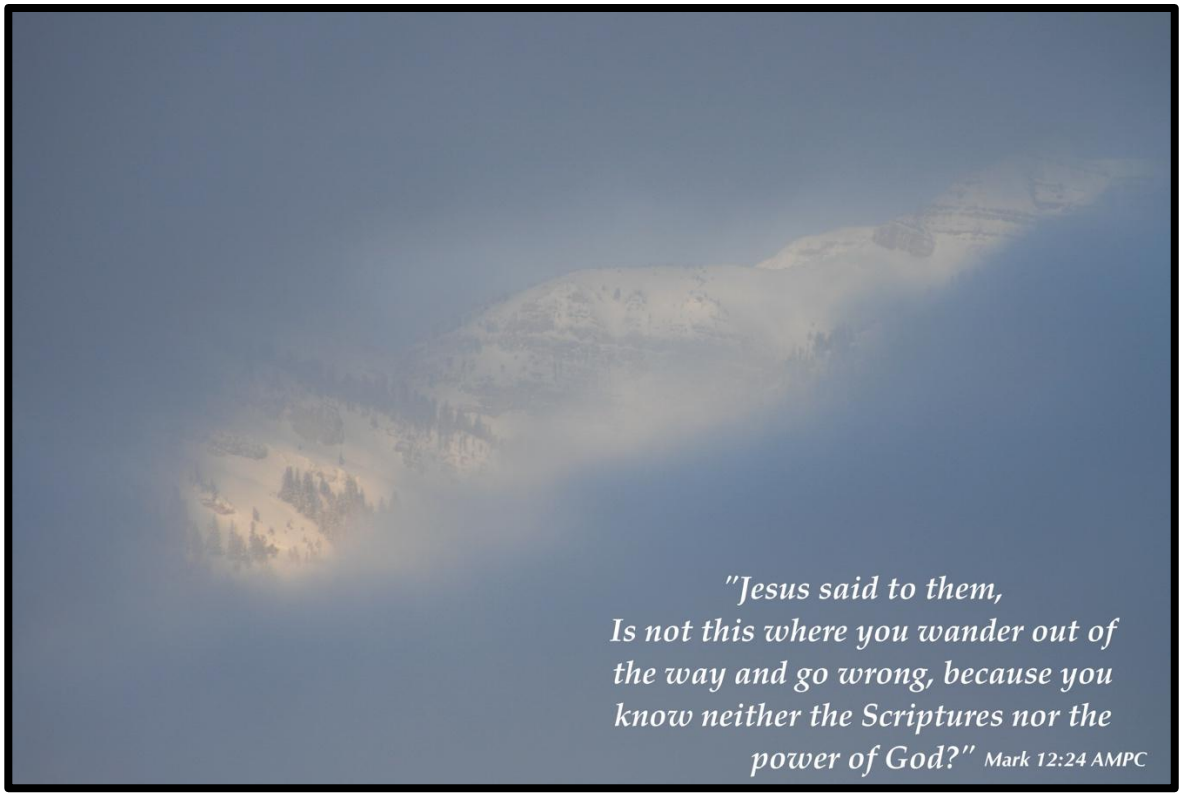
Remnant, the word "*prepare"* here in the Hebrew is "*panah"* (Strongs # 6437), meaning to turn. More specifically, in Malachi 3:1 it means to *clear away* (ground) before it, i.e. to plant it. Looking at this through natural eyes, we know that the only way to prepare for a highway is to clear away the ground, removing all obstacles.

"A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth in the desert a highway for our God!" Isaiah 40:3 (AMPC) Here we see this verse coinciding exactly with Malachi 3:1.

In the natural we know that highways connect two or more places to ensure that industries, employment, and development follow accordingly. Highway designers must take various elements into consideration, including number of lanes, lane width, median type, length of acceleration and deceleration lanes, and much more. However, for a more spiritual aspect, we must remember that in context this is referring to a highway for our God. This highway goes ONE WAY- and it is straight- and must remain free of all obstacles resulting from unbelief.

"Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Cast up, cast up the highway! Gather out the stones. Lift up a standard or ensign over and for the peoples." Isaiah 62:10 (AMPC) You see, once God's highway is established, there is then a spiritual standard that must remain in effect for the highway to be free and clear from any obstacles which could potentially cause unwanted spiritual ruin. *"…When the enemy shall come in, like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight…"* Isaiah 59:19 (AMPC)

"He led them forth by the straight and right way,
that they might go to a city where they could establish their homes."
Psalm 107:7 (AMPC)



PARTIAL TRUTH IS PERVERTED TRUTH

"…pray for us also, that God may open a door to us for the Word (the Gospel), to proclaim the mystery concerning Christ (the Messiah) …" Colossians 4:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many times our English words can differ greatly in meaning when it comes to unveiling the truth of the gospel. Therefore, Paul would say in 2 Timothy that we are to *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

When we are studying God's Word, it is vital that we continuously do word studies, referring to the original Hebrew and the Greek for an accurate interpretation. For example, we will take the word "mystery" here in Colossians 4:3.

When we refer to man's English dictionary (Merriam Webster), the word "mystery" is defined as: "a religious truth that one can know only by revelation and **cannot fully understand**; **something not understood or beyond understanding**, and profound, inexplicable, or secretive quality or character."
Now in comparison we look at this word "mystery" in the Greek. In Colossians 4:3 "mystery" is *mustérion* in the Greek (Strong's #3466), which is defined as: "a mystery, secret, **of which initiation is necessary**; in the NT: the counsels of God, **once hidden but now revealed in the Gospel or some fact thereof**; the Christian revelation generally; particular truths or details of the Christian revelation." ***Mustérion* is not something that cannot be fully understood. Rather, it is what can only be known through revelation, of which initiation is necessary. It is revelation from God**.

In conclusion, we can clearly see here how using our English to interpret God's Word can completely derail our interpretation of the scriptures. We can plainly see that ***mustérion*** tells us that though something may have once been hidden, it is NOW REVEALED, or can be. This is completely opposed to our English language which tells us that certain things are beyond our understanding, which completely contradicts the Word of God, because we "*… have an unction from the Holy One, and ye* (we) *know all things."* 1 John 2:20 (KJV)

If we are not studying to receive the whole truth of the matter, then we are opening ourselves up to a web of lies which God never intended His Word to be.



RECEIVE THE FREE GIFT OF PNEUMA HAGION FROM THE GIVER PNEUMA THEO

"*…Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*."
Acts 2:38 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

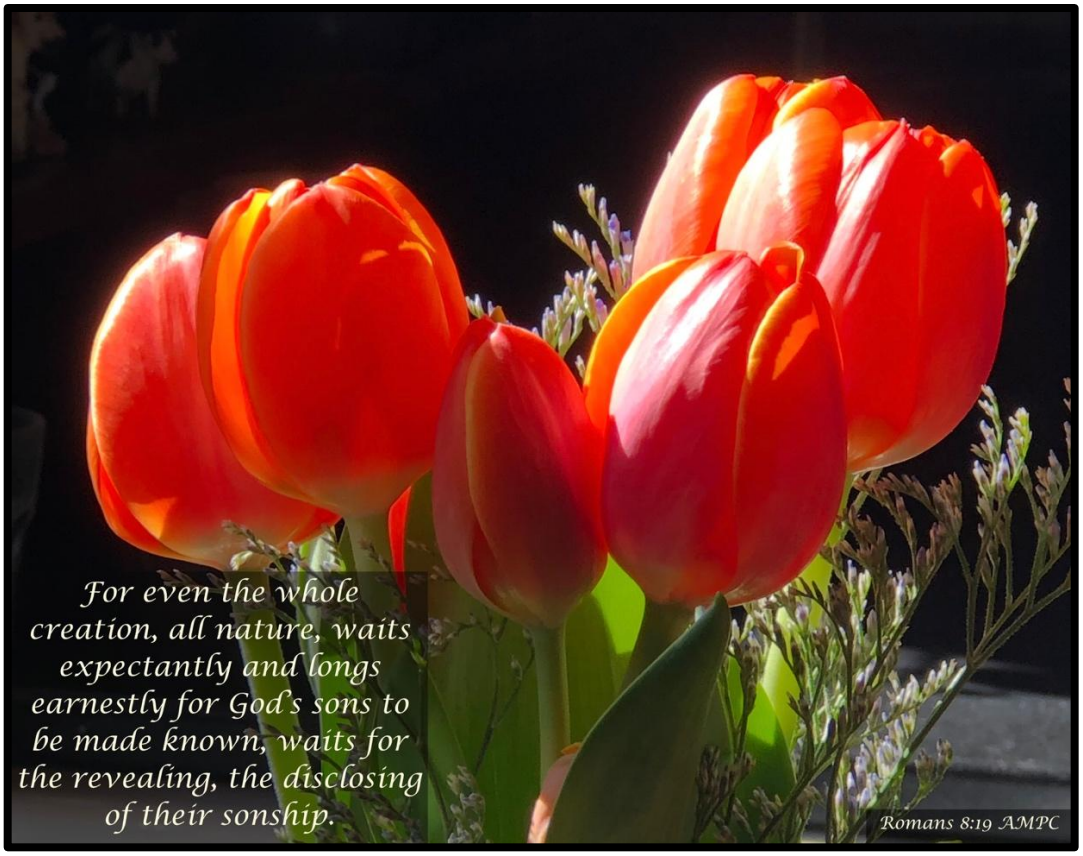
The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift (pneuma hagion) from the Holy Spirit who is the giver (pneuma theo), for He can only give what He is. So, lets clear up a few facts about the baptism of the Holy Spirit directly from the best source: God's Word.

Remnant, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift. There is nothing you can do good enough to earn it, nor is there any amount of money that could ever purchase it. "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the **gift of God***." Ephesians 2:8 (KJV) Just as we have received salvation (soteria) from all destruction as a gift, so also is the baptism of the Holy Spirit another gift. If we trust Him enough to receive His salvation and all the reassurance that comes with it, do we not trust Him to receive all other gifts as well? He would not give us something that was not good enough for us nor going to benefit us, right?

"*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning*." James 1:17 (NKJV) This clearly tells us that God never changes, and that since the baptism of the Holy Spirit is from above, it is good and thus perfect!

"*For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable*." Romans 11:29 (NKJV) Once the Holy Spirit is given to the recipient, it cannot be recalled. No, the Holy Spirit is ours to use, and it is the same for everyone. The only difference is it will be up to each one concerning the level of manifestation that we will each operate in.

How much will you choose to cultivate and use this free gift?



SHAKE IT OFF; YOU HAVE BEEN REDEEMED FOR A PURPOSE!

"Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; Loose yourself from the chains around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion." Isaiah 52:2 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant now is not the time to remain in mourning for what we are experiencing with our five senses. We are not captives, but overcomers; loosed from every chain! Now is the time to remember who we are and what we have been sent to do!

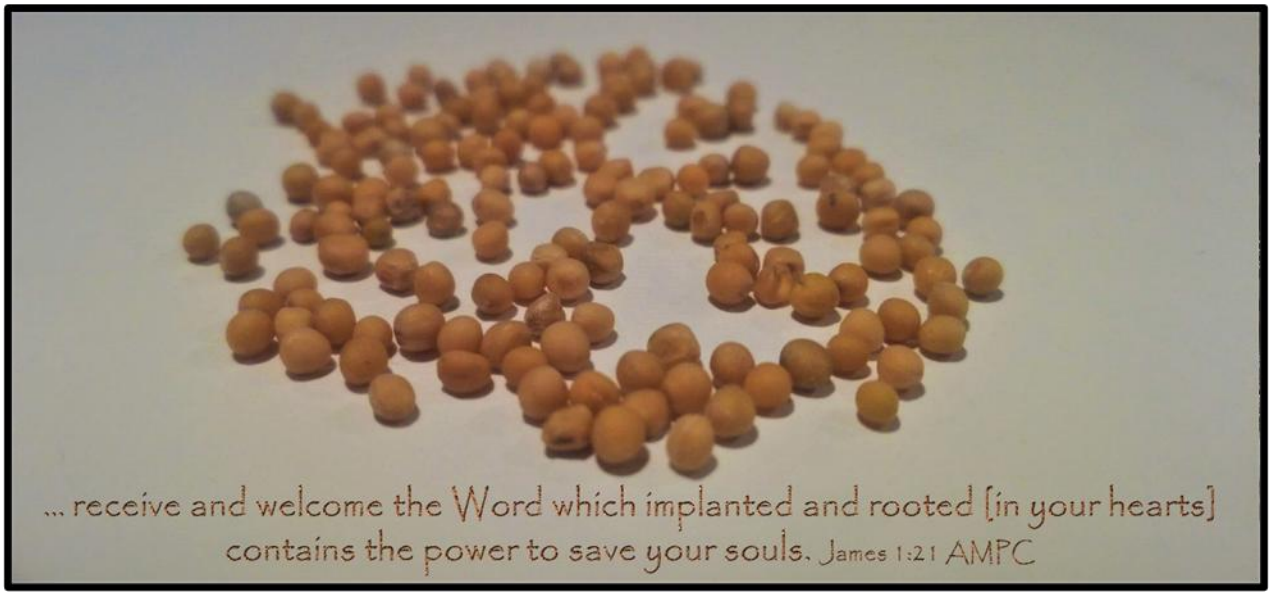
"For thus says the Lord, You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without money." Isaiah 52:3 (NASB) No, we were not redeemed with money or any carnal thing in the natural, for which any man could receive the glory. *"…knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."* 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV)

There is no ministry or denomination that can receive the glory for our redemption; therefore, we have freedom in Christ to do the will of our Father!

It is time that we remember that *"…as He is, so are we in this world."* 1 John 4:17 (NKJV) We have been given all that we need to execute His judgements and bring His kingdom-and His will- to the earth. Problem is, too many of us are living in fear of the unknown, asking ourselves questions like, "Well, what will happen if it does not work?" when the Holy Spirit has told us to do something.

No, dear friend, we must remember that our confidence is in God. We have the power to change this nation by coming together in unity and being the true body of Christ that has been redeemed! It is time to shake off everything from which we have been redeemed and be headstrong in God's Word, knowing we have been redeemed for a purpose, and our purpose is to do the will of the Father.

We are not defeated, we are redeemed, and we have all the power of God working in and through us when we believe.



BORN OF AN IMMORTAL SEED

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Hebrews 8:10 (AMPC)
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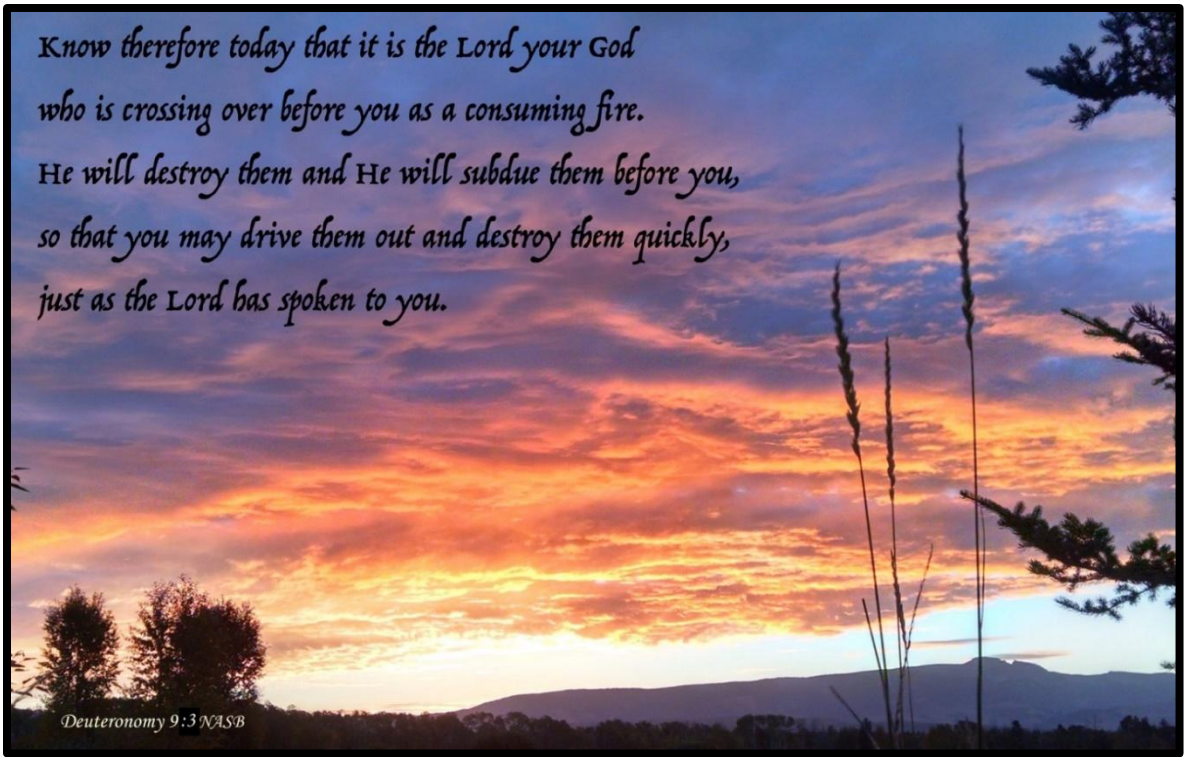
Remnant, the idea of this scripture is that God's remnant has His Word engraved upon their hearts and minds. When you have God's Word engraved upon your heart and mind, it then becomes easier for it to come out of your mouth.

Jesus speaks to the religious people here in Matthew saying, "*You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.*" Matthew 12:34-37 (AMPC) Wow, that should make us want to think twice or even more about what we say...huh? By speaking the Word of God, we can **NEVER** go wrong! However, it must be in our hearts first.

"*For all flesh (mankind) is like grass, and all its glory (honor) like [the] flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower drops off, **But the Word of the Lord (divine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever**. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you."* 1 Peter 1:24-25 (AMPC)

Remnant, we must remember it is by the very Word of God that we were born. Let's examine this. "*You* (yes remnant, this means YOU*) have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God*." 1 Peter 1:23 (AMPC)

We are that new creation born again from above, by the Word of God!



THE FIRE OF GOD IS BEING RELEASED

"…say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein. And all flesh shall see that I the Lord have kindled it: it shall not be quenched." Ezekiel 20:47-48 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

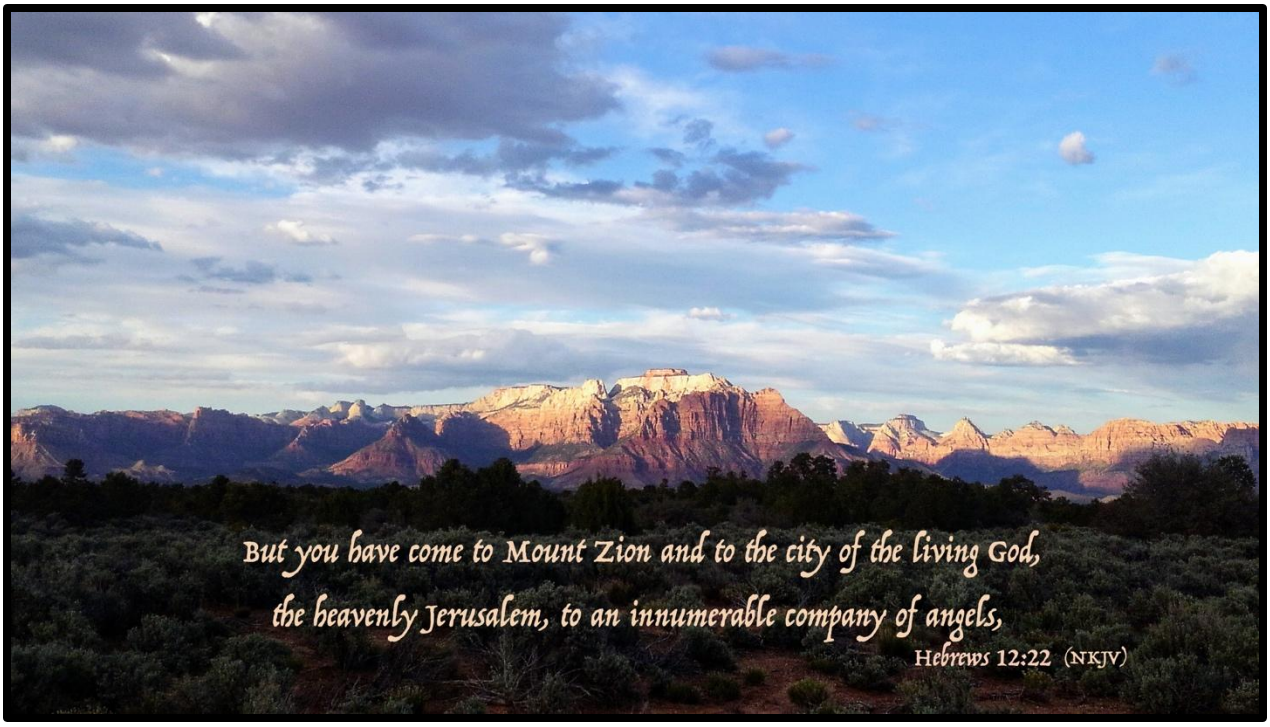
Remnant, here are the words that God gave Ezekiel to speak to the forest of the south. We know that this does not refer to an actual forest with trees, but rather it is symbolic of mankind. This is a figure of speech, and just like Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, we know He is not an actual lamb.

The fire also here is symbolic of a spiritual fire that is kindled from God Himself. As the remnant continues to prophesy God's Words as He instructed Ezekiel, it is His fire that is going out to mankind, and nothing will be able to quench it! For further explanation we go to Acts:

"And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat …" Acts 28:3 (KJV) See how it was heat of the fire that moved the viper out? In the same way, the fire of God is moving difficult spirits out of the way to make room for His perfection. However, we see a warning for the remnant, as we read further in Acts. When the viper was moved out from the heat of the fire, it *"… fastened on his* [Paul's] *hand."* Acts 28:3 (KJV) This is symbolic of spiritual warfare. However, because Paul was a man of God, *"… he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm."* Acts 28:5 (KJV)

It may not appear in the natural that your prayers and prophesying are producing the fire of God that is putting the demonic spirits on the run; however the spiritual warfare that you are facing is only the manifestation of the spirits as God is driving them out with His unquenchable fire! Now is not the time to stop praying and prophesying, for as we continue, these demonic realms will soon reach their destinies and be consumed by the fire that God has kindled.

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."
Hebrews 12:28-29 (NKJV)



BENEFITS OF POSSESSING REVERENTIAL FEAR OF GOD

"The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers." Psalm 34:7 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, most of us are probably very familiar with the story of when Jacob contended with the angel of the Lord and would not let him go until he blessed him. (Genesis 32:24-26) However, what is even more interesting about this story is that Jacob was in the presence of a whole camp of angels!

In the beginning of this chapter we read, "*So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim."* Genesis 32:1-2 (NKJV) In the Hebrew this word *camp* is *machaneh,* which is from *chanah* (Strongs #2583). Pay attention here because *chanah,* according to the Strongs, literally means an encampment (of travelers or troops); hence, an army, whether literal (of soldiers) or figurative (of dancers, angels, cattle, locusts, stars; or even the sacred courts) - army, band, battle, camp, company, drove, host, tents. In this case we see that it was God's encampment of angels!

This victorious encampment of heavenly hosts was strategically placed with Jacob at a time in which he feared for his own life. This ties perfectly with Psalm 34:7, and it was reassurance from God not only of His presence but also His protection.

Space will not permit, but if we could only hear the testimonies of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Elisha, Peter, and many others, it would surely give us confidence to run this race no matter the obstacles set before us, knowing we have an encampment of angels with us! Yes, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), but we also see that reverential fear of God generates His protection, and deliverance!

"I will camp around My house Because of the army, Because of him who passes by and him who returns. No more shall an oppressor pass through them, For now I have seen with My eyes."
Zechariah 9:8 (NKJV)



THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US

"And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him.
A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart." Ecclesiates 4:12 (NASB)
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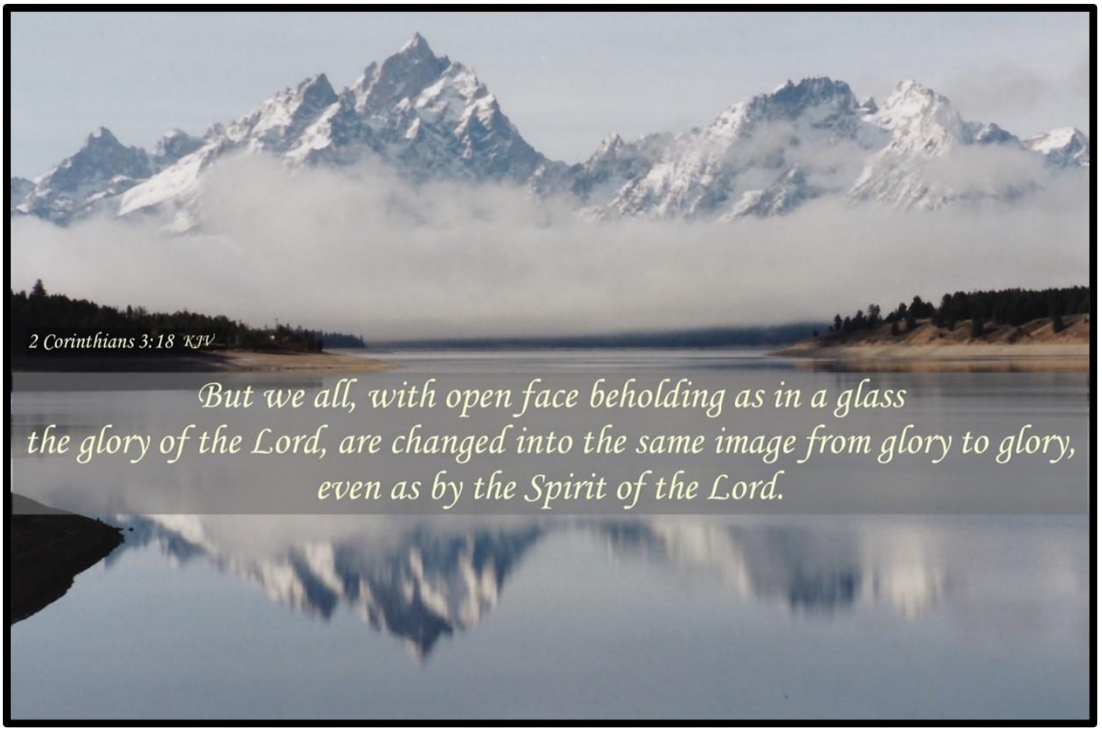
Remnant, as Ecclesiastes reminds us, we can be overpowered when we are alone. It is for this reason that when we received Christ (the Word of God), God also placed His seal upon us with an earnest of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God-working with the Word of God in us-that makes up the three stands which are not quickly torn! In fact, according to Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger, the number three "stands for that which is solid, realm substantial, complete, and entire."

Jesus had this wisdom, we see, as He prayed to the Father in this manner, *"I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united…"* John 17:23 (AMPC) You see, it is Jesus (being the Word) and the Father (being the Holy Spirit) in Him working in us to be one, and perfectly united together.

When we work together with the Spirit and the Word, then we are complete, solid, entire, and able to withstand anything which is attempting to overpower us. Romans tells us, *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* Romans 12:21 (NASB) The Spirit and the Word are the "good" by which we can overcome all works of darkness! Our agreement with the Spirit and the Word of God qualifies us to be more than conquerors in every situation. (Romans 8:37)

Over and over, Jesus reiterated the fact that it is the Word and the Spirit that work together. *"It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life."* John 6:63 (AMPC) It is a choice for a believer to allow the Holy Spirit to work with the Word, in them and through them, to disannul every work of the anti-christ in their lives, families, cities, nations and countries!

"But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57 (AMPC) Yes, thanks be to the Holy Spirit Who is always giving us the victory through the Word, as they work together in unison in our mortal man.



THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE TO THE WORD OF GOD

"And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, <u>are constantly being transfigured into His very own image</u>…"
2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, how does God's Word bring transformation? Jesus taught us that *"… The seed is the word of God."* Luke 8:11 (NKJV) Keeping this in mind, we see a powerful truth exposed concerning the Word of God. *"For with God nothing is ever impossible and <u>no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment</u>. Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; <u>let it be done to me according to what you have said</u>…"* Luke 1:37-38 (AMPC) What was Mary saying? How did the birth of Jesus Christ come about?

The birth of Jesus came as a direct result of the Spirit of the Highest (the Holy Spirit) coming upon Mary, <u>when she received the Word of God</u>! You see, the Spirit came upon her and gave life to the Word! Do you remember? *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us …"* John 1:14 (KJV) Wow, this is so powerful! Jesus was "*... the firstborn among many brethren."* Romans 8:29 (KJV) This explains our own newborn experience.

Peter made it very clear in saying, "*You have been regenerated (<u>born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God</u>."* 1 Peter 1:23 (AMPC)

You see, there are really two types of Bible readers today: there are those who <u>read it by the Spirit</u>, and then there are those who <u>read it to support their theology</u>. There are many people out there who have known the Bible backwards and forwards, <u>but it was not until they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit that the Word of God opened to them with heightened and exciting meaning, and the understanding of the Bible they "thought" they knew so well, was greatly increased</u>.

We are being transformed by the Word of God because we too are born of an incorruptible seed (the Word of God). We too are born of the Spirit because...

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth; [gives life]; *the flesh profiteth nothing:*
<u>the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life</u>." John 6:63 (KJV)



A FRUITFUL IMAGINATION!

"*And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them*." Genesis 11:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the Holy Spirit combined with our imagination is a powerful tool when used properly, of course. In other words, we pray in the Holy Spirit, using our imagination and being guided by the Holy Spirit. Meditate for a moment on this opening scripture above. It says, there is absolutely nothing **that we can imagine** that will be impossible for us. For example, the next time you receive a message that brother, or sister so-and-so is sick or hurt, the first thing we should do is imagine them healthy and whole. When we receive a request to pray for a friend or family member to receive salvation, first we should begin to imagine them witnessing or preaching or reading their Bible.

Remember in Romans 4:17 we read that Abraham called things that were not as though they were. In 1 Samuel 17:45-47 David tells Goliath exactly how he would overtake him and win! He declared victory before the battle began! David declared the end from the beginning!

When we use our imagination in harmony with God's Word and His Spirit, we are just visualizing our prayers coming to pass, according to the will of God. We are calling those things that be not, as God wants them to be.

The supernatural nature of the Holy Spirit can bring the things that are not yet into reality, just as He can bring them to nothing. Isn't that powerful? Our imagination is the most unused force that we have, and it is a most powerful force when it is used according to God's Word and His Spirit! That is precisely why 2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV) tells us, saying "*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*." Instead of letting the devil use our imagination for the negative, why not use our imagination in line with the Holy Spirit? When we pray in the Spirit, and we see things accomplished, it is confirmation that our imagination is lining up with God.



WE BELIEVE HIS WORD; SO, WE SPEAK HIS WORD

"This is he who in the assembly in the wilderness (desert) was the go-between for the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai and our forefathers, and he received living oracles (words that still live) to ***be handed down to us****."* Acts 7:38 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the living oracles have been given unto us! We must remember that they are exactly what God's Word says they are…. LIVING! *"For the word of God is living and active…"* Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

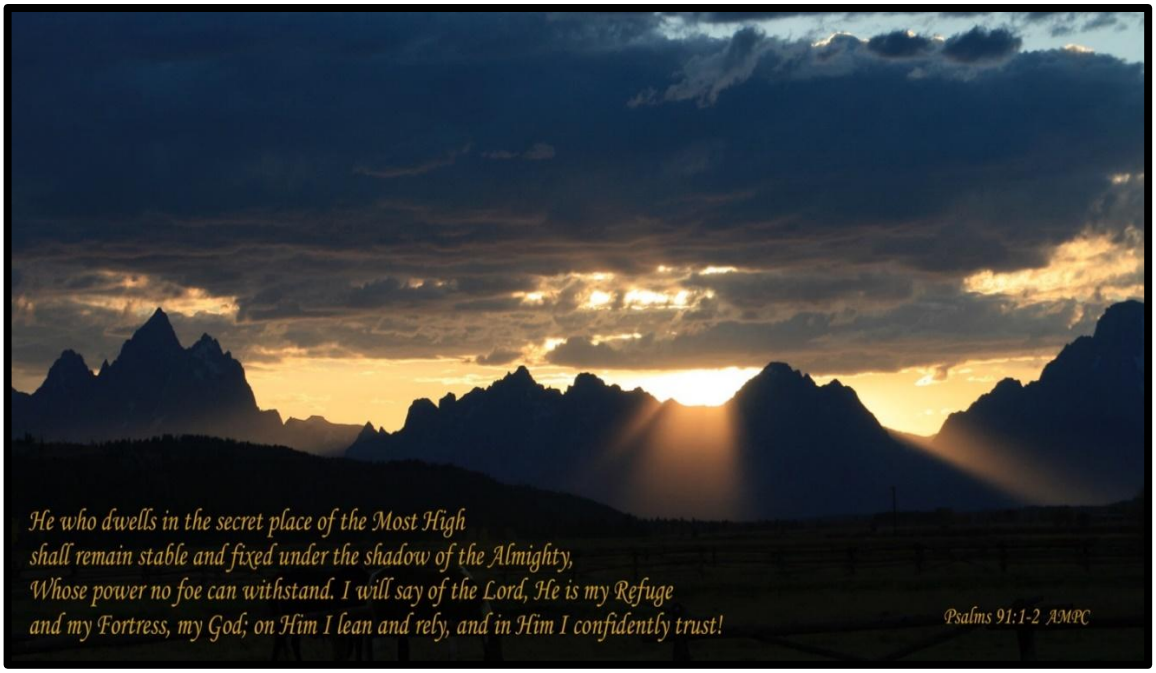
Jesus declared, *"…the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life."* John 6:63 (NASB) What is the key Jesus gives us to using this Living Word? The key is that we need to speak the WORD!

"Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah)." 1 Peter 4:11 (AMPC) You see, for many people, it is easy to declare the problem, but what about the solution? Here we learn that when we speak the oracles of God, it is God who is glorified through Jesus Christ, which is what we desire, right?

The living oracles were dedicated to Jeremiah, and in no way could he possibly hold them in, for he declares, *"…His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not."* Jeremiah 20:9 (NKJV) This is no different for the remnant. When difficulties come, whether they look big or not, God has entrusted us to speak the solution—His word—rather than go on and on about the problem!

"…You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it." Jeremiah 1:12 (NASB) God is looking for opportunities to move, in order that He may perform His Word…when it comes out of our mouths!

"But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"…"
Romans 10:8 (NASB)



WHERE DO I BELONG?

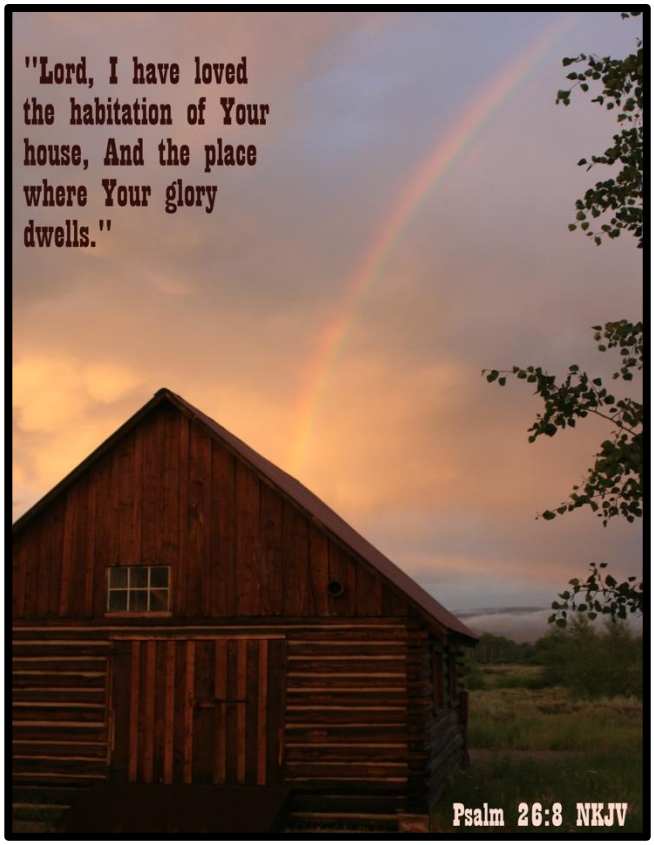
"In [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us];
stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off]." Galatians 5:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have all been in this place before. Christ has freed us out of one situation, and before we know it, we have allowed ourselves yet again to be entangled in another bondage which God never intended for us to be under. For many of us this struggle is a place of fellowship; trying to find "where we belong". Many of us have been hurt in one way or another by organized religions, and we have left them. However, as we constantly feel lonely and rejected, we tend to want to be in fellowship again and allow ourselves to yet again be entangled in this vicious cycle which only brings more hurt and sadness upon our hearts. This is not God.

Many organized religions do not stand for truth, just as it was in the Bible with the scribes and the Pharisees who rejected Jesus (the Word of God). When we are determined to stand for the truth of God's Word, we cannot compromise and be unequally yoked with organizations that teach contrary to a rightly divided Word of God. God does not want us to be unequally yoked with such organizations; loneliness is better than sacrificing and compromising the truth.

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?" **2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NKJV)**

Do you really want to know where you belong? You belong in an intimate relationship where you are ONE with the Father and the Son. You belong in a place where you can use all the gifts that God has freely given to you! You belong in a place where your spiritual ears and heart never dull of hearing God's true Word! You belong in heavenly places with Christ Jesus! You belong in continual union and communion with the Father and the Son. You belong in the secret place of the Most High, abiding in the shadow of the Almighty!



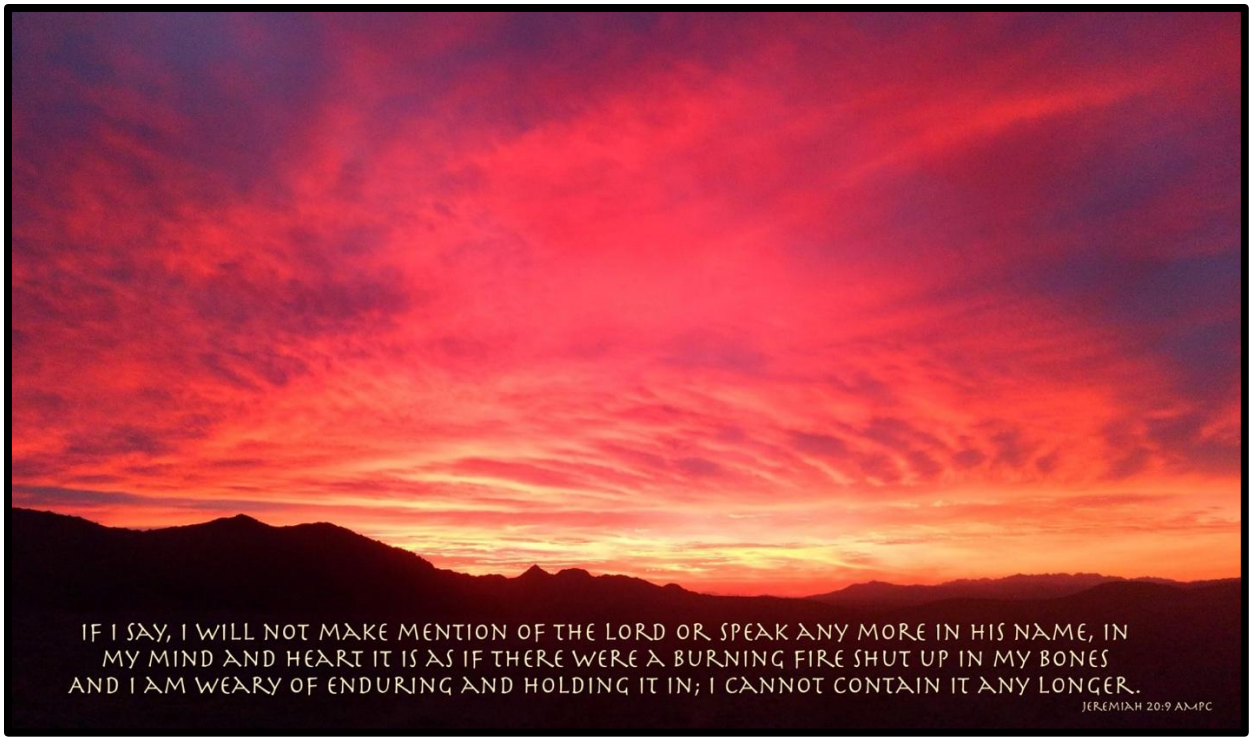
IS THIS THE FATHER'S HOUSE?

"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?" John 5:43-44 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we read this passage above in context, we see that Jesus was rebuking the religious Jews of Jerusalem. This came obviously right after Jesus had healed a man who had an infirmity of 38 years. Jesus (the Word of God) was clearly not received by the Jews, and thus they were not able to receive the Father either. Why was this? Well, Jesus told them that they were not seeking honor that comes from the only God; instead, they were seeking honor from one another, i.e. man's honor. Jesus tells them that they are open to receiving those who come in their own names, but they refused to receive Him, and He came in His Father's name! The word "*own"* here in the Greek is *ídios* (Strong's #2398) and means uniquely one's own, peculiar to the individual. It is stronger than the simple possessive pronoun ('own'). This emphatic adjective means '*private*, *personal*'. So what Jesus was relaying to them was that because they were seeking and receiving honor from men coming in their OWN names, i.e. religions, they were not willing to seek and receive from the only ONE that mattered, God!

God does not approve of religion and man-made doctrines, for they only divide and cause people to seek and receive only from man. Consider this if you will. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He went in the temple and found people doing business right there in the temple! He reproved them with a whip, and when He drove them out, He gave them warning to *"… "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"* John 2:16 (NKJV) By the end of His time here in the natural He no longer referred to the temple as His "Father's house", for the religious people did not seek His Father's will, nor receive Him, nor the prophets that came in the Father's name. At the end of His ministry here in the natural, Jesus told the religious people, *"See! Your house is left to you desolate."* Matthew 23:38 (NKJV)

To this day religions and doctrines of men continue to leave people desolate, while a relationship with the Father leaves us with abundance!



THE FIRE WITHIN

"*And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me*."
2 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we know in the natural that the darkest hour is just before dawn. If we are doing anything for God, then it is true that we are in a spiritual battle of some sort. Let us be reminded right now, no matter how long it has been, no matter how dark it seems, no matter how we "feel" in the flesh, the very power or *dunamis* of Christ is being perfected in us! Paul goes on to say, "*Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB)

We may not have all the answers yet, but if we are allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, then we are in the will of God, no matter how we "feel" in the natural. "*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*"
2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

With each trial we gain more power in Christ, preparing us for the next one. It is at what may seem to be our weakest point that we in fact are the strongest! James even said it this way, "*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."* James 1:2-4 (NASB)

The true remnant knows that we are running in a race to obtain a prize. To run in a race, we must have the endurance to do so or we will fail. The true remnant sees the trials for what they are; our perfection. Let's put it this way; when a fire is lit, if it is only a small fire a wind can come along and put it out very quickly. However, when a fire is big enough and the wind comes, it only makes that fire even bigger and more powerful!

The true remnant has a story like Joseph who said to his brothers,
"*… you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good* ..."
Genesis 50:20 (NASB)



EVERY GOOD GIFT & PERFECT GIFT COMES FROM ABOVE

"He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly. He gives snow like wool…" Psalms 147:15-16 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there is something so beautiful about the snow; yet also it is a beauty that requires much respect, for it can turn in a moment. In the same sense, how many times how many times have you heard preaching or read the Word of God for yourself, and felt either comfort or conviction? There is a connection with His Word moving swiftly to all the earth, and Him also giving snow like wool!

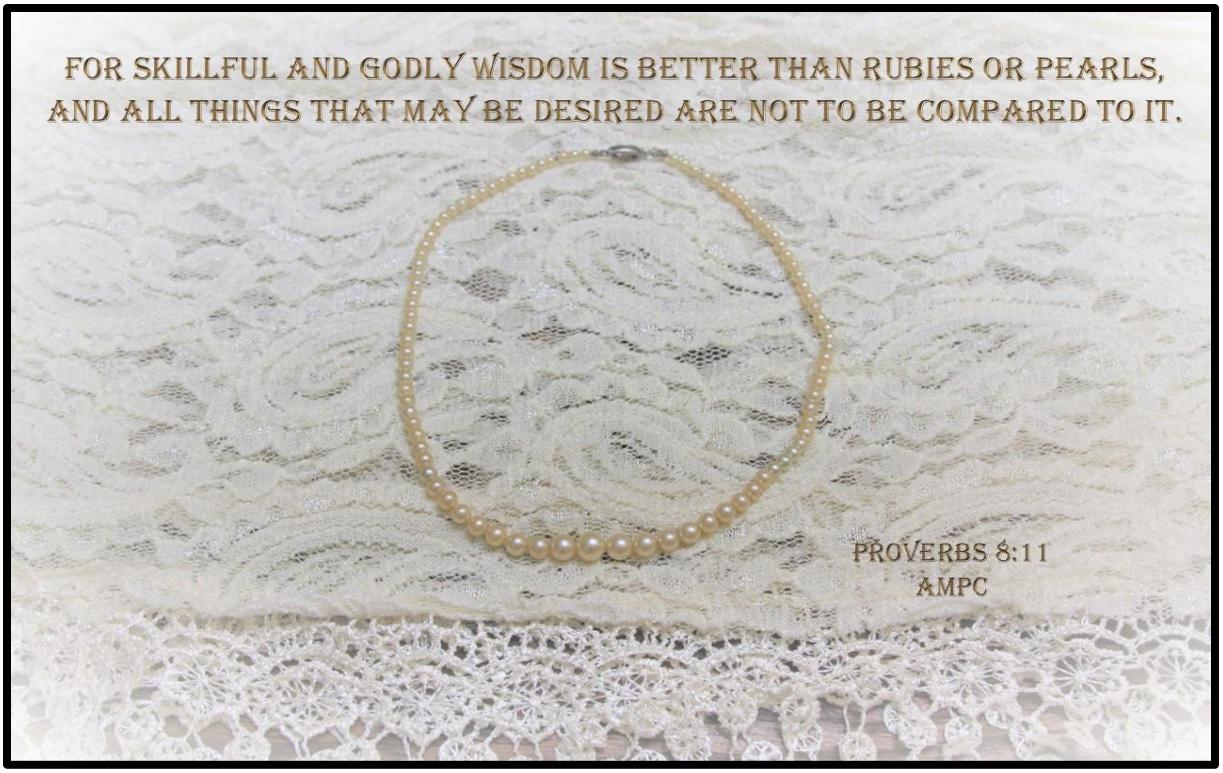
"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11 (NKJV) See, here again it is clarified further that snow and rain come down in comparison to His Word. Just as the snow and the rain accomplish their tasks in the natural, so His Word ALWAYS accomplishes its task in the supernatural!

In reading the revelation of Jesus Christ, we see this description again, and please keep in mind that we cannot separate the written Word from the living Word; *"<u>His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow</u>; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and <u>out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword</u>; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength."* Revelation 1:14-16 (NASB)

Snow is symbolic of a purification process, and it is through Jesus (the living Word) that we are made pure. *"And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, <u>just as He is pure</u>."* 1 John 3:3 (AMPC) *"Every word of God is pure…"* Proverbs 30:5 (NKJV)

Next time we see that one snowflake, then another, may we take a more spiritual look and see how it is being used to fulfill His Word.

***"Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, <u>fulfilling His word</u>;"* Psalm 148:8 (NKJV)**



PASSIONATE FOR HIS WISDOM

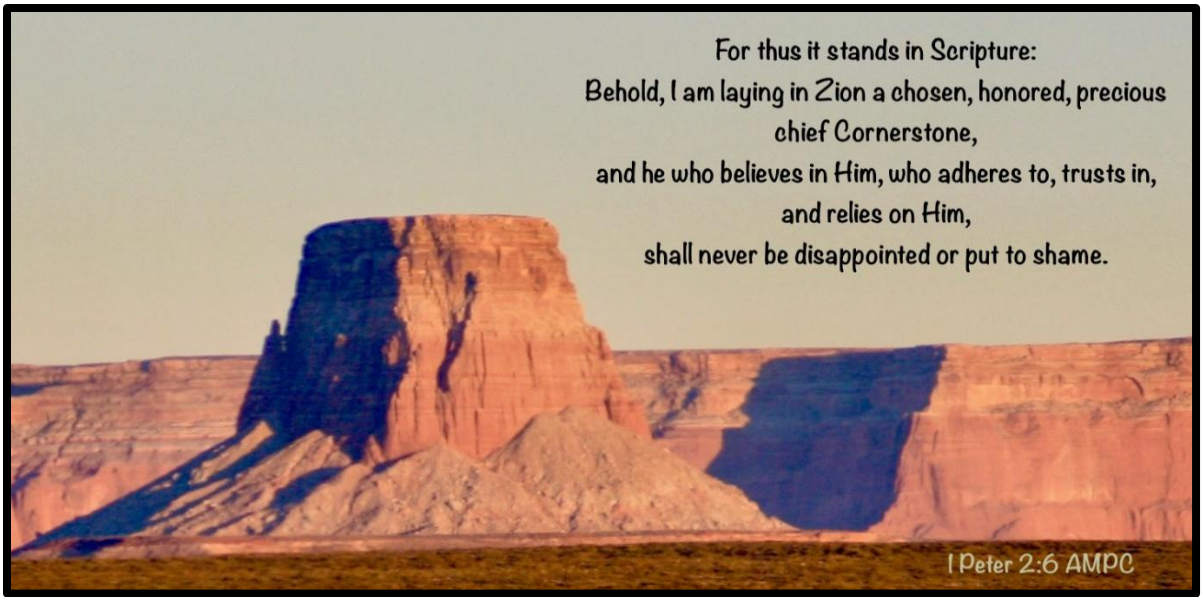
"… I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:"
2 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that the scripture above was from Paul, and he was determined to come into visions and revelations of the Lord! We believe that Paul came into these revelations by prayer and by seeking God, which is available to all of us today as we pray and seek Him. Paul even came into so many revelations that they ultimately resulted in his thorn in the flesh. *"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure*." 2 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

Now, let's go back just a bit in Corinthians. *"But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God* ***once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God****—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence*]." 1 Corinthians 2:7 (AMPC) Paul is trying to show us that God is now revealing this wisdom to us, which was once hidden from human understanding. Such knowledge is reserved for a time and place to lift us into the glory of His presence!

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40:5 (NKJV) This says the glory of the Lord shall be revealed! Why not pray and ask that such glory be revealed unto you? If you go back to Habakkuk, you read this, *"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea*." Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV)

Remnant, we need to be in prayer for His revelation knowledge and wisdom regarding this present age we are in. Many things are happening, and God does not want us to be in the dark and in His way but rather in the light, as we are children of the light. When we are in the light and know what is going on, we will be working with God in prayer, fasting, and so on. We will not be in His way by doing things we think in our own minds are good works. We, as the remnant, have the mind of Christ and nothing else!



BELIEVING IN HIS WORD GUARANTEES NO DISAPPOINTMENT

"For the Scripture says, '<u>Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed</u>.'" Romans 10:11 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we know that God wants us to meditate upon His Word daily, for His Word is not something that we read like a newspaper or a random Facebook post. His Word (Jesus) is ALIVE and full of power! (Hebrews 4:12) Keeping this in remembrance, we cannot separate the Living Word from the Written Word. We embrace and take advantage of this overwhelming promise contained in the above scripture. What exactly is this verse saying? It reads:

<u>WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM (THE WORD OF GOD) WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

WHEN WE BELIEVE:

"…by His wounds you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (NASB) .....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…promise (of the Holy Spirit) *is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* Acts 2:39 (KJV)……<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Romans 8:21 (NKJV).....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV) .....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

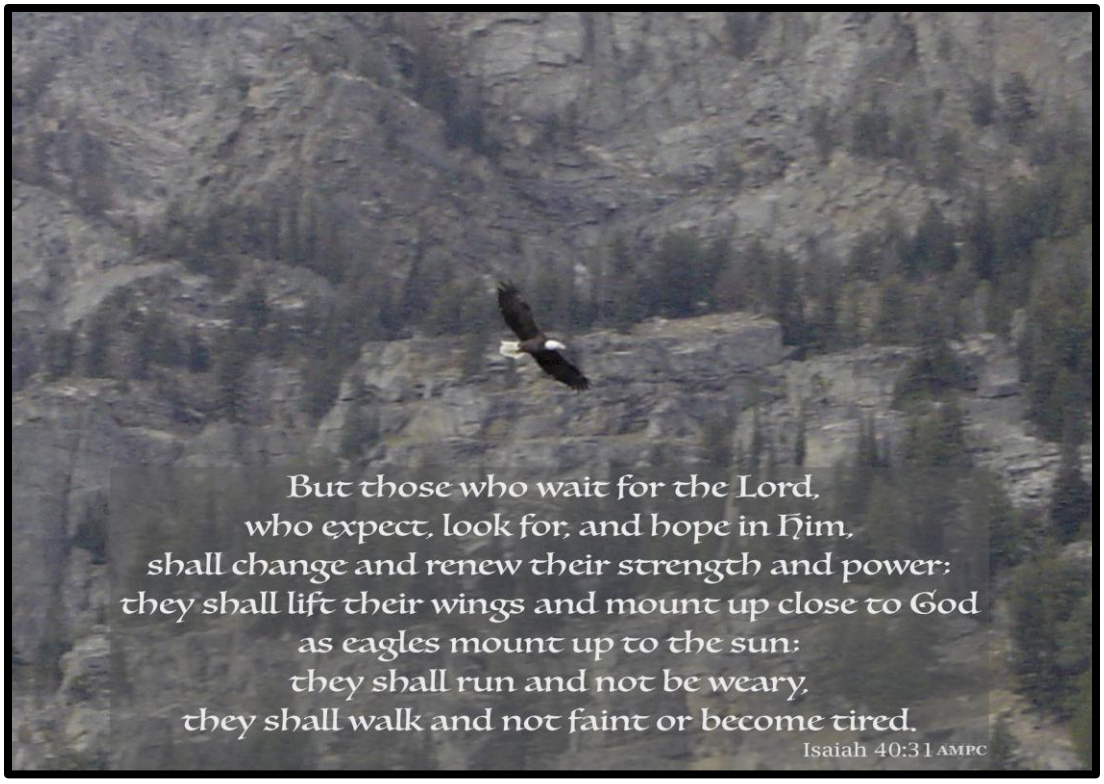
"…the works that I do (Jesus speaking) *he will do also; and greater works than these he will do…"* John 14:12 (NKJV)..... <u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19 (KJV) .....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world."
1 John 4:4 (AMPC) .....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

"…I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord." 2 Corinthians 12:1 (KJV).....<u>WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED</u>!

His promises are endless; find yours and stand BELIEVING.
YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED, BECAUSE HIS WORD SAYS SO.



GO IN HIS MIGHT

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that walking by faith and not by sight is not such an easy thing sometimes. Our believing in what we do not see will cause the carnal realms of the world and religion to ostracize us because we believe the Word of God, verses believing in what we see and experience in the natural realm. Our rejection is for His name's sake, and His name is the Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)

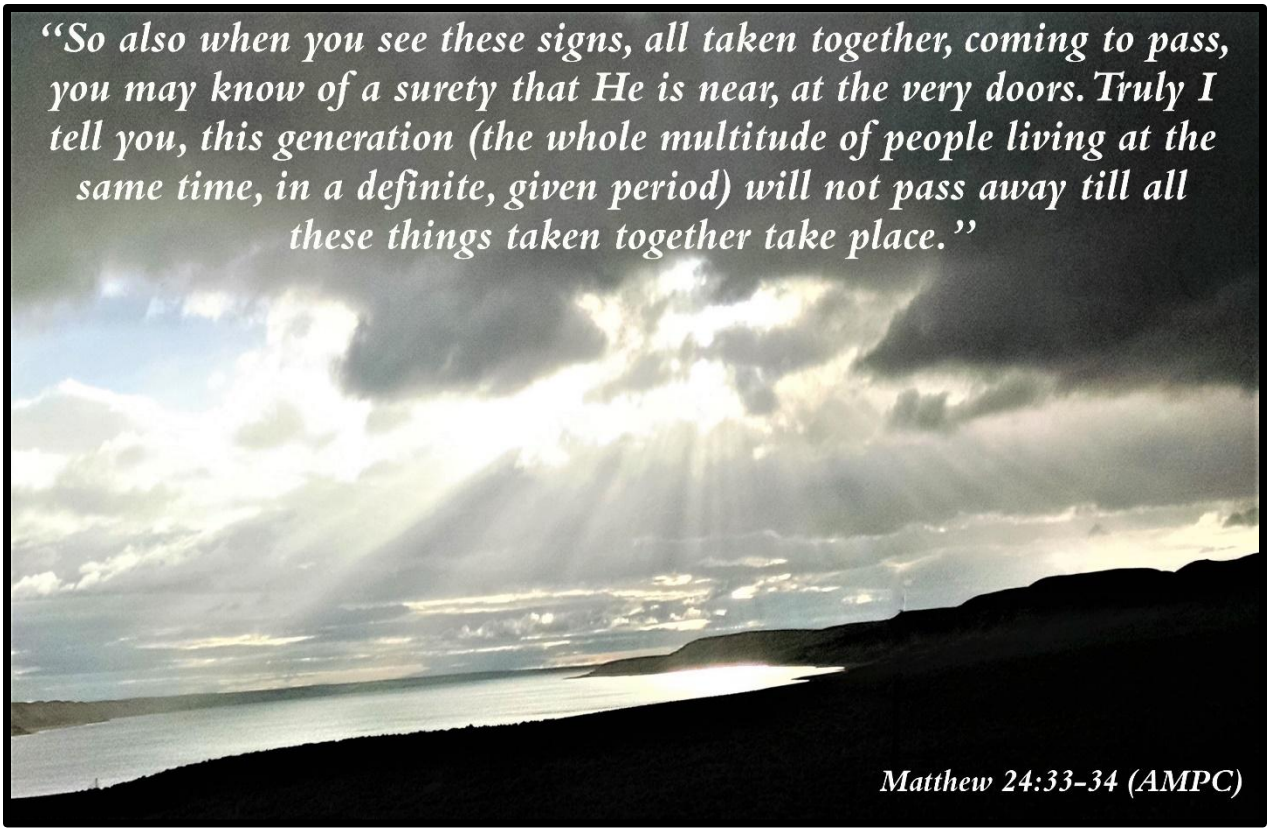
To continue pursuing our faith walk, it is an absolute that we remain locked into God's Word, for this is where the foundation of our faith begins. We cannot start out in God's Word and then slack off when the storms of life begin to rage, or we will lose our strength to run!

Here in our beginning scripture we have the word *strengtheneth,* which in the Greek is *endunamoó.* (Strong's #1743) *Endunamoó* intensifies the Greek word *dynamóō*, which is "sharing power-ability." Thus, according to the Strong's, *endunamoó* is to impart ability (make able); empowered. Now think about this: "impart" is a verb which requires ACTION; and its definition is to make (information) known, to communicate.

Therefore, we can do all things because Christ has imparted or made (information) known and communicated to us, and empowered us! This is the revelation of Philippians 4:13! This comes to life as we receive the knowledge of His power working in us! This power has already been imparted to us through Jesus, the Word of God; but like all spiritual things, we must believe it in order to receive it!

Jesus cannot impart to us anything that He does not have, right? However, He can impart to us all that He has, right? What He told the disciples in Matthew, He is still telling us today! *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore…"* Matthew 28:18-19 (NKJV) Every bit of power and authority was given to Jesus from the Father, and now it has been given to us for one sole purpose, to "GO!"

"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]."
Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC)



THE DIVINE POWER IN THIS AION

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the word "*worlds"* here above is not like unto the world in the natural, but rather in the Greek it is translated as *aión*, and it indicates an age or dispensation. For example, people may refer to the "*golden age*" or "*dark ages*" or "*middle ages*." Therefore, in rightly dividing this scripture above, we see that it was through Jesus (which—remember--is the Word of God) that these ages and dispensations came about. *"By faith we understand that the worlds* (aions) *were framed by the* ***word of God*** **(which again is Jesus, the Living Word)** *…"* Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

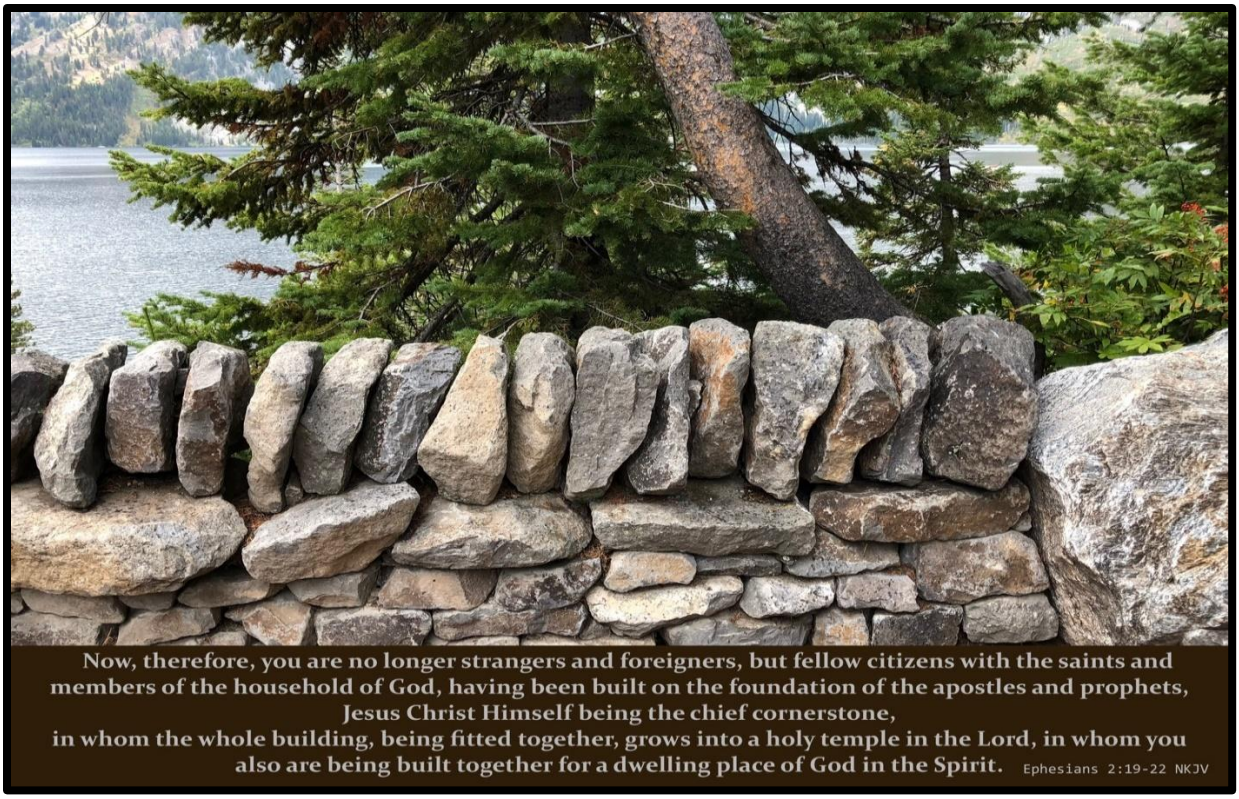
We also know that there is a distinction of ages, just as in Matthew 12:32 and Ephesians 1:21. Both verses are speaking of things in this age or in the ages to come. Here in Hebrews we see something of interest as a believer, as it speaks of *"…the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come…"* Hebrews 6:5 (KJV) Here again this word *world* in the Greek is *aion*.

We see the connection between the two here; the Word of God, and the power associated with it (the Word of God) in the ages to come!

If you have ever even dabbled in the book of Revelation, you cannot possibly be blinded to the fact that we are surely in the final age (aion) before the physical coming of Jesus (the Word of God), as the signs have increased drastically over the past century!

Though it may look like darkness and gross darkness is covering us in this current age, we can rest assured that there is a Divine power flowing into this dispensation, and as we continue in the Word of God, we will see that power manifested radically in these final moments, so…stay ready!

Jesus declared to us, *"…lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20 (NASB)



THE SUPERNATURAL BODY OF CHRIST

"… [you are] God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in John 4:24 we are reminded that God is Spirit. Therefore, all who are IN the body of Christ must be Spirit also, for such a body is God's building. *"…the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many, form [only] one body…."* 1 Corinthians 12:12 (AMPC) There is a body that only God can bring together, just like the dry bones; this body can only be the remnant.

Like anything that would come from God, this body is supernatural in its character, for its creator is supernatural, and the Head (Jesus, the Son of God) is also supernatural. For as God's Word explains, *"What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit."* John 3:6 (AMPC) Since God is Spirit, this body is brought together by His Spirit, born of His Spirit, and fully operational in His Spirit.

When we think about Jesus Christ being the Head of this body, we clearly see that His body is continuing to go about *"…doing good and healing all who were* (are) *oppressed by the devil…"* This is the supernatural body for which the world is looking. Let us be reminded that Jesus could do these things because *"…God was with Him."* Acts 10:38 (NKJV) It is no different with us, for God is with us too! When Jesus came back in His glorified body, He described to us His supernatural nature, proving yet again He came from God, for He said, *"…Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."* Luke 24:39 (NKJV) Jesus was and still is in a glorified body having flesh and bone (this is the remnant), and His body has *"…become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!"* Ephesians 3:19 (AMPC) Can we truly see this with eyes of faith that anything joined to His body (of which He is the Head) is one in spirit with Him? *"But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."* 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You for this supernatural body that You are bringing together for ONE purpose: Your Glory! We ask for You to remove all the scales from our eyes, so we can clearly see that

"…we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." Ephesians 5:30 (NKJV) Therefore, all His members should operate in the supernatural accordingly!



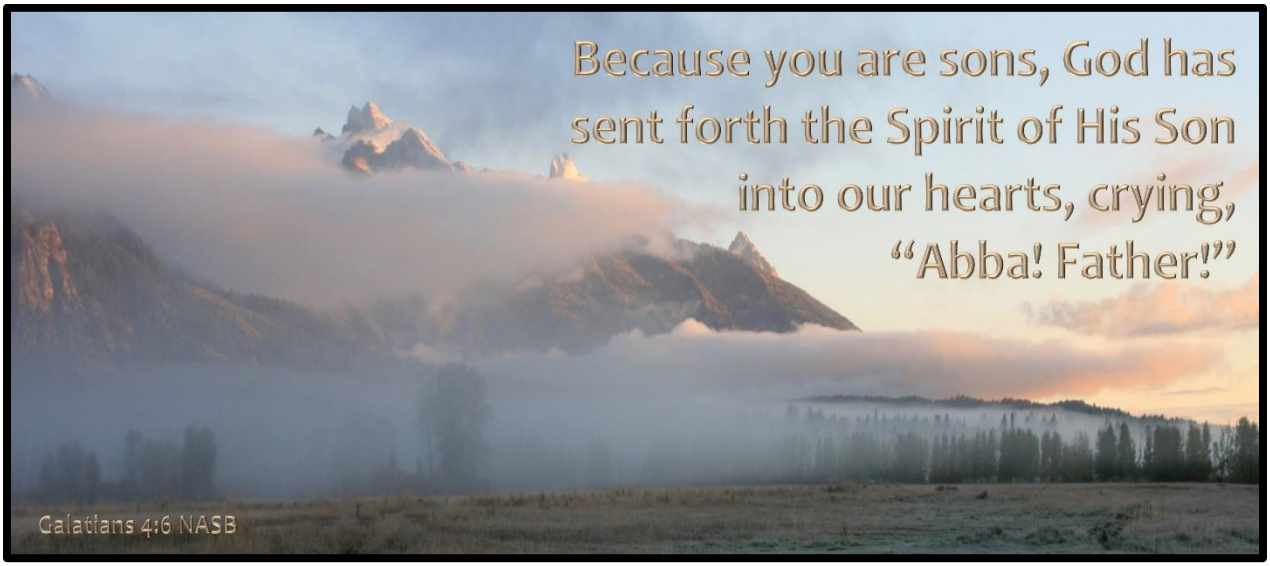
THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IGNITES THE CANNON

"*… for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life*."
2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is the Holy Spirit that brings life to His Word. "*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. …*" John 6:63 (NKJV) For an example of the Holy Spirit and God's Word working together, we do not have to look any further than these scriptures! "*For His divine power* **(Holy Spirit)** *has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly* ***great promises*** (His Word), *so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature*." 2 Peter 1:3-4 (AMPC) With God's Word and the Holy Spirit working together, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain according to God's perfect will!

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," Hebrews 10:16 (NKJV) In continuing to read God's Word, our tongue carves His Word into our hearts. Then, when God's Word is in our hearts, it is made alive by the Holy Spirit! What is happening? "*…we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]."* 1 Corinthians 2:13 (AMPC)

With the combination of God's Word and the Holy Spirit working together, we are able to be taught by the Holy Spirit and become like a launched cannonball! See, it is like God's Word is a cannon, and we are a cannonball. **Once a fire (THE HOLY SPIRIT) ignites the cannon (THE WORD OF GOD), then the cannonball (US) is launched into the DIVINE DESTINY for which God has called and chosen us!** Every demon must take flight, for the Holy Spirit has given us life!



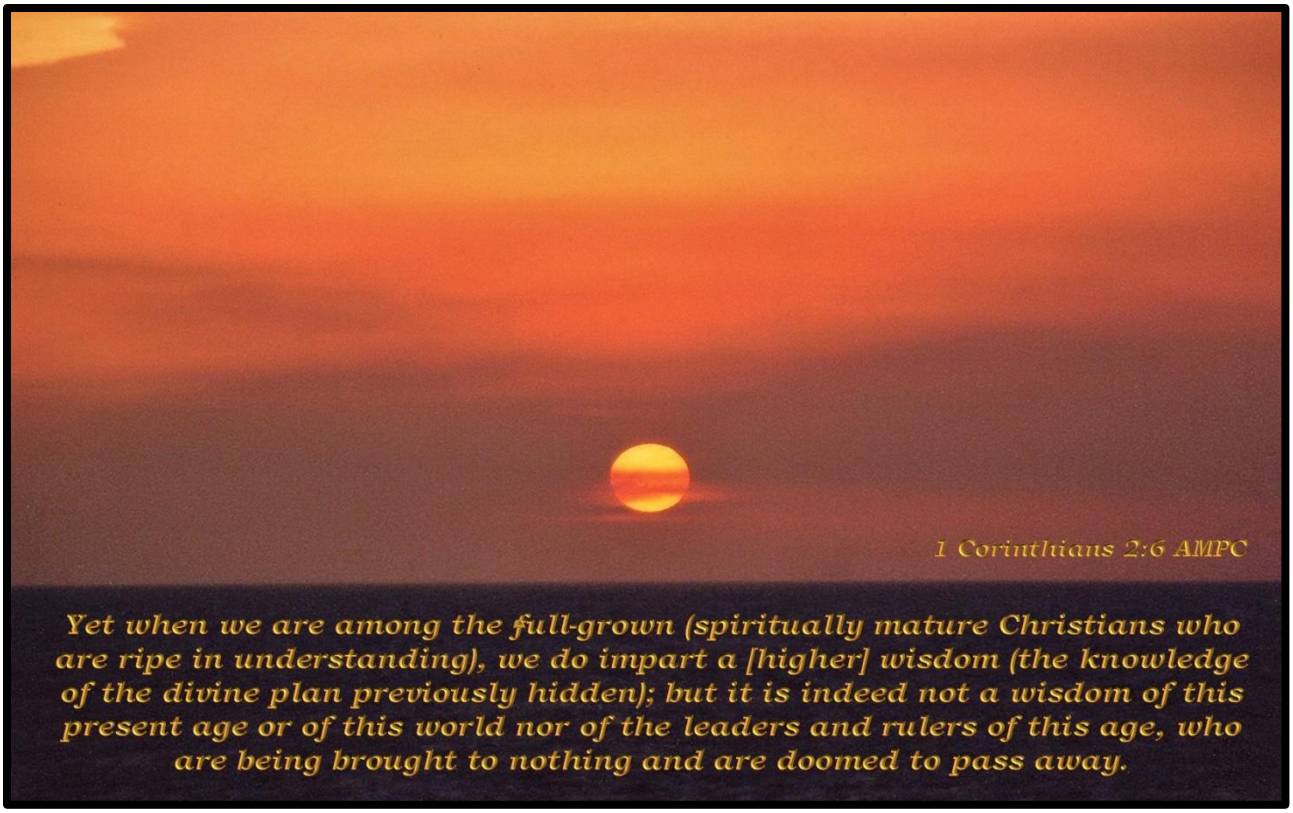
THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE, WHILE THE FLESH NEVER PROFITS

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, (emancipation from bondage, freedom) And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit" 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here in 2 Corinthians we can clearly see God's Word and the Holy Spirit working together. We all have received a measure of the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*) when we accepted Jesus Christ (the Word of God) as our Savior. However, it is essential to understand that when God's Word says, *"... Christ in you, the hope of glory,"* Colossians 1:27 (KJV), it is not Christ the Messiah in us. It is Christ the anointing that activates the Holy Spirit within us. The gift (*pneuma hagion*) is called Spirit; Christ is the action, (the manifestation) of the Spirit. The Spirit alone in us does not result in power; it is Christ that activates that Spirit within us, which manifests as power in our lives. When we begin to understand and believe that the Spirit residing in us is changing our lives and bringing us into position, then we know that we are in the process of being transformed — "transfigured into His very own image." We know also that the Word of God (the Living Word) works in the same way, as it becomes engrafted within us. Jesus said, "*It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life."* John 6:63 (AMPC) Again we can see here how the Word of God and the Spirit are working together.

We must utterly understand that *"... the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."* 2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) It is the Spirit that gives life to the Word of God. Come on, think about this. It is Jesus (the Word of God) that was crucified and died, but THEN it was the Spirit of God that RAISED JESUS (the Word of GOD) from the dead, giving HIM LIFE! The Word of God is alive (Hebrews 4:12) for the sole purpose of working with the Spirit in us, making us alive as well!

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."
Romans 8:11 (NKJV)



THE MIND OF CHRIST

"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."
1 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

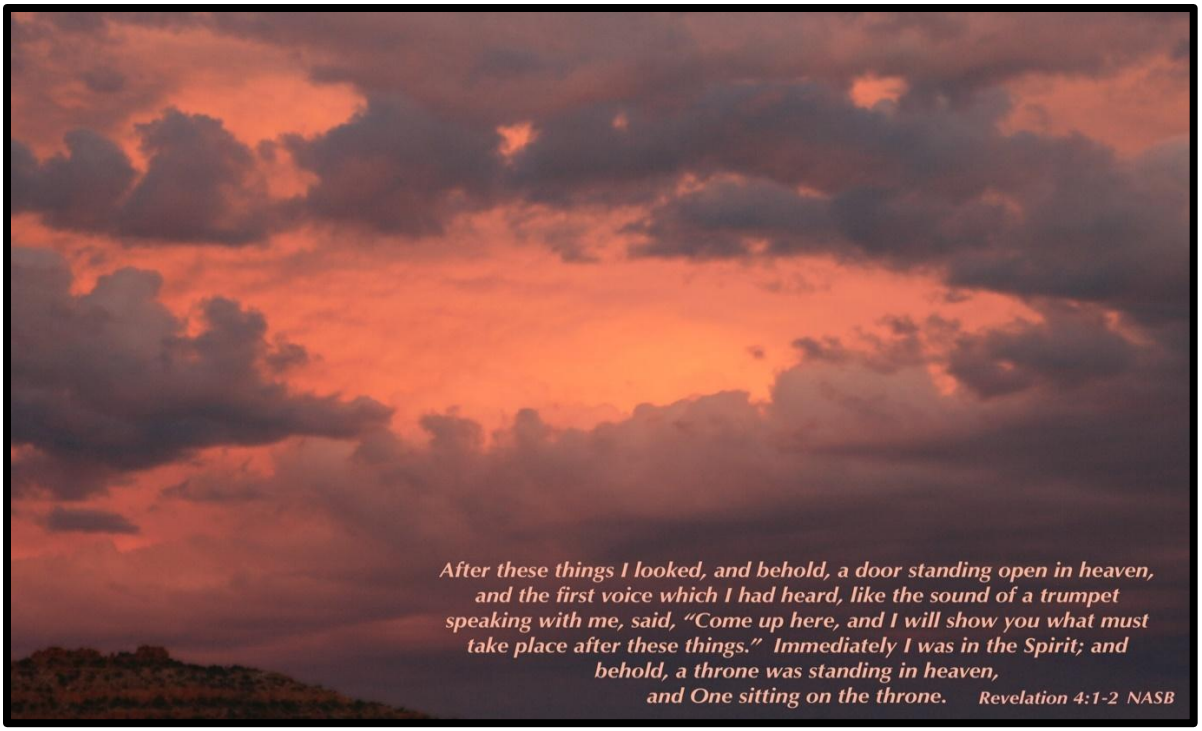
Remnant, just as this natural man cannot receive the things of God, the spiritual man does not accept, welcome, or even admit into his heart the words or teachings of the demonic realm. As God's Word says, we always *"Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard …"* Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC)

The remnant knows what the Bible says about people who agree with anything against God's Word. *"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."* James 4:4 (NASB)

We have the mind of Christ; therefore, we think like He thinks. What did Jesus ask His disciples when they were out on the boat with Him and the storm came? He said to them, *"…Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it that you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)?"* Mark 4:40 (AMPC) Just as the disciples did not understand the faith of Jesus, it did not make any sense to Jesus that they were afraid, and had no faith, right?

Just because we experience things in the natural realm does not mean that we must agree with them or accept them! No, we know our God, and fully trust in His Word that it will come to pass. There is no room for doublemindedness in the mind of a believer. God's Word says, "*[For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]."* James 1:8 (AMPC) That is not the mind of Christ. We are certain that His perfect will is going to be complete and we stand strong believing in what we cannot see in the natural realm for that is eternal.

"If I have told you of things that happen right here on the earth and yet none of you believes Me, how can you believe (trust Me, adhere to Me, rely on Me) if I tell you of heavenly things?"
John 3:12 (AMPC)



A DOOR WAS OPENED IN HEAVEN

"…I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." Revelation 3:8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many people in religion are going here or there on mission trips or doing "good works", but how often is prayer involved in their decisions? Are they trying to open doors that God has not opened for them? Are they trying to do things He has never called them to do? Many are missing out on what God has called them to do by pursuing their own works.

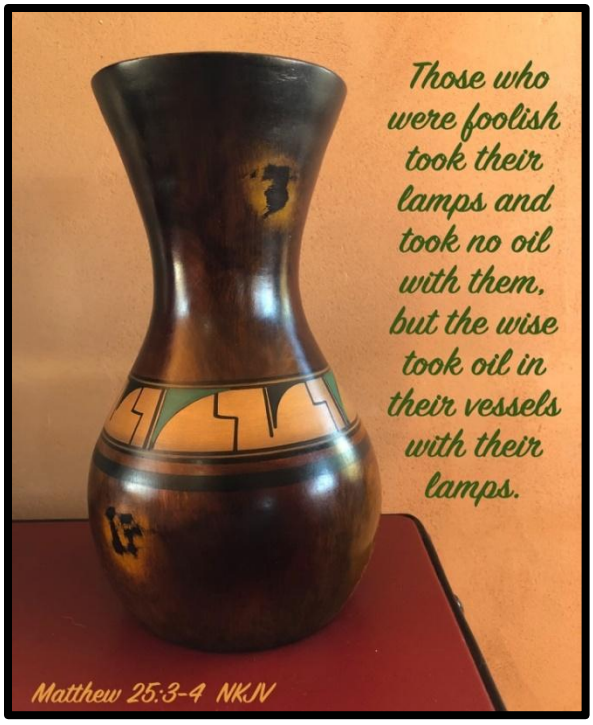
If we genuinely want Him to open the doors for us that He wants us to go through, then the answer as to "how" to get Him to open these doors is in His Word, and He has made it very simple. In Revelation 3:8 it is explained that He sets before us open doors that no one can shut…WHEN…WE HAVE….

1) Kept His Word
2) Not denied His name

It is really that simple. Come on, there are many benefits of keeping His Word, but in John we see how keeping His Word allows Jesus (the Word of God) to manifest. *"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* John 14:21 (NKJV) Talk about effective ministry! This is really what His people need- a manifestation of the Word of God in whatever He has called us to do! Keeping His Word will result in Him opening the appropriate doors He wants us to pursue!

When it comes to not denying His name, we must remember what the definition of His name is. *"He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."* Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) When we rightly divide this, we see that since His name is the Word of God, it is the Word of God that we must not deny that will cause His doors to be opened unto us! In conclusion, we see how the two contingencies here go hand in hand. If we truly want to pursue God's perfect will for us and go through the doors He has opened, then we will continue to keep His Word and never deny it. This way His Word will:

***"…speed on (spread rapidly and run its course) and be glorified (extolled) and triumph…"* 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (AMPC)**



NEVER ENDING SUPPLY OF OIL

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the word *vessels* here is actually σκεύεσιν in the Greek, which is defined as *a vessel to contain liquid, utensil, tackle,* according to the Strong's Greek #4632. Interestingly enough, we are in fact the very vessels that God's Word is referring to! We possess His Word and His Spirit as precious, priceless treasures whose power is endless!

Endless? Yes. For a type and shadow to better represent the matter, we go to this passage in 2 Kings 4:1-7. Many of us are familiar with this story. A widow woman approaches Elijah and is requesting help because a creditor was coming to take her two sons as slaves. Elijah, who was moved by God, asked her what she had, and her answer was *"…nothing in the house but a jar of oil."* 2 Kings 4:2 (NKJV) To which Elijah advised her, *"…Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels and set aside the full ones."* 2 Kings 4:3-4 (NKJV)

She did as Elijah said, and God intervened and filled all the vessels with oil! Yes, the supply was never ending! Or was it? Just when did the miraculous supply of oil that God provided cease to multiply? *"Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased."* 2 Kings 4:6 (NKJV)

Yes remnant, the oil only ceased when there were **no other vessels available to fill**. Please note that up until that time all the existing *"… vessels were full…"*!

How does this apply to us today? There is more than enough of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon all flesh. **The Holy Spirit will not stop pouring out, unless all His vessels are full, and there are no others to fill. As long as there are vessels to fill, the Holy Spirit will multiply, and fill them up!**

***"…Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of Whom the oil is a symbol], says the Lord of hosts."* Zechariah 4:6 (AMPC)**



FEAR OF THE LORD GIVES US SO MUCH MORE!

"The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline." Proverbs 1:7 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as true believers may we be reminded today of these terrific benefits that the reverent and worshipful believers possess! It is for these reasons that God's Word makes it noticeably clear that reverential fear of the Lord is only the beginning of wisdom, as we will see, and so much more!

"The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened." Proverbs 10:27 (NKJV) Sometimes it may seem just the opposite when we interpret this as the length of one's days, however a true believers' days are increased in value and importance for all the seeds they are sowing and lives they are touching by spreading His Word, furthering His Word, and obeying His Spirit.

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge." Proverbs 14:26 (NKJV) Reverential fear of the Lord provides us with a secure confidence in knowing whatever He has called us to do, He will provide all our needs to fulfill that calling.

"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:27 (NKJV) Many will search their whole lives for this fountain of life, when it really is this simple. God's abundant life springs up like a fountain for all who respect and worship Him.

"The fear of the Lord leads to life, So that one may, sleep satisfied, untouched by evil." Proverbs 19:23 (NASB) Not only do we experience His kind of living with this reverential fear, but we have no need to lose sleep over any evil tidings, when our fear is properly guided in the right direction.

"The reward of humility and the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life." Proverbs 22:4 (AMPC) Finally, we see how there is a reward for humility and reverential fear of the Lord which includes riches, honor, and life. This is not what the world sees as riches, honor, and life, but it is so much more; and it is everlasting!



YOU ALWAYS HAVE A REASON TO PRAY

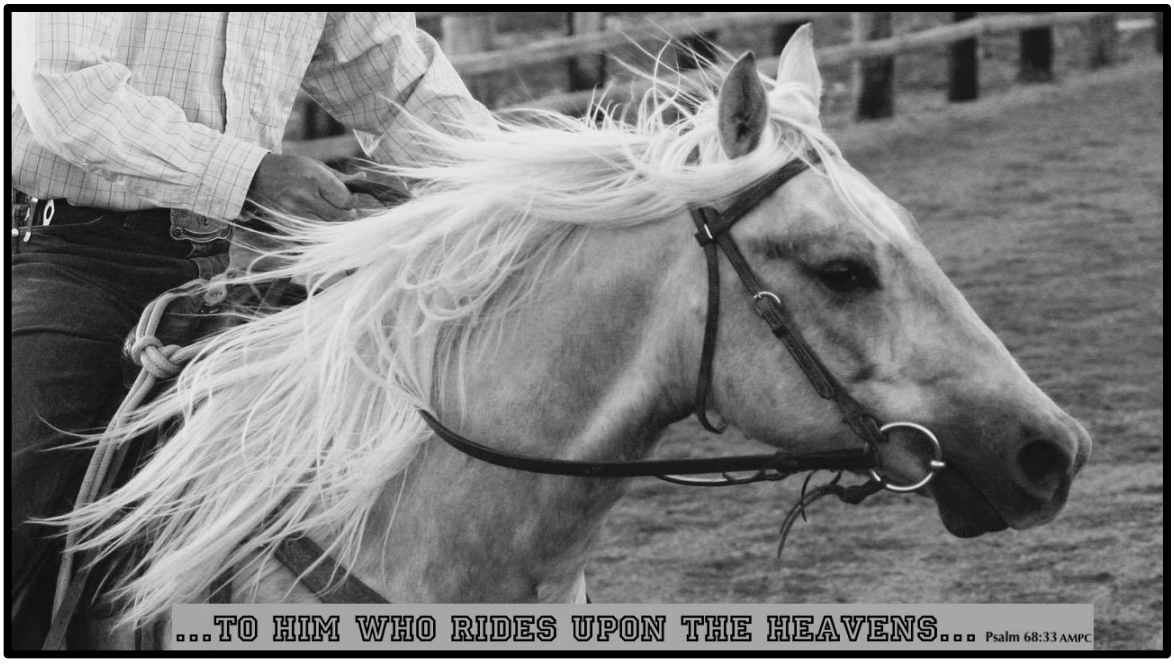
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this is such a simple little scripture; yet it brings so much power, authority, and dominion to us in every situation! Jesus told the people, *"… at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,"* Luke 18:1 (NASB) Prayer is like preventative maintenance for your spirit, for as Luke says, we are to pray so we will not lose heart. Many people lose heart when situations occur because the only time they pray is when "something bad happens." Prayer keeps us strong in the spirit. When we have continued in prayer and then "something bad happens," we have confidence in knowing, "No, I have been praying every day that no evil will befall me, so I do not have to receive this; I already overcame it!"

God's Word tells us that we are to *"Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)."* Ephesians 6:18 (AMPC) You see, praying in the Spirit is so essential because God knows what we will be facing in the days to come; even when we do not. *"For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."* Romans 8:26 (NKJV) When we pray in the Spirit, God shows us people to pray for, and by/through His Spirit we make intercession for them; even when we do not know in the natural what they are facing now, or what they will be facing. We can know things through His Spirit.

We always have a reason to pray, but that reason may not be made known to us just yet. Be encouraged to continue in prayer not only for yourself and your family, but for everyone.

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."
Luke 21:36 (NKJV)



SADDLE UP AND RIDE; IN HIS POWER

"[Sing praises] to Him Who rides upon the heavens,
the ancient heavens; behold, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice."
Psalm 68:33 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, praise Him, praise Him, the One Who rides upon the heavens! Praise Him Who is above all, Who has provided a place for us to ride with Him; ABOVE ALL!

"So the Lord alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him. "He made him ride in the heights of the earth…" Deuteronomy 32:12-13 (NKJV) This symbolizes the spiritual Israel. This is the remnant.

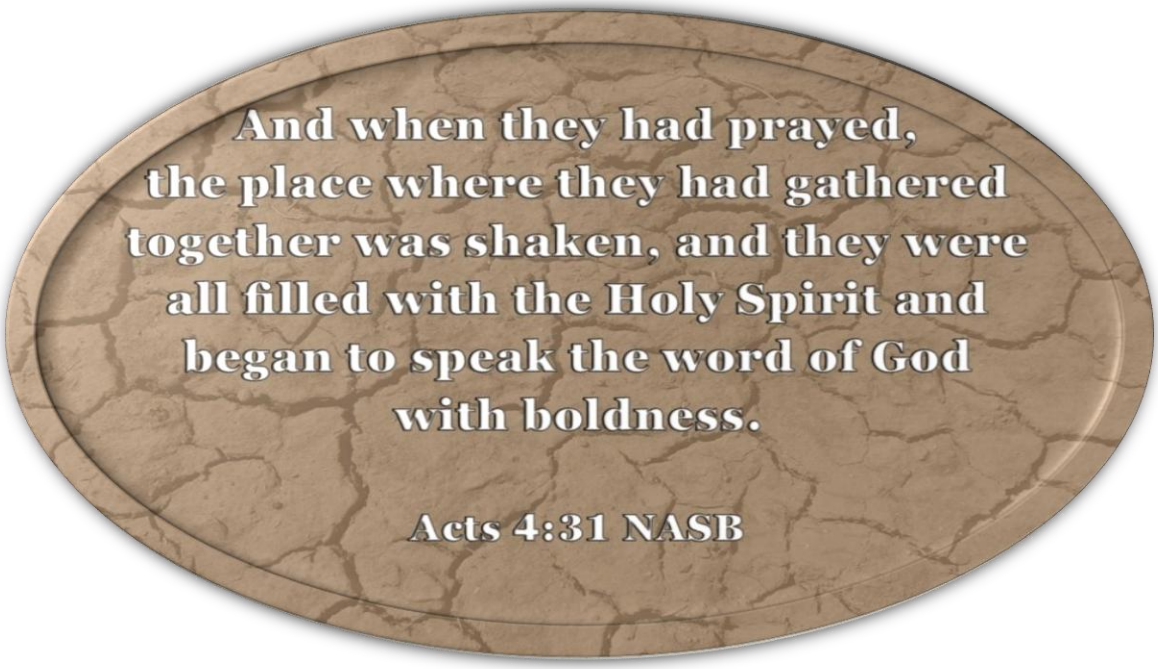
"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12 (KJV) We learn from Ephesians 6:12 that it is the high places where spiritual wickedness is fought, for the enemy is attempting to raise himself to a place in which he has no authority or dominion.

A PLACE THAT IS RESERVED FOR GOD AND HIS ELECT!

Remember we are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, our High Priest. Where exactly is Jesus? *"For such a High Priest was fitting for us, Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens…"* Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV) He is higher than the heavens! We too are with Him higher than the heavens. This is not something that is just intended for a carnal after-death experience. No, the saints are with Him, I mean come on, how could we *"…wrestle not against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places…"* if we were not in these high places already? Think about it. We are surely riding upon these high places!

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." Isaiah 58:14 (KJV) This scripture is for us, if we will receive it.

God is enabling us to ride upon the high places, so saddle up my friend!



CAN YOU HEAR THE SHAKING?

"… Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live." Ezekiel 37:4-5 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

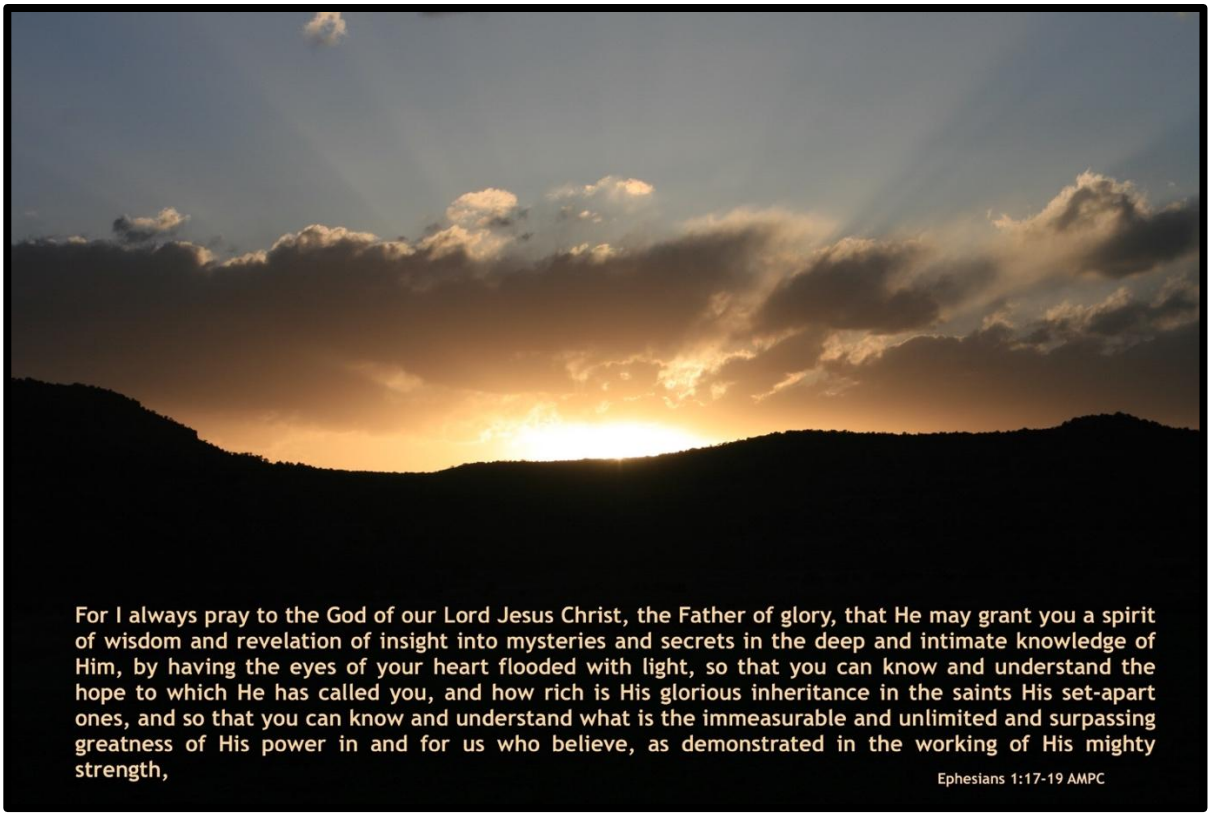
Remnant, we all recognize this story of the valley of the dry bones, but have you ever thought about how it is such a true type and shadow of the days we are in right now? For the true remnant, it has been very dry. To find fellowship with others seems to be such a miracle! But as we read on here in Ezekiel, the destiny of the remnant will certainly unfold!

According to Ezekiel, one of the first things that must happen to begin this process is that we must "… *hear the word of the Lord …"* The true remnant, of course, has no problem hearing and receiving the true Word of God. Then we are told that when God speaks to these bones, He will "… *cause breath to enter into you* [them]*, and you* [they] *shall live."* Here again we see the Word of God and the Spirit of God working together! Is this not similar to what happened to the people in Acts 2, when the rushing mighty wind filled the whole place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues of fire? It surely is, and it is repeating again with us!

What finally brings all the bones together in Ezekiel is when he prophesied as God commanded him. Then this happened. *"… there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone"* Ezekiel 37:7 (KJV) Do we not see this also in Acts when Paul and Silas were released from prison? *"And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed."* Acts 16:26 (KJV)

God is allowing things to happen in this world to bring the true remnant together, filled and flooded with His Spirit. We will not be shaken, but we will bring into order His kingdom on earth, just as it is in heaven. Now is not the time to get weary because we have not experienced this in the natural, for we KNOW by faith we are not alone, and God is bringing us together by His Word and His Spirit!

"Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." **Hebrews 12:27 (NKJV)**



SELFLESS PRAYERS FOCUS ON INCREASING HIM

"He must increase, but I must decrease. [He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so.]"
John 3:30 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here is a great question to ask ourselves today; are we submitting fully to Him in every aspect of our lives that He may continue to increase, as we continue to decrease? One way that we can check our hearts in our relationship with Him is through our prayer time. First, the true remnant devotes time to pray every day; but what should those prayers look like?

For a prime example of how to pray effectively for God's perfect will, we first look at the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. (NKJV) Right out the door we see exaltation to our Father in heaven professing that His name is to be kept Holy. (It is all about Him.) Then what do we see for our learning? *"Your kingdom come, Your will be done."* (Again, it is all about Him.) The only petitions pertaining to self in this prayer are *"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."* If we have the daily bread (the Word of God) and partake of it (this is vital), then we keep ourselves from the wicked one, and he cannot touch us. 1 John 5:18 When we pray in this manner, we are taking self completely out of it. This is a maturity that the remnant walks in daily.

Let's look also at the example that Paul gave us of effectively praying over each other in Ephesians 1:17-19. (NKJV) Again, we see that the prayer is opened with exalting *"the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory."* The petition is that His people would receive *"…spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him."* (Do we see the similarity here as this again is all about Him?) The next petition is that *"…the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling…"* (His calling; not ours). Then we have *"…what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints…"* (Notice the focus is still on Him). Then we have *"…what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe…"* (His power!) Finally, it is all *"…according to the working of His mighty power."*

Since it is all about His will being done, to be effective in prayer, our prayers for the remnant must be focused on Him and nothing about ourselves. Oh, to pray and believe for all of Him and less of us!



SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God…"
Romans 8:15-16 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

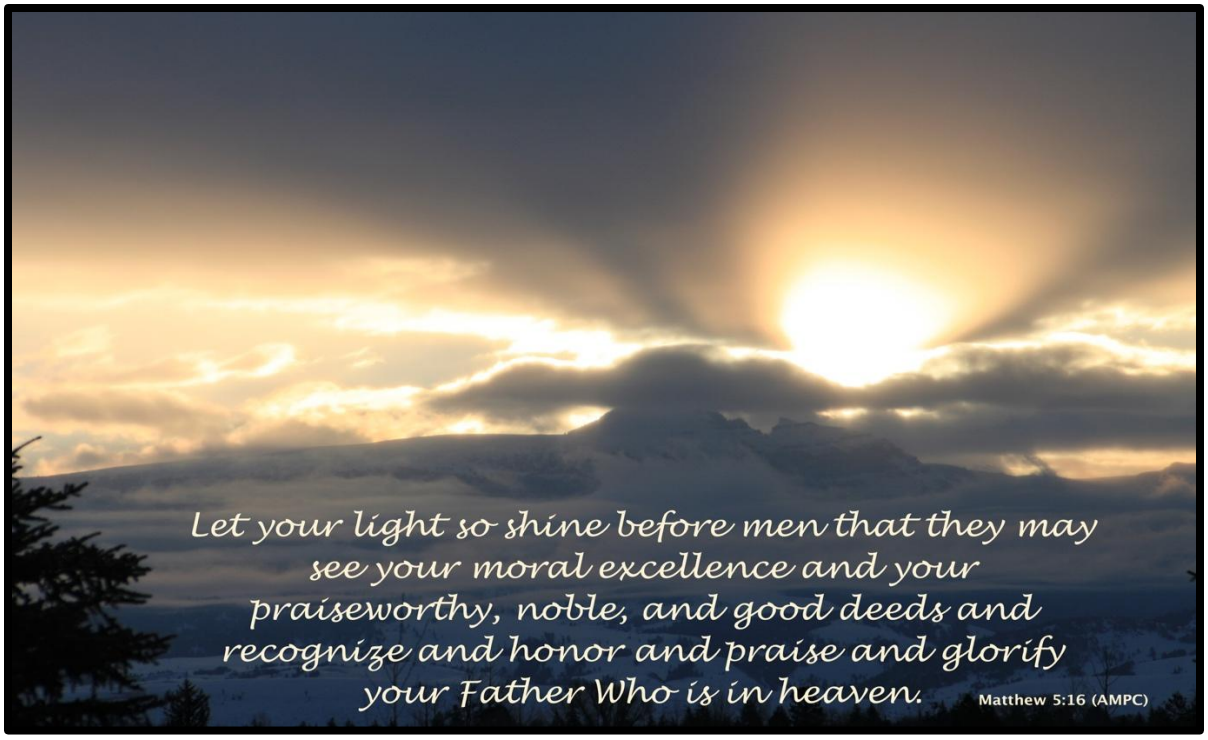
Remnant we all know in the natural that despite the fact an adopted child may partake of any and all privileges of their family, this child has not been born or "begotten" in the family. However, things are different in the realm of the spiritual side, for *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* John 3:6 (KJV) The subjects of Romans 8:15-16 have become born of the Spirit and are now sons of God through spiritual generation. It is through this grafting process that we are now able to call God our "Abba Father," and we possess the sonship Spirit!

"…God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Galatians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

Abba is an Aramaic word which has still been preserved in the Greek in portions of God's Word, and it means Father. It has been said that slaves were never allowed to use the word *Abba*. We, as the remnant, are not slaves but sons and daughters of God through Christ, for we have received the gift of the divine nature. Moreover, we freely have this intimacy with God as our very own "Abba Father." He knows what we have need of before we ask. Matthew 6:8 He provides all our needs. Philippians 4:19 He even answers us before we call! Isaiah 65:24

"And He [Jesus] *said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."* Mark 14:36 (NKJV)

We, like our joint-heir Jesus, are also declared as sons of God,
for our hearts want nothing less than our Abba Father's perfect will!



TO BE A LIGHT WE CANNOT BE DIM

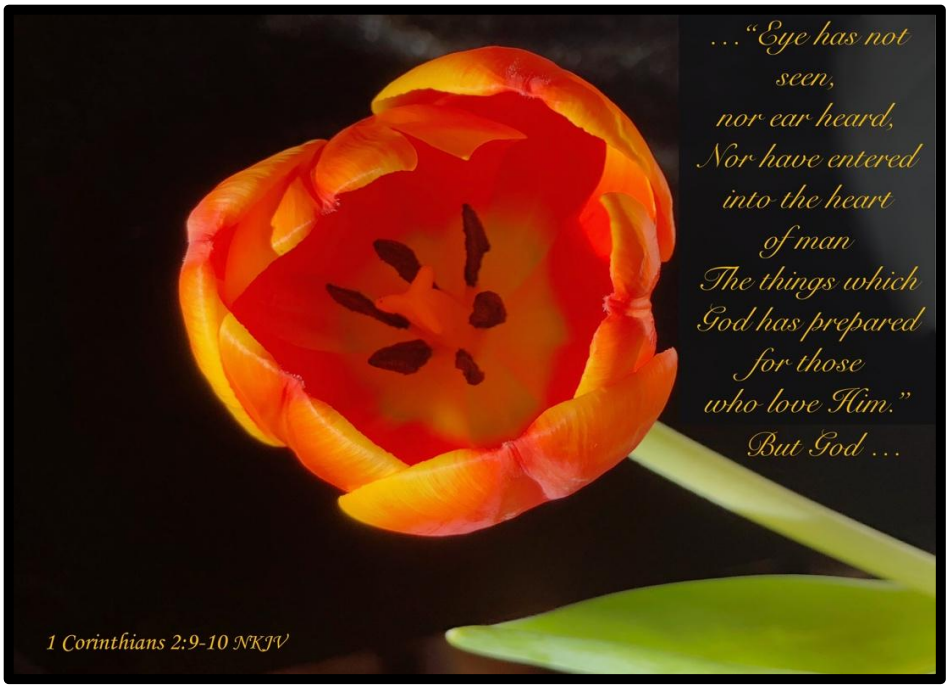
" Let your light so shine before men,that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have all been called to be the light of the world. Today let's be reminded of how we continue to keep our lights burning bright!

In Matthew 5:16 we are instructed to "*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works..."* In the Greek the word *good* here is *kalós* (Strong's #2570) and it is: attractively good; <u>good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy)</u>; i.e. <u>well done so as to be winsome (appealing)</u>. When people see these types of good works, they KNOW that this is something from the Father, for it provokes them to follow suit. The only way we can do this is by having time alone with the Father.

Remember, Jesus often went to the mountains, solitary places, and the wilderness areas <u>to have time alone with God</u>. This time enabled Him to rebuild His strength in order that He may continue to be the light of the world. Ephesians explains it this way, *"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [<u>be empowered through your union with Him</u>]; <u>draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]</u>."* Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC)

Peter explains it this way, *"Whoever speaks, [<u>let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God</u>; whoever renders service, [<u>let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly</u>, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah)…."* 1 Peter 4:11 (AMPC) If we want to speak effectively, <u>then we must go first to the Father, so He may provide the oracles</u>. If we want to serve Him, <u>then we must go to Him and be refreshed with His abundant strength</u>! We know people by their fruits, right? Well you can always tell if someone has their time alone with the Father or not. There is a supernatural radiance about them that can only be a direct result of Shekinah glory! We become empowered by our union and communion with Him! This is the only way that we can overpower the darkness and continue to effectively minister to those around us. When we have this time alone with the Father, the strength that we are receiving is His strength, power, might, and dominion! This truly is the only effective way to be a light!



FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE UNSEEN

"*Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit,*
for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything,
even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny]" 1 Corinthians 2:10 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, just what is this scripture referring to that God has revealed to us? The answer lies just before this verse. He has revealed to us *"… What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him…"* 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (AMPC)

He has revealed to us everything that is in the spiritual realm. It is only those who have faith that have had these things revealed to them, for *"… faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Do we see the connection here? This is why the natural man has such a hard time with faith because *"… a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."* 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)

1 Thessalonians makes it very clear that we are spirit, soul, and body. There is certainly not enough emphasis on the fact that we are spirit. Not only are we spirit, but we have been born of the Spirit of God, we produce the fruits of the Spirit of God, and we allow God's Spirit to work through us in all the nine manifestations of His Spirit!

Remember this? *"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them…"* Come on, we are of God, and what is God? *"God is Spirit …"* (John 4:24)

Now we have been given the capacity to receive all the things of the Spirit that have been freely given unto us because we are born of the Spirit. There is no mystery too big or revelation too far from our understanding when we too have the mind of Christ!

***"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."* 1 John 2:27 (NKJV)**



COLOGNE OF CHRIST

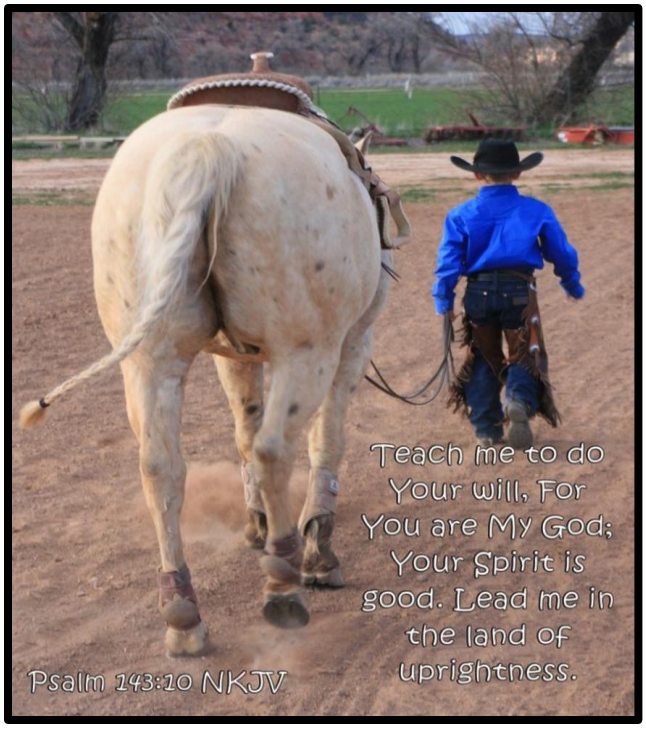
"… having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God."
Philippians 4:18 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that in carnality our sense of smell is one that tends to leave a lasting impression. Even while we are out and about doing our daily routines, we can pick up on a scent, and it can bring back a memory from years ago. This scent can cause us to want to run the other way or it may bring a calming sense to us and a smile to our face! This brings us to a better understanding of what Paul was referring to here in a spiritual sense. His letter was sent to the Philippians, and in it he encouraged them regarding the gifts they had sent, which had such a fragrant aroma and not only that but were well-pleasing to God.

"But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere, For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ [which exhales] unto God, [discernible alike] among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing…" 2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (AMPC) We too have the ability to carry such a cologne of Christ, which exhales unto God and lingers everywhere we go. When people experience such a scent, they will KNOW that they have in fact been in the presence of God Himself, for we are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

We possess this fragrant aroma just as Christ does, for He is working in us and through us in ministry even today. *"And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma."* Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV) This scent is nothing that we have brought upon ourselves, but it is Christ in us, which is the hope of Glory to all around us!

MAY HIS LASTING SCENT IN OUR LIVES LINGER TO ALL WHOM WE ENCOUNTER!



WHEN YOU ARE HOLY SPIRIT LED, YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL

"As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet;
and I heard Him speaking to me." Ezekiel 2:2 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here again in Ezekiel we see that the Spirit and the Word of God are working together! The scripture plainly reads, "*As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me …"* It is noticeably clear that since God is Spirit (John 4:24) His Word would unleash His Spirit to flow freely!

It is important to take note that the Spirit of the Lord is not bound, therefore His Spirit will not go where He is not welcome or where there are restrictions (i.e., traditions) of man already in place. Why is this? Well first, His Spirit is a gentleman, and He never forces Himself upon anyone. Secondly, when His Spirit is welcomed to have free course, then He can move freely and show Himself to be strong. Therefore, it is pertinent that we are conscious to never quench the Spirit of God, either knowingly or in ignorance. When His Spirit is welcomed to work with His Word, this is when we see creative miracles and all manner of the impossible accomplished!

It is up to us to welcome His Spirit and not quench it, to continue to bring His Kingdom life upon earth as it is in heaven! For a perfect example of this, let's look at Paul's ministry. Paul describes his ministry like this: *"And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom …"* And how exactly was Paul able to achieve this language? Well, it was not Paul at all who achieved it, rather it was the Holy Spirit in him, because he welcomed it. "… *but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them]…"* This type of ministry has one sole purpose; it is in order that the faith of people would *"… not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God."* 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (AMPC) Praise God, we will never fail in the leading of the Holy Spirit!

***"And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]."* 1 Corinthians 2:13 (AMPC)**



YES FATHER, WE ARE READY AND WILLING

"*…the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.*" 1 Samuel 3:4 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there are so many instances in God's Word set forth as our examples of how we are to answer God when He calls to us, and then be prepared for whatever He has called and chosen us to do. In Samuel we even see that it doesn't matter how young you are, for God is not a respecter of persons. He only desires a willing, accessible vessel.

"…God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I." Exodus 3:4 (KJV)

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)

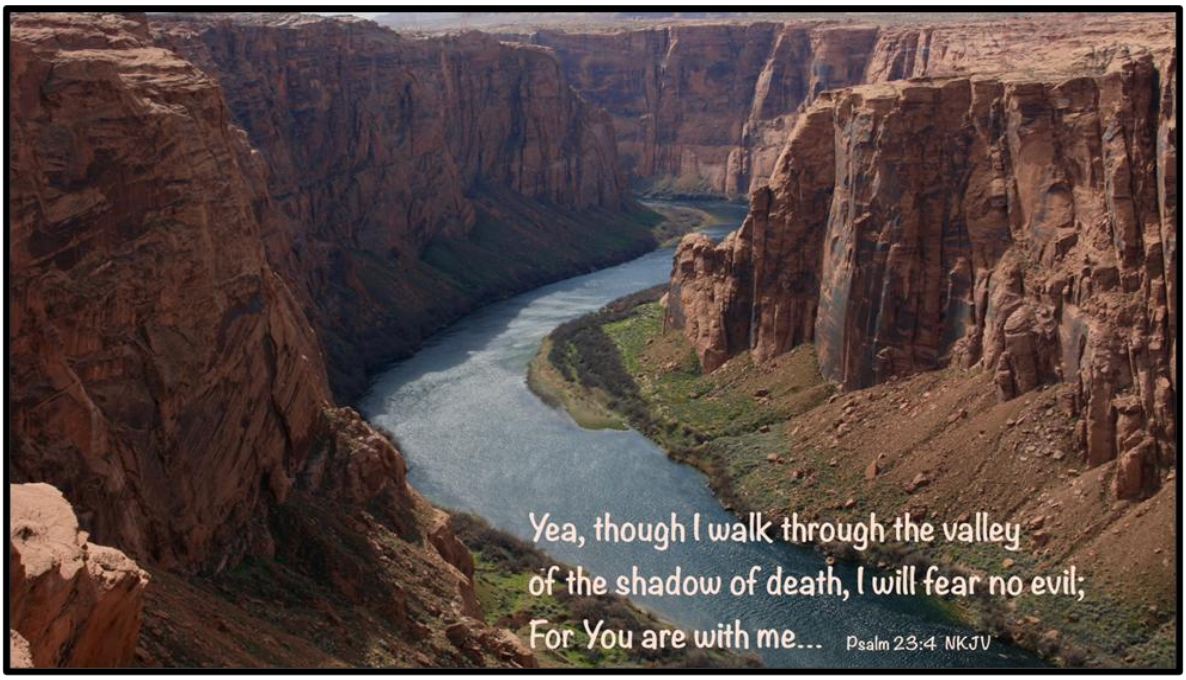
Now, here in Timothy, we are to be prepared in season and out of season, and this by no means is intended to be a scripture that only applies to those who routinely preach God's Word, for we **all** are supposed to preach the Word of God! *"…preach the word; be ready **in season and out of season**; correct, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction*." 2 Timothy 4:2 (NASB)

Through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter gives us some sound advice here: *"… DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE IN DREAD, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect…**"* 1 Peter 3:14-15 (NASB)

We should desire divine appointments in our lives daily and be ready to give God's Word to those in need. Remember, we live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, so this is nourishment. If we saw someone hungry in the natural, we would not go get someone else to feed them. No, we would feed them. The same applies to God's Word.

*"**Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God—***
***[to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book**."*
Hebrews 10:7 (AMPC)

We must stay prepared to fulfill what is written of us!



GOD IS WITH US; ENOUGH SAID

"How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that the meaning of Emmanuel is: God with us! Yes, that is all we need! Jesus was anointed BY GOD, and God was with Him to enable Him to do all that He did. In fact, Jesus said, *"… Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way."* John 5:19 (NASB) He even goes on to show us His reliance on the Father in John 14. *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power)."* John 14:10 (AMPC)

God is with us just as He was with Jesus! It is for this reason that Jesus said, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* John 14:12 (NKJV) Did we catch that? We can do greater works than Jesus *"… because He goes to the Father*."

Jesus goes on to tell us, *"For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself …"* It was God who gave life to Jesus! God even raised Jesus from the dead! *"… and He gave Him authority to execute judgment..."* It was also God who gave Jesus authority to execute judgement! *"… because He is the Son of Man."* John 5:26-27 (NASB) Jesus reminds us that He too was the Son of Man, in order that we may receive the revelation that we too (like Jesus) are truly able to accomplish all He did and more, for God is with us!

God gives us life! God also gives us authority to execute judgement. If we are not living the life that He gave in the pattern of Jesus, and if we are not exercising our authority to execute judgement, it is only a fault on our part, for God has already given this to us and He is with us!

***"For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God…."* 2 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)**



O YE OF LITTLE FAITH

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we dive into the scriptures for our learning, we will address four key points revealed to us in which Jesus rebuked His disciples. As we take heed to these points and meditate upon them, they will enable us to continue in faith, always pleasing unto the Father.

Jesus told His disciples*, "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*" Matthew 6:30 (NKJV) The phrase, *"O ye of little faith"* here in the Greek is *oligopistos* (Strongs #3640), and it literally means little faith. Further word studies describe *oligopistos* as someone dull to hearing the Lord's voice or disinterested in walking intimately with Him. In contrast, the goal of life is to receive (obey) the Lord's gift of faith in each scene of our lives. In this scripture it is plain to see that Jesus is rebuking the <u>cares of this life</u>.

Concerning the storms, Jesus also tells His disciples*, "… "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm."* Matthew 8:26 (NKJV) Here we see that Jesus was rebuking <u>fear</u>.

As Peter was coming to Jesus on the water he began to sink. "*And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"* Matthew 14:31 (NKJV) This rebuke was simply for <u>doubt</u>.

Jesus also said to His disciples, "… '*<u>O ye of little faith</u>, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?"* Matthew 16:8 (KJV) This time Jesus rebuked them for <u>reasoning</u>.

Father, in Jesus' name, we forsake and repent of all cares, fears, doubts, and reasonings. In Jesus' name we ask that <u>as we continue in Your Word,</u> our faith would increase and multiply! Amen!

***"… whatsoever is not of faith is sin."* Romans 14:23 (KJV)**



DEATH ALWAYS RIDES THE PALE GREEN HORSE

"So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth." Revelation 6:8 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in staying with a rightly divided Word of God, we are opened to new levels of revelation, and we can see just how perfectly the Word of God fits together. To continue in a rightly divided truth through God's Word, it is necessary to return to the original Hebrew and the Greek.

The pale horse spoken of in Revelation 6:8 above is not actually what many imagine it to be. The word *pale* here in the Greek is *chlóros* (Strongs #5515) and means: green, pale green. This word *chlóros* is only used three other times in God's Word; Mark 6:39, Revelation 8:7, and Revelation 9:4. If you go back and look at those scriptures, you will see that each of those deal with green grass. Now grass is earthly, right? *"All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away…"* 1 Peter 1:24 (NKJV)

Now, moving on a bit further, the name of the rider on this green horse was Death, right? In the Greek this word *Death* is *thanatos* (Strongs# 2288) meaning death, physical or spiritual. Putting this all together, we can plainly see how it is a carnal, earthly nature (the green horse) that carries physical and spiritual death (the rider). *"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."* Romans 8:6 (NASB) The word *death* here is also *thanatos.* Do we remember the authority that was given to the rider on the green horse? *"…power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth."* This ties perfectly together as always. Green is not a fitting color for a horse, nor is a carnal mind fitting for His people. Be encouraged to walk in the Spirit now more than ever before and cease from carnality, dwelling in the spiritual realm!

"For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever." **Romans 8:13 (AMPC)**



ARE YOU A MARY OR A MARTHA?

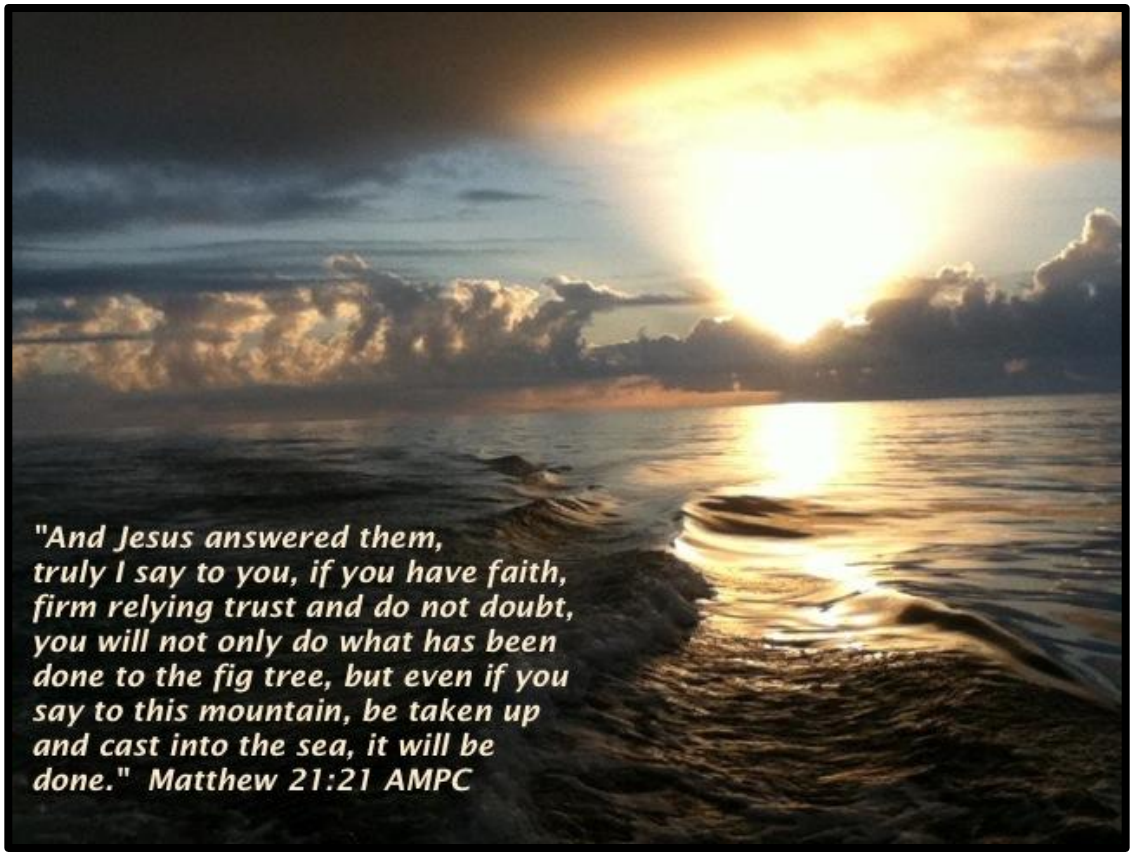
"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." John 6:27 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all have a lot to learn about the passage with Mary and Martha found in Luke. It reads as follows: *"Now it happened as they went that He* [Jesus] *entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him* [Jesus] *into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."* Luke 10:38-40 (NKJV) Now, yes indeed, we should serve the Lord Jesus; however, sometimes if our heart is not right, it does not provide the service that is required.

At this moment Martha is now focused completely on Jesus, awaiting His response to her petition. To Martha's surprise Jesus tells her, *"Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."* Luke 10:41-42 (NKJV) Think about this for a moment. Martha has been toiling in her own service to the Lord Jesus, being anxious concerning things in the flesh, which she believed really mattered. However, what is this ONE THING that the Lord Jesus told Martha that she was lacking? What was this good part that Mary had chosen, which set her apart from Martha? What is it that Mary now possessed that will never be taken from her? While Martha was being distracted by her dead works, which in her carnal mind were somehow benefitting the kingdom of God, Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet, hearing God's Word. The Word was birthing faith in her, as she comprehended it within her heart, for faith comes by hearing the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)

The price has been paid, the blood has been shed, now it is time to serve the living God by remaining in His Word. Without His Word we will never have the faith required to serve Him, and everything else is dead works.

"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
Hebrews 9:14 (NASB)



PETER DID IT, AND WE CAN TOO!

"…Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Matthew 14:28 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we look at this verse, we will tackle yet another verse that has seemed to paralyze the true destiny of the body of Christ today. In the context of this scripture, we read that the disciples were obeying what Jesus had told them to do by getting in the boat. However, a powerful storm had presented itself, and fear began to fill the hearts of the disciples as they saw Jesus walking on the water, and they believed He was a ghost. (Matthew 14:22-26)

We must remember that all the disciples were in the boat, and all were full of fear. (These same disciples just witnessed Jesus miraculously feeding the 5000+ people!) Then what happens? *"But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."* Matthew 14:27 (NKJV)

We see it was up to this point that all the disciples were full of fear; however, for the study today we take special note of Peter's response to Jesus' comforting words. *"And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."* Matthew 14:28 (NKJV) The question for us today is "What made Peter think that he could do what Jesus did?" It was his faith in the Word. Jesus is the Word of God. We cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word. Too many people focus on the fact that Peter failed, when he looked more at the storm and less at Jesus (THE WORD). We must remember that Peter went on to do greater works than Jesus, for God used Peter's shadow to heal people (Acts 5:15). This was never mentioned concerning Jesus. This is not to bring Jesus down to our level but to remind us that we should be at His level; it is scriptural. BELIEVING is the only requirement.

"I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father." **John 14:12 (KJV)**



WE PRAISE HIM CONTINUALLY WITH SONGS IN THE NIGHT

"Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry out for help because of the arm of the mighty. But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night,"
Job 35:9-10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there are many who are going through multitudes of oppressions right now, and since every scripture in God's Word is for our learning, we begin to see a solution to this problem here. We see as we read further in Job 35 that *"… God will not listen to empty talk, Nor will the Almighty regard it."* Job 35:13 (NKJV) As many people face situations, they begin cry out to God with empty talk, mainly confessing the problem. Their prayers and decrees may sound something like, "God you know I am going through this, and the devil is ruining my finances, family, job, etc." Or maybe something like this: "God, I would have never gotten here if You had not told me to. You know I cannot take this." What is this kind of talk? It is empty talk. God desires for us to have our minds renewed in His Word and be solution-minded, rather than problem-minded. What is the solution? The solution, in addition to praying His Word, is that we give heed to the beginning verse above in Job and realize God has given us *"songs in the night"*! Night is symbolic of the darkness, like unto *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death…"* Psalm 23:4 (NKJV) God never said we would not have to go through the darkness; however empty, problem-focused, idle talk that we offer to Him may keep us in this valley until we exercise His solution.

"But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God..." Acts 16:25 (NKJV) We know this story, and how because of their service to God, Paul and Silas were stripped of their clothes, beaten, bound, and put into prison. Then, at **MIDNIGHT**, they chose to pray and sing unto God! Here is a great example of being solution-minded and not glorifying the problem! They had a praise party, which resulted in a miraculous God-ordained intervention, which benefited everyone there. If you need a miraculous God- ordained intervention, give heed to this solution and pray His Word, and praise!

***"…in the night His song shall be with me—A prayer to the God of my life."* Psalm 42:8 (NKJV)**



POSSESSORS OF THE GATES OF OUR ENEMIES

"blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies." Genesis 22:17 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

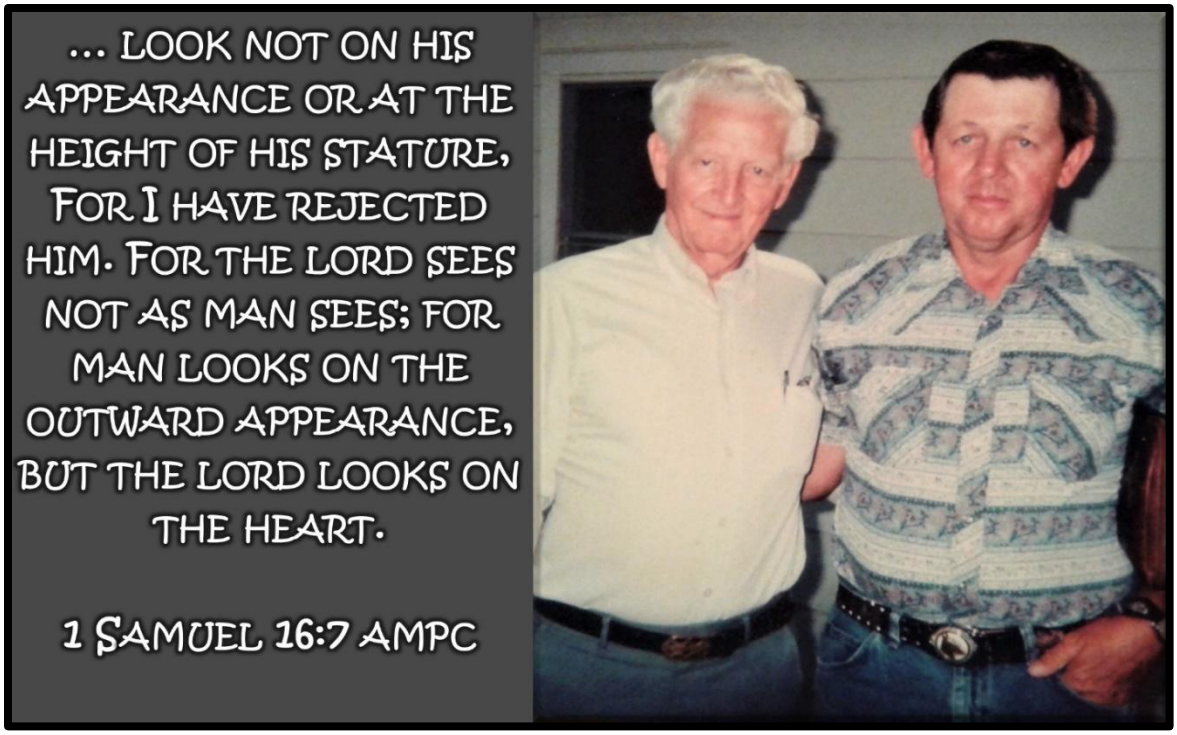
Remnant, as we know, this is the promise that God made to Abraham, but how does this apply to us? Well first we must determine who the seed of Abraham is made up of. Galatians tells us, *"… if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise."* Galatians 3:29 (AMPC) Therefore all who truly belong to Christ are included in the promises made to Abraham, as they are all Abraham's spiritual descendants! We are the royal seed of Abraham! Now let's look at an example of one of Abraham's spiritual descendants who possessed the gates of his enemies, Peter.

We all know how the angel of the Lord came to Peter while he was in prison, and by supernatural power Peter's chains fell off! Then Peter was told to gird himself, put on his sandals and garments and follow him. (Acts 12:8) Then what happened? *"When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city …"* Acts 12:10 (NKJV) Well, they had supernaturally made it past the first and second guards; now the only thing between them and freedom was this iron gate! It stands clear to say that on this day it was confirmed that Peter most certainly was a descendant of Abraham for this iron gate *"… opened to them of its own accord; and they went out …"* Acts 12:10 (NKJV)

Peter was wrongfully placed in prison because of what God had told him to do. Thus, even there in prison Peter was still in the will of God. However, it was not God's will that Peter remain in prison, therefore God (with supernatural force) made Peter a possessor of the gates of his enemies!

No matter what your natural or spiritual gate looks like today, you are a spiritual descendant of Abraham, a joint heir with Christ, and a son of God. As you step out in faith and continue in what God has called you to do with Him, you will possess the gates of your enemies, which are God's enemies!

"… I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)



WE KNOW NO MAN AFTER THE FLESH

"Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer." 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that when we became a new creation in Christ, old things truly passed away. We are no longer born of the flesh, rather we are born of the Spirit. As we know this, we must not take any regard in a person's flesh as far as who they are, according to the flesh, when they are governed by and under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

"But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor (deference, reverence) except in his [own] country and among [his] relatives and in his [own] house." Mark 6:4 (AMPC) Who was Jesus speaking to when He said this? We find in verse one He was in His own country and in His hometown, which was Nazareth. On top of that, verse two explains He was teaching in a synagogue. The ones who did not believe in Him began to say, as He was teaching, *"…Where did this Man acquire all this? What is the wisdom [the broad and full intelligence which has been] given to Him? What mighty works and exhibitions of power are wrought by His hands! Is not this the Carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here among us? And they took offense at Him and were hurt [that is, they disapproved of Him, and it hindered them from acknowledging His authority] and they were caused to stumble and fall."* Mark 6:2-3 (AMPC) What happened? They began to know Jesus after the flesh, and because they knew a lot about Him in the flesh and where He came from, despite having heard Him teach and hearing of the miracles performed, their unbelief came from their acceptance of who Jesus was in the flesh, rather than who He was according to God.

"Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief…" Mark 6:5-6 (NKJV) Oh, what freedom these people would have had if they had only known Jesus as the Son of God, instead of who He was in the natural. These scriptures are for our learning, so that we may never regard anyone according to the flesh when they are governed by the Holy Spirit, whether we know them or not.



WE KNOW GOD'S POTENTIAL IN OTHERS

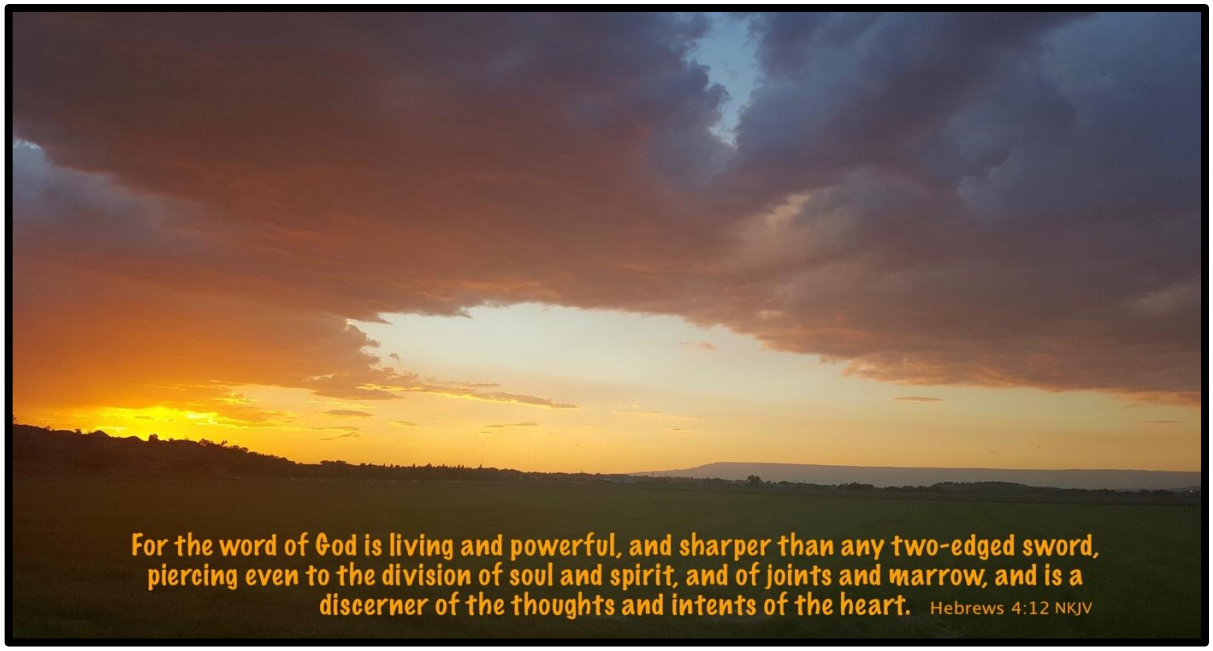
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Remnant, just as we know no one after the flesh when they are governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit, we also are not to know any one after the flesh when they are "…*obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]."* Ephesians 2:2 (AMPC)

Let's look at Saul for instance. When Ananias had a vision of the Lord, he was told to go to Saul and lay his hands on him so that he would receive sight. Yet, Ananias began to "know Saul after the flesh" and reasoned with the Lord saying, *"…Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."* Acts 9:13-14 (NKJV) However, what did the Lord tell Ananias? *"Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."* Acts 9:15-16 (NKJV)

God knew Saul's destiny, for He knew Saul's heart, right where he was BEFORE he became Paul. Saul grabbed ahold of his purpose and calling in life, and *"…Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ."* Acts 9:22 (NASB)

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness…" Ephesians 6:12 (KJV) Here is a gold nugget of wisdom from God's Word that we must keep in mind: *"…for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV) Though to some it may be a surprise to learn whom God will choose, it will not surprise the remnant, for we see God's potential in people when others do not.



GOD'S WORD IS INERRANT

"The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

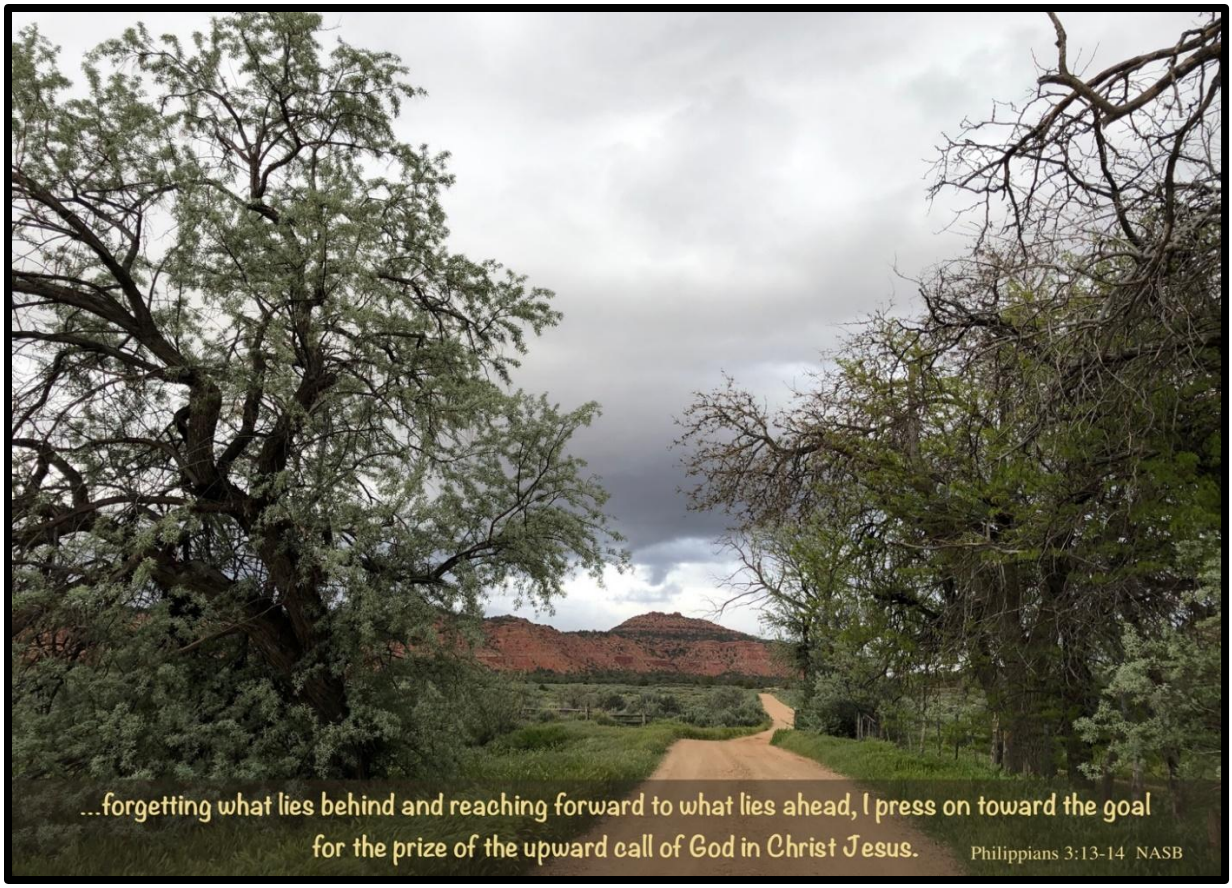
Remnant, it is a true believer that knows the Word of God is inerrant. Inerrant means incapable of being wrong. Now, where can you find that in the world? Nowhere! God's Word is the only thing in this life that we can always count on; it is perfect.

When the rich young ruler called Jesus "good," immediately Jesus rebuked him saying, "...*Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God."* Mark 10:18 (NKJV) In the Greek this word *good* is *agathos* (Strong's #18) and is defined as intrinsically good, good in nature, good whether it be seen to be so or not, the widest and most colorless of all words with this meaning. Wow, it says good whether it be seen to be so or not! God's Word is always good, whether it may be perceived as so based on what is in a person's heart.

"What if some did not believe and were without faith? Does their lack of faith and their faithlessness nullify and make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity [to His Word] By no means! Let God be found true though every human being is false and a liar …" Romans 3:3-4 (AMPC) Just because a person may not believe God is incapable of being wrong, and they refuse to trust in His infallible Word, this does not mean that His Word is not true. What is true is that humans are proven to be wrong every day; however, there has not been a day in which God's Word has ever been proven wrong.

Some people remain skeptical because they have never really put God's Word to the test. Or maybe they did for a time period but then gave in when their faith was pushed a little more than they wanted; but the true remnant knows God *"… will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."* 1 Samuel 15:29 (NASB) Some people refuse to even ask God for His promises because some of His promises are contingent on their repentance, and frankly, they are not willing to completely "sell out" of the old nature, so therefore they miss out completely on the goodness of God! But we are assured:

***"As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested and tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge and put their trust in Him."* Psalm 18:30 (AMPC)**



NO SLACKERS HERE

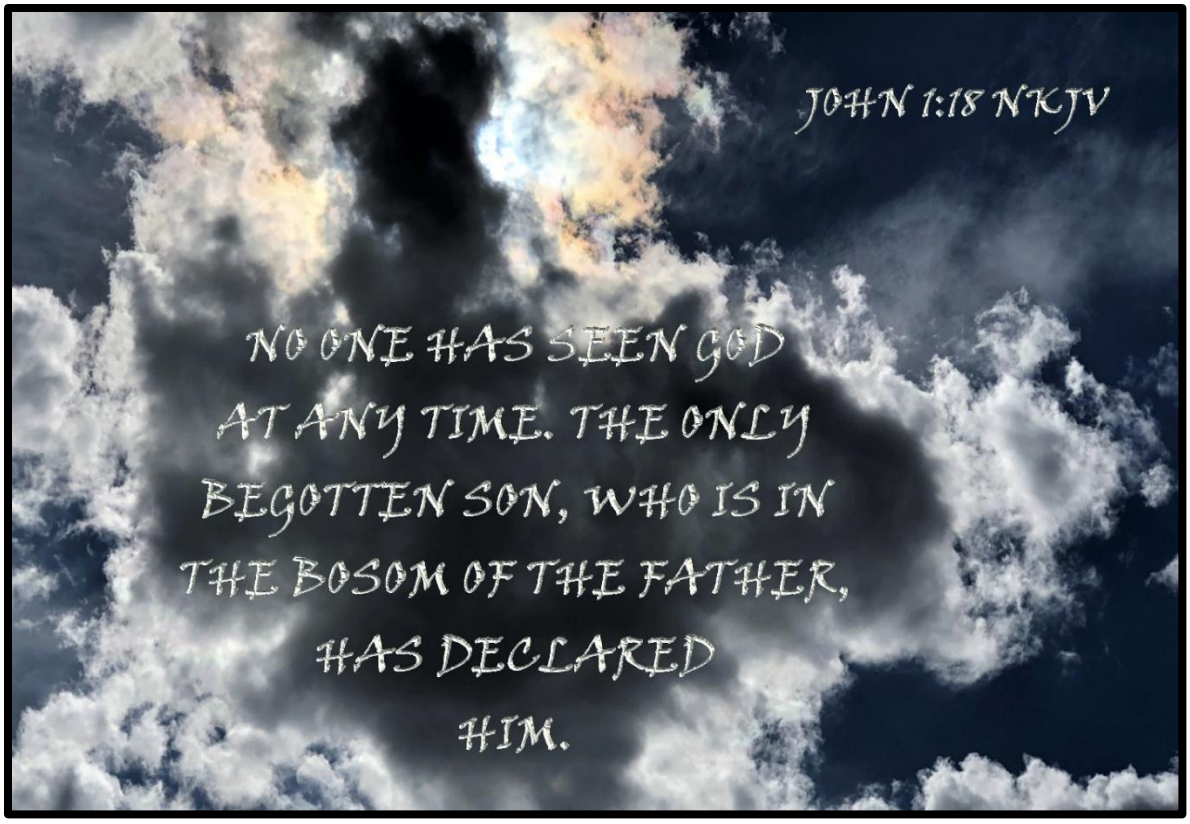
"But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him.
For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists
and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."
Hebrews 11:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God requires non-stop progress in the life of faith, for His Word says, *"… whatever is not from faith is sin."* Romans 14:23 (NKJV)

Jesus gave us some powerful words of life when He told Peter, *"… Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. <u>But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail</u>…"* Luke 22:31 (NKJV) Satan knows all too well that <u>IF</u> he can get people into fear, doubt, and worry, then he has them. For in those moments of overwhelming fear we are not pleasing to God, and it gives way for lying imaginations that satan has placed in our heads to come to life. It is for this reason that Jesus prayed that through the sifting of satan, Peter's faith would NOT fail. But, ultimately, Jesus knew Peter's faith would not fail, for He went on to say, *"…<u>when</u> you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."* Luke 22:32 (NKJV)

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 (NKJV) To continue progressing in faith, one must continue progressing in the Word of God. Progressing on was one of the many points that Paul expressed, as He was led by the Holy Spirit. Paul said, *"Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own."* Philippians 3:12 (AMPC) When we press into the Word of God, we are progressing into faith. There are no man-made books that can produce the faith that God has intended for us to have. The faith He intends for us to have is the faith that believes for things even when we do not see them. This faith believes in accordance with His Word and brings His will into completion.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
***for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes …"* Romans 1:16 (NKJV)**



THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

Let's take this a bit further. In the Greek, *the Word* here is *logos*. This indicates that just as the spoken Word reveals an invisible thought, the Living Word also reveals an invisible God.

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24 (NKJV) We must realize what God is not, in contrast with what He is, in order to rightly divide this. We see here that God is Spirit or *pneuma*, denoting that He is indeed not of flesh, carnal, natural, or earthly material.

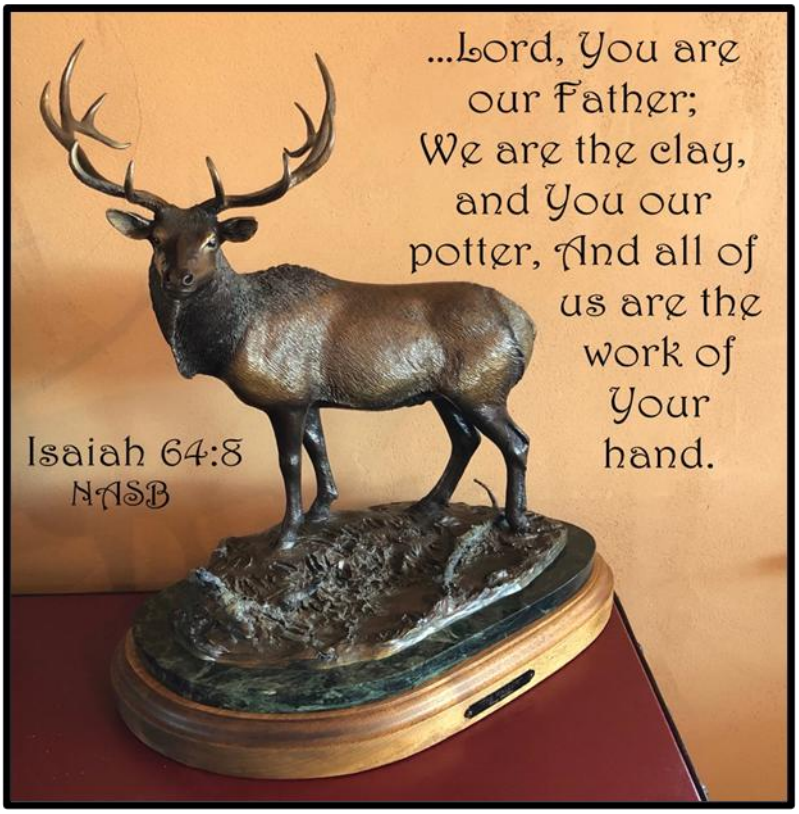
We must remember the reason God sent His only Son Jesus in the first place. "*So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him."*
Isaiah 59:15-16 (NKJV)

Yes, it was that His truth was lacking, and He found that a mediator was indeed necessary, for God loves His people. He is not willing that ANY should perish because of a lie, just as the downfall of man occurred when Adam and Eve believed a lie.

"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;" 1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV) Jesus was sent by God as our mediator.

For a mediator to be necessary, there must be more than one party involved. In this case we have God and man. Jesus is the go between, reconciling man unto God.

"***Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one***." Galatians 3:20 (KJV)



REPRODUCED FROM A FLAWLESS MASTERPIECE

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that in preparing anything such as a document, audio/video file, or anything else intended for reproduction, we must create a "master" that we will use to continue in making the same replicas. Such a master is thoroughly screened, reviewed, and perfected to create a flawless masterpiece. Over and over the master is put through several screenings, and in some cases even tried. However, once that process is over, it becomes superb, and it is now qualified to be reproduced.

"***Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect****, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation*..." Hebrews 5:8-9 (NASB) God perfected His Son Jesus, the first-born among many brethren, as the Master for us. We read all throughout the gospels that when the disciples addressed Jesus, they always called Him Master.
The true remnant recognizes Jesus as our Master as well. The evidence that Jesus is our Master is manifested when we are doers of the Word of God, and we are practicing doing what we have been told by God's Word. Our minds are constantly renewed daily, by and through the Word of God, as we too go through sufferings and trials.

"*For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy*." Hebrews 10:14 (AMPC) It is by the precious gift of Jesus that we have been perfected and cleansed, and it is nothing we have done.

Let us not ever forget what our Master looks like. Jesus was created by God as our Master, and it is Jesus whom we should be seeing as a reflection of ourselves, as we are perfected in Him.

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)



INCORRUPTIBLE LOVE

"Grace (God's undeserved favor) be with <u>all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying and incorruptible [love]</u>. Amen (so let it be)." Ephesians 6:24 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

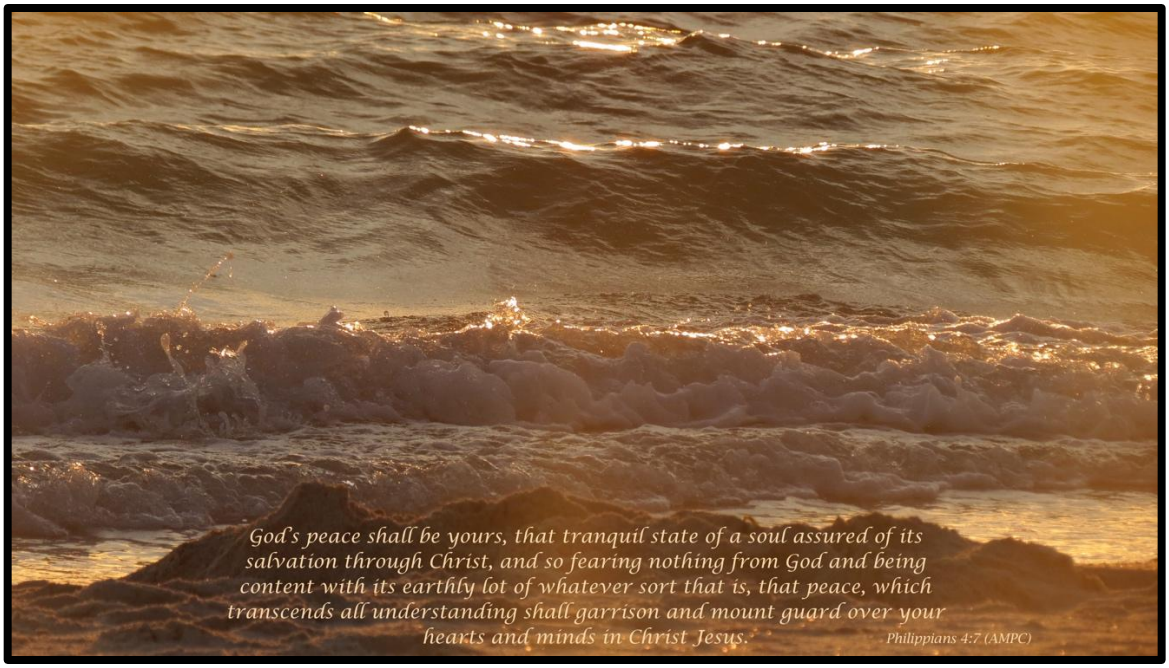
Remnant, the first appearance of the word *love* here in this verse in the Greek is *agapáō* (Strong's #25). In reference to *agapáō* Strong's Helps Word Studies states, *"*with the believer, *agapáō* ("to love") means <u>actively doing what *the Lord* prefers</u>, <u>*with* Him (by His power and direction)</u>. Think about that; actively doing what the Lord prefers, with HIM! True *agapáō* is always *defined by God* – a "*discriminating* affection which involves *choice* and *selection.*"

To go further with Ephesians 6:24 [since we cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word (Revelation 19:13)], we see that Paul was speaking grace over all who "… <u>*love* [agapáō] *our Lord Jesus Christ with undying and incorruptible [love]*</u>*."* Our love is defined by and through our actions, for we know *"… by their fruits you will know them."* Matthew 7:20 (NKJV)

Agapáō is possessed by people who have the mind of Christ. To have the mind of Christ, one must be born of Him (the Word of God). *"having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"* 1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

Once we have become born of the incorruptible Word of God (Jesus), then <u>our love also becomes incorruptible</u>. One definition of incorruptible is: not susceptible to corruption, especially by bribery. Therefore, we are "sold out" to love boundlessly, no matter what circumstances may arise. Another definition of incorruptible is <u>not subject to death or decay, everlasting</u>. This essentially is everything that the Word of God stands for, life everlasting!

"<u>And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world</u>."
1 John 4:16-17 (NKJV)



RECEIVING PERFECT PEACE

"casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, consider this, when you go to cast a line out to fish, you always look forward to the direction in which you are casting, right? When we cast our care upon God, we must look to Him. We must focus our mind in His direction.

"You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You." Isaiah 26:3 (AMPC) When we are looking in His direction, we are saying, "God we trust You, we lean on You, and our hope is completely and totally in You."

"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so," Romans 8:6-7(NASB) This is exactly how we experience the perfect peace, the peace that completely and totally surpasses all human natural understanding. Our focus is 100% on Him and not directed at the circumstances. His power, not our helplessness. His strength, not our weakness. His wisdom, not our foolishness. His ability, not our inability.

Our carnal, natural minds are constantly working against the Holy Spirit that is at work in us. However, when our minds are less on the natural, we then tap into that supernatural realm, where <u>we are focusing on Him, and nothing else matters</u>. This is the point at which we are able to receive the promise of perfect peace, and we truly see we have joint seating with Christ Jesus! That is something to shout about!

"And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."
Ephesians 2:6 (AMPC)



GOD'S EXPECTED END ALWAYS ENDS IN PERFECTION

"… I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you" Philippians 1:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if you have ever looked at the bottom of an unfinished quilt it can look very rough with threads hanging all over it. The bottom side of an unfinished quilt from a natural viewpoint can look very ragged and messy. We must remember that God is still working in us, through every trial we are learning. "*for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure*." It is during these times of God working in us that we must remember the next verse still applies; it reads, "*Do all things without complaining and disputing,"* Philippians 2:13-14 (NKJV)

Now as we go through things, and we are strengthened for the future, we must remember that we are still in the bible days, and God is using us and perfecting the work that has been started in us. He is constantly at work in us developing and perfecting all areas in which we have been marred and disfigured. Some of these areas include rejection, fear, loneliness, oppression, anger, bitterness, and the list goes on and on. He is bringing His finished work into full completion for His intended purposes!

"*Strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it)*." Hebrews 13:21 (AMPC)

Though many times we may see that our progress still looks like the bottom of that ragged unfinished quilt, we can rest assured there is still hope that as we continue in His Word, He is perfecting and finishing the work that He began in us. However, remember He can only work with a willing heart. We must allow Him to have His perfect work in us, by and through His Word and His Spirit daily, as we enter His perfection!



FAITH TRAIN

*"…let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **author** and **perfecter** of faith…"* Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God's Word oftentimes compares our choice to live a life for Him to a race, and His Word gives us "keys" on how to be successful in continuing this race. Here in Hebrews we have one of those precious "keys." Many times, to receive the whole meaning of a scripture, not only must we look at what it is saying but also where it is directing. Here we see who we are to look to; and who or what to look away from.

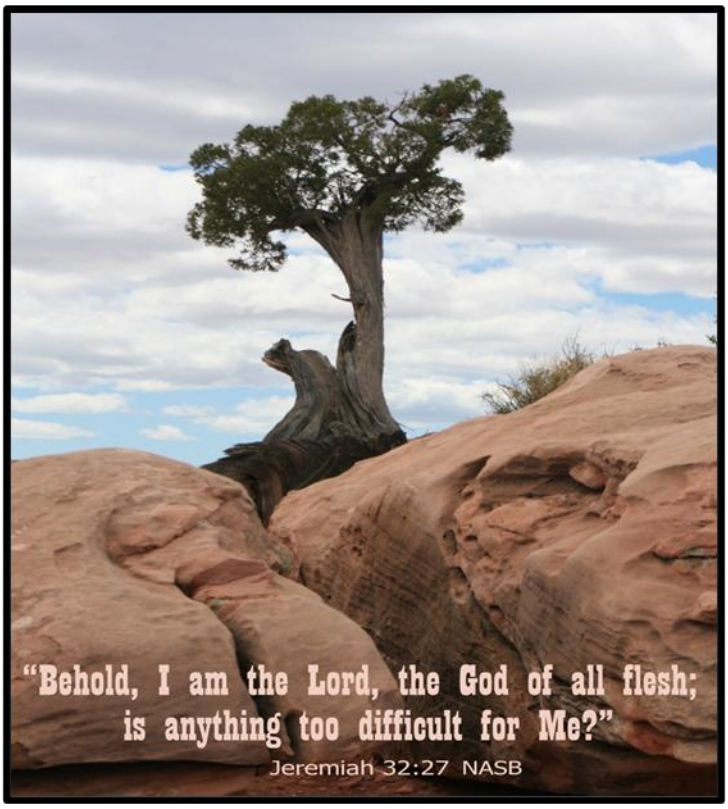
This verse above instructs us to fix our eyes upon Jesus. It is interesting to note that this verse comes right after a whole chapter of many great heroes of the bible, often referred to as the "great cloud of witnesses." Hence what God's Word is explaining to us is that though it may be encouraging to read of their accounts of tremendous faith and how they persevered under pressure, we must not stay focused on them.

The word *author* here in the Greek is *archégos*, which means founder, leader. The word *perfecter* here in Greek is *teleiótés***,** which means a completer, finisher. Therefore, it stands to note that apart from Jesus (**Who is the Word of God**), these heroes of faith would have never had their marvelous experience to note, for faith would never have existed.

Thus, it stands in good reason and remains a vital necessity that we keep our eyes fixed upon the ONE who not only founded faith for us all, but also has the power to complete and finish our walk of faith.

You could say that Jesus alone is the Head of this train containing all the great heroes of faith; and He alone has the power to bring our faith to a wonderous completion! Therefore, not only should we not look unto these mentioned in Hebrews 11, but we must not look to any other person of faith or ministries of faith, else we lose track of the only ONE who can bring us into His completion!

"…the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it]."
1 Thessalonians 2:13 (AMPC)



NOTHING, NO NOTHING, IS IMPOSSIBLE… WITH GOD

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?..." Genesis 18:14 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, too many people these days have lost their confidence in God. Losing confidence in Him is not something that happens suddenly. It comes from not having a close relationship with Him and from a lack of being in His Word, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Today let your faith be increased, as you await the breakthough you once believed would happen. We encourage you to read today's nugget out loud as many times as needed, and let your faith thrive!

Job tells God, *"I know that You can do everything..."* Job 42:2 (NKJV) It was by experience and a close relationship with God that Job KNEW the limitless power of his Almighty God!

Jeremiah declares, *"'Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,"* Jeremiah 32:17 (NASB) Again Jeremiah was able to say this out of the abundance of his heart, based on the trials he faced and the power of a delivering God with whom he had a close relationship. We also read that *"…the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too difficult for Me"*? Jeremiah 32:26-27 (NASB) Certainly not!

To build faith in the people listening, Jesus tells them, with men there are things that are impossible, but with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! (Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27, Luke 18:27) Again, it was by a close relationship with God that Jesus was able to declare this to the people, in full assurance and being fully persuaded, for He counted God faithful in all He had promised.

In continuing in God's Word, we develop that relationship with Him, so that we too have the same confessions as these great men. Put some volume to your confession today, and don't be afraid to let the enemy hear it! *"…I have believed, and therefore have I spoken…"* 2 Corinthians 4:13 (AMPC)

"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (NASB)



BEING DIFFERENT IS NOT EQUATED WITH BEING WRONG

"… there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all."
1 Corinthians 12:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if we are of the Kingdom of God, then we have a part. Scripture makes it very clear that there are many parts. *"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one bod*y." 1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NKJV)

Even though we may have various functions, we all fit together to form the whole body. Even those who are not joined to the body and are not a part of God's kingdom have an overall function in the grand scheme of things. For example, the ungodly gathers wealth for the righteous (i.e. the remnant) who will possess it later. *"For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, <u>that he may give to him who is good before God</u> …"* Ecclesiastes 2:26 (NKJV)

One of the blunders of religion is that of trying to make each part exactly like all of the other parts. As wonderful as the eye is, it would make a horrible toe, right? "*And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you.*" 1 Corinthians 12:21 (NKJV) We must realize that the nature of the body requires various functions be performed for various purposes.

Different functions demand different gifts, beliefs, abilities, understandings, tools, and so forth. We, as the individual parts of the Kingdom of God, do not operate exactly alike. We are neither equipped nor are we expected to be the same. <u>We must remember that being different is not equated with being wrong</u>.

What God has called us for will not make any sense to a carnal mind. Religion has said, "If you are not like me, then you are wrong, and you are not a part." Though we are in unity, still, we do not all understand the same thing in the same way. **This is exactly what enables us to be used by God.**



EXERCISING YOUR DOMINION

"…men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" Luke 18:1 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what is prayer? It is us talking to God, and God is talking to us. It is when we are standing in the gap and taking up the hedge, on the behalf of others.

"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV) God said this! Isn't that sad?

We must understand that man has the earth leased, and God has no right to move upon this planet. That is why He looked for a man that would stand in the gap and take up the hedge. Why? It is because when we begin to intercede and pray, this gives God a right to move. He wants to move; however, He waits for the opportunity. When we move, He moves! That is scripturally sound.

God gave man dominion over the earth, over the fish of the sea and over the foul of the air, and everything that creeps on the earth. God gave man that dominion. The idea is that we need to exercise our dominion. The Son of man, is God in man, working through man, in His dominion. He is in you all, with you all, and through you all. He has always used man to establish what He wants in the earth, and it is the same today. His Kingdom come, His will be done, in earth (our earthen vessels) as it is in heaven. The idea of this is that we must establish God's kingdom.

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV)

First, we establish the Kingdom of God in our vessels. Then, we establish His Kingdom in the earth around us. Those are principles of God, and it cannot be accomplished any other way.

Will you choose to exercise your dominion today?



SANCTIFIED VESSELS OF HONOR

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work." 2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, Jesus proclaimed this, *"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."* John 17:19 (NKJV) Jesus was sanctified in order that we too may be sanctified. Just why are we being sanctified? We are being sanctified in order that we may *"…be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."*

Remember, Jesus has chosen us, for He said, *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."* John 15:16 (NKJV) He then sanctified us, by sanctifying Himself. "… *for their sakes I sanctify Myself*…" John 17:19 (NKJV)

"And in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One)." Hebrews 10:10 (AMPC) Rejoice today, for you are the chosen and elect of God. These are very exciting times for the elect and chosen ones of God to be living in.

The true remnant are His disciples, consecrated and set apart. We are sanctified by His Word daily in our spirit, soul, and body.

"But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 (AMPC)

We are vessels of honor that have been sanctified and prepared for every good work. We are useful to our Master in bringing forth His fruit!



WHOSE REPORT WILL WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE?

"My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change,"
Proverbs 24:21 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is a well-known fact that we become an object of our surroundings. While we need to pray without ceasing for those around us, God's Word clearly states that we should not continue to associate with those who are *"…given to change."* Why is this? It is because *"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."* James 1:8 (KJV)

You see fear moves us backwards; however, faith is always moving us forward! When we KNOW what God's will is (from His Word) concerning a matter, we must stand BELIEVING…UNTIL THE END.

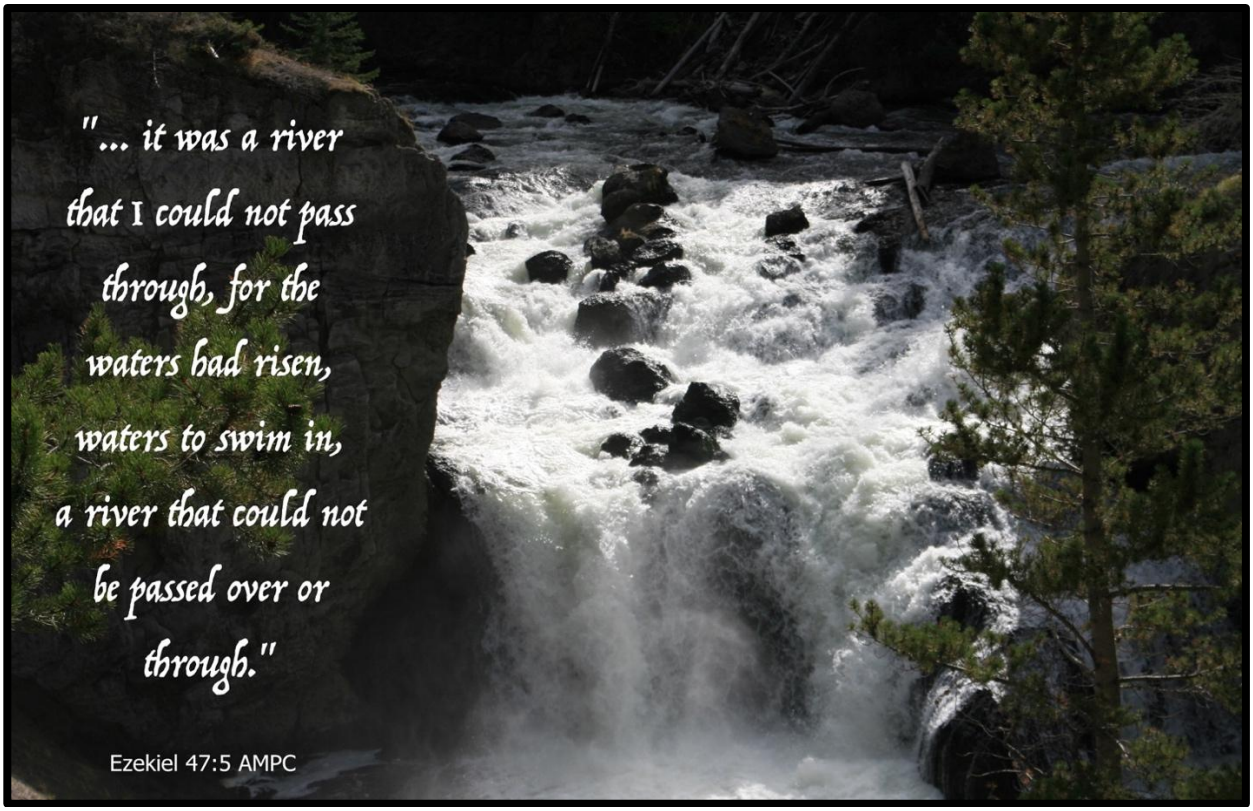
When we are around those who "start the race, full of faith" but then draw back because of their unbelief when things begin to look a bit gray, it can be very easy to compromise with their unbelief.

Since we are born of the incorruptible Word of God, (1 Peter 1:23) it is not an option for us to compromise with those "*given to change.*" *"Like a muddied fountain and a polluted spring is a righteous man who yields, falls down, and compromises his integrity before the wicked."*
Proverbs 25:26 (AMPC)

Keeping company with those who are "*given to change*" will leave us in doubt concerning God's promises. A double-minded person possesses an evil heart of unbelief and can poison God's perfect will being done. Therefore, Elijah said, *"…How long will you falter between two opinions?..."* 1 Kings 18:21 (NKJV)

Should we find ourselves in a relationship like this, we should pray for that person to hear God's Word. (Romans 10:17) However, if they do not desire to be transformed by the renewing of their mind, (Romans 12:2) then we must be aware of the dangers associated in continual fellowship with them, as they are not in unity with us, as we are believing for God's perfect will.

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;"
Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV)



LET THE RIVER FLOW TO ALL WHO BELIEVE!

"Then he said to me, These waters pour out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah (the Jordan Valley) and on into the Dead Sea. And when they shall enter into the sea [the sea of putrid waters], the waters shall be healed and made fresh. And wherever the double river shall go, every living creature which swarms shall live. And there shall be a very great number of fish, because these waters go there that [the waters of the sea] may be healed and made fresh; and everything shall live wherever the river goes."
Ezekiel 47:8-9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

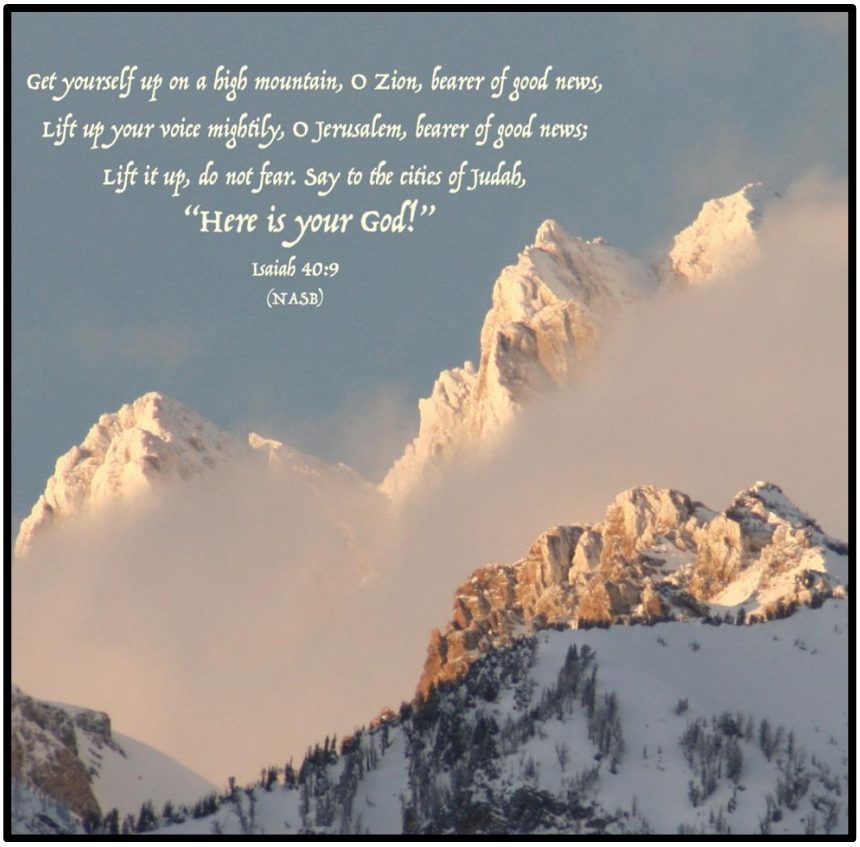
Remnant, we all know that a river is a considerable amount of water which flows into another larger body of water, such as a lake or sea. This passage in Ezekiel is only a type and shadow of what was to come through Jesus!

Since we know that Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1), Ephesians 2:1 explains how Jesus made us alive even when we were dead (like the Dead Sea) because of our trespasses and sin. Therefore, we take special notice in the similarities here in comparison with Ezekiel 47:8-9. Ezekiel explains that "… *when they* [the waters] *shall enter into the sea [the sea of putrid waters], the waters* [the Dead Sea] *shall be healed and made fresh …"*

To put this further in concrete, we remember in Matthew when Jesus healed the man who was paralyzed, He told Him, *"… Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven and the penalty remitted."* Matthew 9:2 (AMPC) The scribes did not approve of this, as we read on. However, Jesus knew the evil that comes only from unbelief in their hearts and asked them, *"For which is easier: to say, Your sins are forgiven and the penalty remitted, or to say, Get up and walk?"* Matthew 9:5 (AMPC) He was telling them that you are no longer dead now, your sins are forgiven, and you may walk freely! The next two verses further demonstrate the truth of what He said, for the man got up and went his way!

Like the river in Ezekiel, wherever Jesus went, all who believed upon Him were healed and made fresh; they experienced total *sózó*! *Sózó* in the Greek is Strong's #4982 and means to save, heal, be made whole."

***"… God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."* Acts 10:38 (NKJV)**



REMNANT, KEEP ON PREACHING THE "GOOD NEWS"!

"…Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel …" Mark 16:15 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that the "gospel" is the good news. Well what is the "good news" about?

It is the "good news" regarding the glory. You see Christ's assignment did not end with His sufferings, rather His glory is filling the earth, and it is coming through His people! *"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea."* Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV)

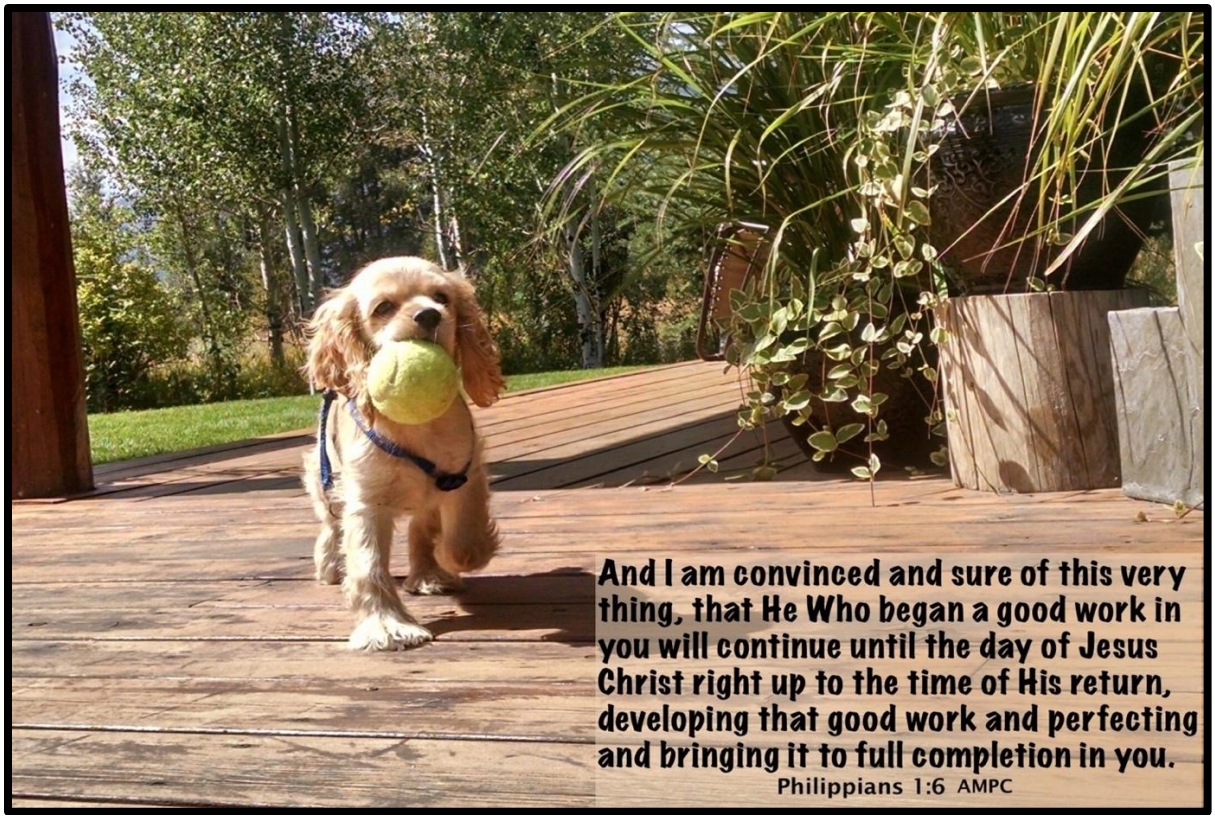
It is the "good news" to those bound with sickness and disease and all manner of infirmities. *"He sent His word and healed them And delivered them from their destructions."* Psalm 107:20 (NKJV)

It is the "good news" to all of us who were lost and unworthy sinners at one time but have now been justified. *"Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives. [All] are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus,"* Romans 3:23-24 (AMPC)

It is the "good news" concerning His people on earth, which make up the Body of Christ, in which we have the Son of God as our glorious Head! *"For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."* Ephesians 5:23 (NKJV) *"so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."* Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

It is the "good news" about our up and coming inheritance, approaching very soon! *"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."* Revelation 21:7 (NKJV)

No wonder God gave the commandment <u>to all His people</u> to preach the gospel; for this is surely only the beginning of the "good news" given to all who are called to believe!



DIVINE COMPLETION IN PROGRESS

"And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you." Philippians 1:6 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

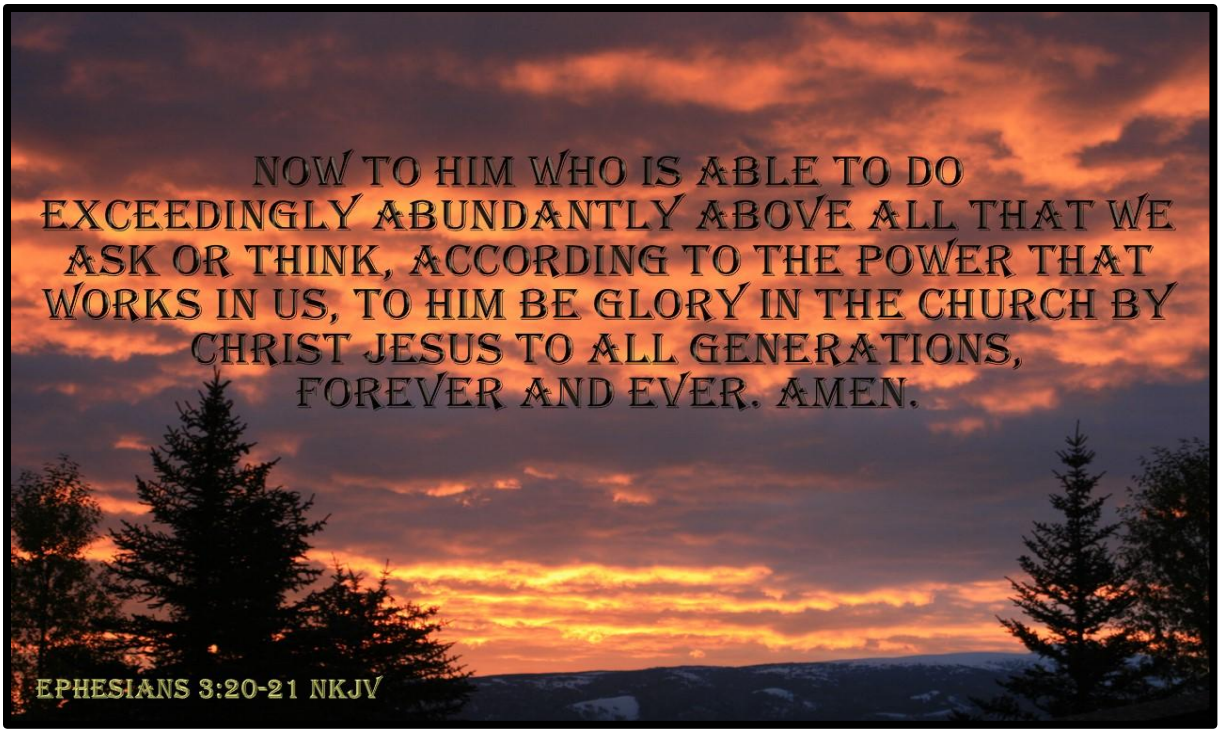
Remnant, are we allowing what God has done for us to bring us into completion in our confidence that He indeed is still at work in us, and His work will never cease?

Yes, there is certainly a battle in the spiritual realm when one makes the decision to totally submit and sell out to God. Upon this decision we become a threat to the enemy and thus must endure the necessary trials which are set forth to work out for our good by bringing us into maturity. All the while during the warfare entangling us, we remain fixed and confident in the absolute fact that God will continue to progress His work in us, bringing it to completion.

Paul reiterates this verse somewhat to the Corinthians, as he tells them, "… *He will establish you to the end [keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."* 1 Corinthians 1:8 (AMPC) That is a pretty good promise!

Many times, if our eyes are not fixed upon the unseen realm, we can see ourselves as not being productive or maybe even sometimes counterproductive in the body of Christ. Dear friend, we must know without a shadow of doubt that *"The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, endure forever—forsake not the works of Your own hands."* Psalm 138:8 (AMPC) God simply will not forsake working on us with His own hands, just as the clay on the potter's wheel. He will certainly bring to completion a unique vessel for His honor, fully complete, lacking nothing.

"For this reason, I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."
2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)



EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE; YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

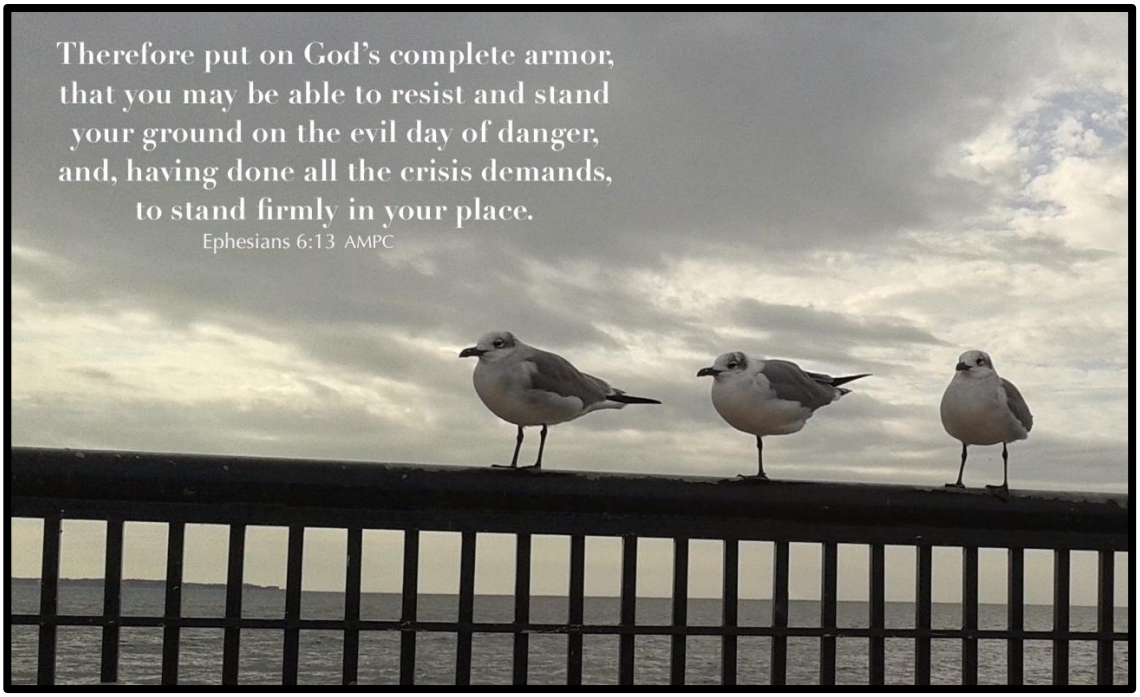
"*Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power <u>that is at work within us</u>, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—…"*
Ephesians 3:20 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as true believers we know that there is NOTHING that God cannot do. However, an important question remains for us today. "Is our believing allowing God to "… *[carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]…"* in the body of Christ? We must remember that believing in His Word activates His Word and that *"… the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes in Him* [Jesus being the Word of God] *<u>will not be disappointed</u>.'"* Romans 10:11 (NASB) Why? When we believe in the truth of His Word, it enables God to fulfill the extent of Ephesians 3:20 and carry out His purposes beyond all our comprehension.

For an example we look at Solomon's request to God here in 1 Kings. *"Therefore, give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil…"* 1 Kings 3:9 (NKJV) Well, how did God respond to Him? *"Then God said to him: 'Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, <u>behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you</u>. **AND** <u>I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days</u>. So, if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, <u>then I will lengthen your days</u>.'"* 1 Kings 3:11-14 (NKJV)

<u>Solomon's prayer was according to the Word of God, for it was selfless and it was benefiting God's people</u>. God is not a respecter of people, so when we pray in this manner, we can expect for God to do just what He did for Solomon, which is limitless! Solomon believed God could give him what he requested, but <u>what he received was beyond his expectation</u>.

Go ahead, ask and believe; <u>you will not be disappointed</u>!



ENDURANCE IN WARFARE

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, but he who perseveres and endures to the end will be saved [from spiritual disease and death in the world to come]." Matthew 10:22 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the word endures in this scripture is *hupomenó,* which is to remain behind when others have gone; also, to keep one's ground or hold out. When one is rooted and grounded in the Word of God, there is a significant amount of spiritual warfare in which they must endure. That would be why Luke wrote this in Acts, *"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."* Acts 14:22 (KJV)

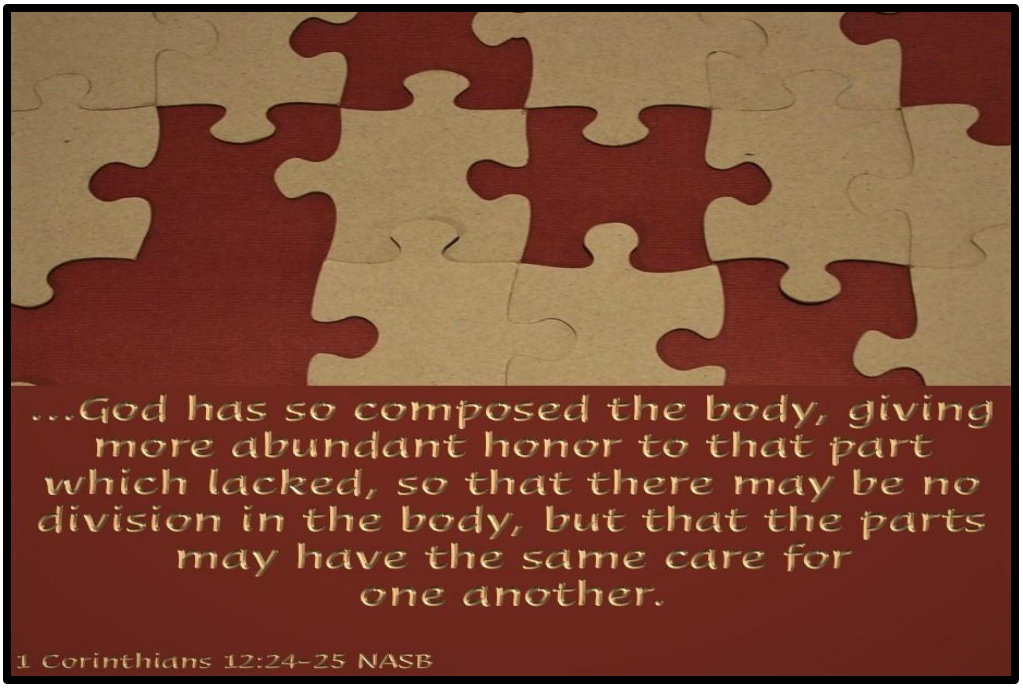
Endurance is key in the success of spiritual warfare. *"But he who endures to the end shall be saved."* Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)

We see this resilient characteristic in Paul in the book of Timothy. "*Therefore I [am ready to] persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory."*
2 Timothy 2:10 (AMPC) The very warfare that Paul was enduring was in fact in perseverance for the sake of the elect, the remnant! Endurance does not just mean putting up with difficulties and accepting them. No, we were never called to accept them; therefore we must fight! Instead, we confidently rise and challenge each difficulty with the Word of God! We are wise to never tempt God, however when we face situations where we are persecuted for God's Word's sake, we can confidently pursue knowing that God is backing us! We stand our ground, we refuse to back down, even if we are alone!

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12 (NASB)

May we be reminded that many who are successful in spiritual warfare are left behind at times; however, it is those who are approved in what they have pursued that will receive the promised crown of life.

Therefore, rejoice today, and ENDURE like you never have before!



THE BODY IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT EVERY MEMBER

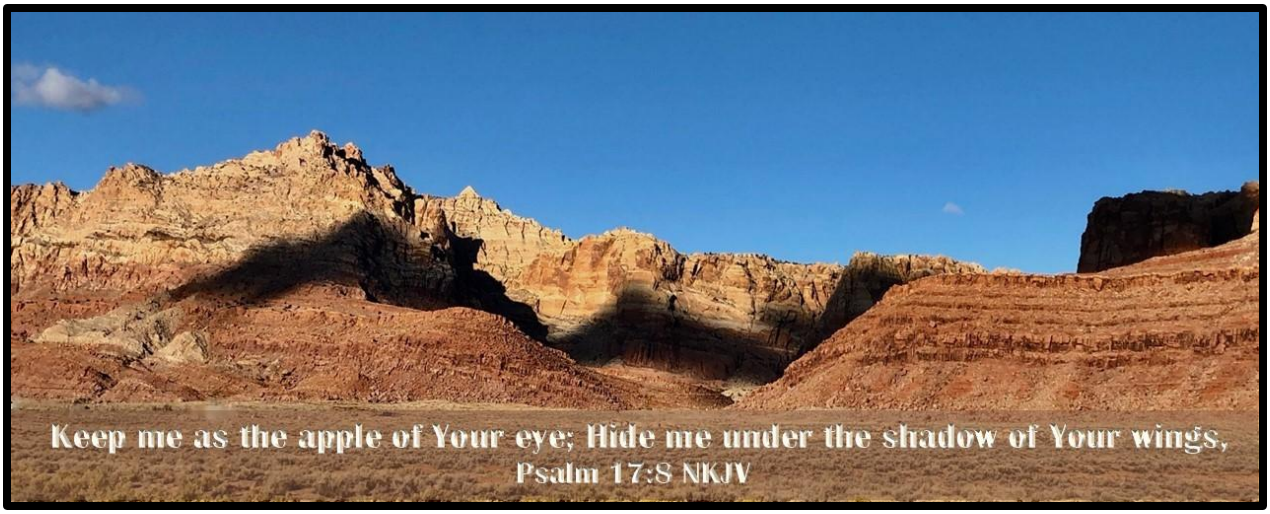
"that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ," Colossians 2:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we continue to renew our minds in the Word of God, we begin to think just like Christ, for we have the mind of Christ. Jesus Christ is our High Priest, and Hebrews gives us an example of His renewed mind here: *"For we do not have a high priest <u>who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses</u>..."* Hebrews 4:15 (NASB)

Likewise, we also should be able to sympathize with the weaknesses of others, right? *"Finally, all [of you] should be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate and courteous (tenderhearted and humble)."* 1 Peter 3:8 (AMPC)

When we prefer one another over ourselves (what we think, feel, say, do, and so on), this is the death of our flesh and the renewal of our mind taking place. Some people have weaknesses in areas where we are strong. Therefore, we may not understand what their problem is, for it is not something that we struggle with. However, the renewed mind does not think that way. The renewed mind says, "You know, God has knit us together in love, and God has called me to be strong for my brother or sister in the areas that they are weak in." *"Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete what is lacking [in your obedience to it*]. Galatians 6:2 (AMPC)

The true remnant knows that the body cannot be complete without EVERYONE! In John, Jesus gives us these words of wisdom: *"I in them and You in Me, <u>that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me</u>."* John 17:23 (NASB) It is Christ in us and God in Christ that perfects us in unity, by renewing our minds to His Word. As Jesus is our example, we are to be an example to others. It is our renewed mind that lays aside all flesh and is determined to *keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* and bear each other's burdens.



UNDER WHOSE SHADOW WILL YOU ABIDE?

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]." Psalm 91:1 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, today let us compare the two seeds. Both seeds are children of God; however, the difference lies in the state of their heart, whether they believe and walk in obedience dwelling in the shadow of the Almighty, or whether they are rebellious, with an evil heart of unbelief, and walk in disobedience in the shadow of Egypt.

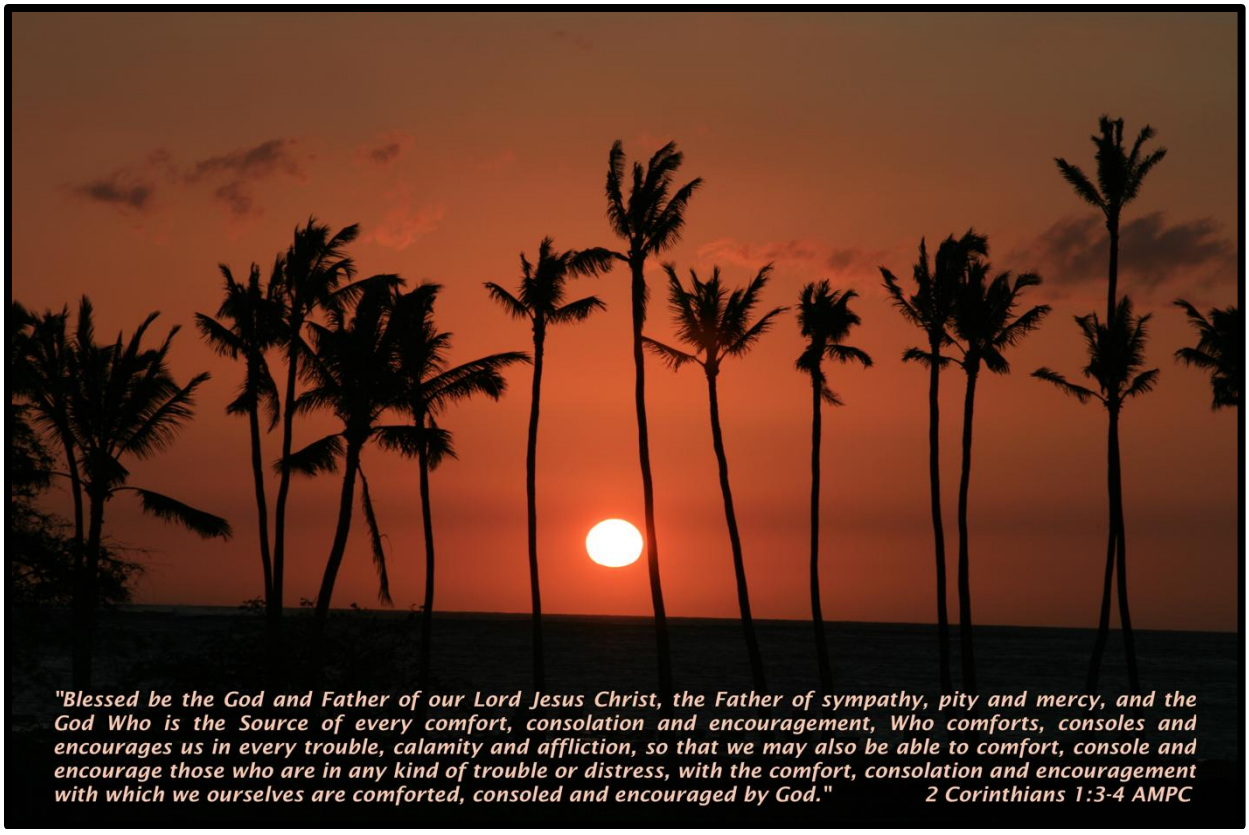
Here we read of the rebellious children, "*Who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked Me—to flee to the stronghold of Pharaoh and to strengthen themselves in his strength and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!"* Wow! Another fine example of how trusting in man (and religion) brings nothing but failure, for we see their future in the next verse. *"Therefore shall the strength and protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt be to your humiliation and confusion."* Isaiah 30:2-3 (AMPC)

Or, how about this word spoken to some rebellious children? *"Look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him."* Isaiah 36:6 (NKJV)

There are many today that say they are "believers" but are trusting in the shadow of Egypt and all the horses and chariots, and even Pharaoh, which will only bring destruction and a false hope.

Then, of course, we have the seed to which we belong. The true believing, obedient children! The ones who have been in Egypt, have come out of Egypt, and have chosen to never return to the bondages of Egypt. We are the ones who have tasted and seen it is far better to dwell in the shadow of the Almighty, where the enemy is disarmed, halted, and rendered powerless, than to abide in the shadow of Egypt.

***"You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah"* Psalm 32:7 (NKJV)**



DWELLING & TAKING REFUGE IN HIS EVERLASTING ARMS

"The eternal God is your refuge and dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms…" Deuteronomy 33:27 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

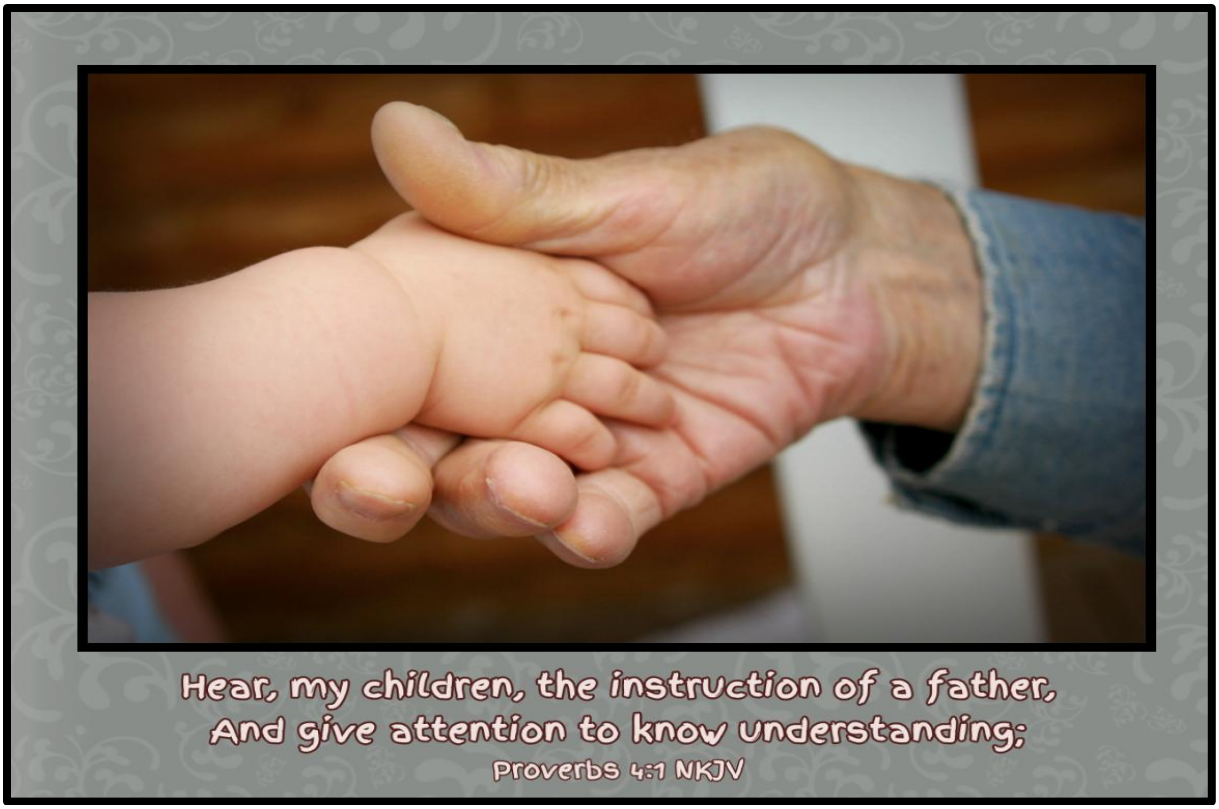
Remnant, did you know that the song, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* was published in 1887 by Anthony J. Showalter and Elisha Hoffman? Showalter was an American gospel music composer, teacher and publisher. He had received letters from two of his former pupils saying that their wives had died. When writing letters of comfort, Showalter was inspired by this scripture above, and wrote the refrain to this song, and asked Elisha Hoffman to write the rest.

"Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent. For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]." Psalm 91:9-11 (AMPC) We see how this goes right along with the first scripture. What we must take note of here is one important key. It specifically reads, "*Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place…"* When we have made the choice to make God our dwelling place and refuge, this is when we are exempt from every attack of the enemy, and Jesus is our Horn of Salvation executing His saving power unto us, our families, and the remnant everyday!

Abiding in the dwelling place of God allows us to experience a supernatural rest during every storm that rages in this life. The natural or carnal mind cannot even begin to understand such a rest. We can remain in the cleft of the rock by praying, believing, and trusting God as each storm passes. Remember when the disciples were out on the boat, and the wind and the waves were contrary to them, they were still in the will of God, for they obeyed what Jesus had commanded them to do. (Matthew 14:22-24)

God gives us two choices everyday: trust in Him, or not. Abide in His everlasting arms, or not. Remain in His dwelling place of rest, or not.

"Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall…"
Hebrews 4:11 (NASB)



REMAINING IN THE HANDS OF THE FATHER

"…In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
John 16:33 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

The remnant truly is born of God and believes that Jesus is the Son of God. So, what kind of life does that hold for us? What should we expect? "*For whatever is born of God is **victorious over the world;** and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith. Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]?*" 1 John 5:4-5 (AMPC) Remnant, we are overcomers, right now!

Here is some real meat for the remnant: Jesus says in John 10:27-29 (NKJV), "*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life*," Just for a moment, we would like to throw out a biscuit here. Eternal life begins now. It is God's will that we should not perish at all, in any way, ever, even now. Nowhere will you find that eternal life should begin in the event a person should die. It is when we truly receive Christ that we receive salvation from everything! Ok, moving on …

*"…and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand***." We, as the remnant, can read these scriptures as rhema, as they apply directly to us, and they are so powerful. When we really meditate upon the fact that there is no way that we can be snatched out of our Father's hands, there is really no reason to fear at all. Let's think about this for a moment. No wonder we couldn't be snatched out of God's hands. Look at this verse: *"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*" 1 John 4:15 (KJV) God dwells in us, and us in HIM. Yeah when we are dwelling in Him, **NO ONE AND NOTHING CAN SNATCH US**! Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You so much for Your Word and for the **power and authority** that it holds! We receive it!

Who can stand against Almighty God? *"...If God be for us, who can be against us*?" Romans 8:31 (KJV)



ABOVE ALL…

"For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind And declares to man what are His thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness And treads on the high places of the earth, The Lord God of hosts is His name." Amos 4:13 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we see, God treads on all the high places of the earth. Then, as if that were not enough, we must understand that we too can be with God in His high place. *"…The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand and share My throne. Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."* Acts 2:34-35 (AMPC)

Stay with me here. You see, God raised Jesus *"…from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet…"* Ephesians 1:20-22 (NKJV) Then God *"…made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"* Ephesians 2:5-6 (NKJV)

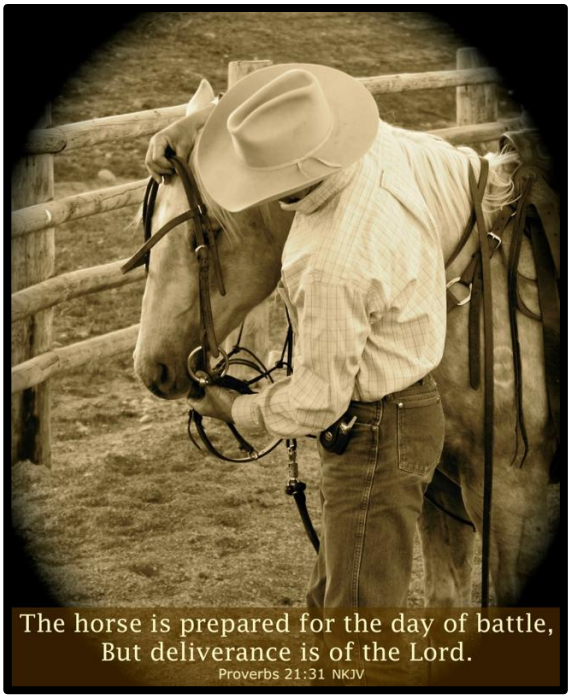
"Marvel not [do not be surprised, astonished] at My telling you, You must all be born anew (from above)." John 3:7 (AMPC) You see, born again in this scripture means born from above. In the KJV it reads born again. When we truly become born again, then we are from above, just as Jesus is.

"He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all." John 3:31 (NKJV)

Since we are above all these high places, what does that mean? It means that the enemy and all his demonic forces are certainly <u>UNDER OUR FEET</u>! Praise God!

"…the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet…" Romans 16:20 (AMPC) How could satan be crushed under our feet, if we were not also higher than the high places in his realm? This is true, remnant, <u>satan is crushed under our feet</u>!

<u>This is our destiny as being doers of God's Word</u>!



NOW IS OUR APPOINTED TIME TO GO BEYOND VICTORY!

"A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till <u>He sends forth justice to victory</u>; And in His name Gentiles will trust." Matthew 12:20-21 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, let us be reminded that in the name of Jesus, <u>God is bringing forth His justice to a complete victory,</u> as we read and pray His Word! Since Christ is our HEAD, we must be reminded, *"I* (we) *have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I* (us) *who live, but Christ lives in me* (us)*; and the life which I* (we) *now live in the flesh I* (we) *live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me* (us) *and gave Himself for me* (us)*."* Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

Christ is living in us, and <u>that is our hope of glory</u>, right? Jesus said, *"…In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but <u>be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]</u>! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]"* John 16:33 (AMPC) When we think about such power residing in us through Christ, we certainly can be bold and confident to pursue all He has enabled us to do in this day and age for *"…as He is, <u>so are we in this world</u>."* 1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

It was appointed unto us to live in such an exciting era of time and to take our place in the remnant, fulfilling all that God has anointed us to do! We are very special in His eyes, and had He not wanted us to be here during this time, we could have been born in the dark ages, middle ages, or some other time…but God said, "No."

God has strategically placed us here for such an exciting time as this, and we must embrace it through the Holy Spirit and know that *"…in <u>all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us</u>."* Romans 8:37 (NASB)

When God's Word says that we overwhelmingly conquer in all things, it means just what it says; WE <u>OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER IN ALL THINGS</u>! We encourage you to begin to pray and seek guidance every day from the Holy Spirit regarding where He would want you to be and what He would want you to do in these final minutes; and be obedient!

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)



IT BEGINS WITH THE HEART

"Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, since we are not ignorant of Satan's devices as we mature in God and move on to perfection, Satan must be more deceitful in his schemes. Therefore, we must be led by the Holy Spirit, so that we do not allow his schemes to take advantage of us. There are many areas where he becomes less obvious in his tactics, but we must keep our minds engaged to continue with the course that is set before us. Let's go to the Hebrew and Greek to get a better understanding of our role in all of this.

You see, in Proverbs 4:23 this word *heart* in the Hebrew is *leb* (Strong's #3820), and it is defined as inner man, mind, will, heart. Thus, this is saying that we must keep and guard our inner man, mind, will and heart. Why is this so essential as a believer? Romans tells us, *"For with the heart one believes ..."* Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

Now we will take a look at this word *heart* in the Greek in Romans 10:10 for a comparison to the usage of *heart* in the Hebrew in Proverbs 4:23. In the Greek the word *heart* in this scripture is *kardia* (Strong's #2588), and it is the heart; mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center.

We see as *leb* in the Hebrew was inner man, mind, will, heart; and *kardia* in the Greek is heart; mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center. Both *leb* and *kardia* are very similar in meaning. Jesus told the religious people, *"… how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart."* Matthew 12:34 (NASB) These people had not guarded their hearts, and thus their hearts were full of evil. As a result, their mouths confessed the evil in their hearts, which was contrary to the Word of God. Jesus then goes on to say, *"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* Matthew 12:37 (NASB)

Since our believing begins in our hearts, if we desire His perfect will, we must fill our hearts with the Word of God to receive it, and then GUARD the precious Word of God that we have placed in our hearts against any seeds or roots of unbelief.



THE POWER OF HIS LOVE IS CHANGING US

"[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!"
Ephesians 3:19 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we allow ourselves to mature and renew our minds by and through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, we begin to see how the knowledge of the love of Christ has a connection with being filled with the fullness of God.

Have you ever wondered why you care so much to have relationships and fellowships with people? Satan may try and tell you things like, "If they do not care to have fellowship with you, then why should you care?" However, it just does not make sense because you care so much. Well, this should be good news to you today because this care is actually a "sign" that you are growing in the knowledge of Christ by and through life's experiences. You are beginning to have less hurt, anger, and bitterness for those who hate you and separate themselves from you; and the power of His love is changing that hurt, anger, and bitterness into an unfailing love for people, just like Jesus.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 (NKJV) You see, as we are developing the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts, there is nothing that we can do that will separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus who is the Head of His body! It is the power of His love in our hearts that has the capacity to overlook the transgressions of people; for we know that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood.

Therefore, God's Word would describe the love of Christ as a love that passes knowledge; this kind of love can only come through experience. As we step into the love of God (which is in Christ Jesus), it is that love which qualifies us to walk in the fullness of God in order that we may become this body wholly filled and flooded WITH GOD HIMSELF!



BELIEVE AND YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD SHALL BE SAVED
PART 1

"But our way is not that of those who draw back to eternal misery (perdition) and are utterly destroyed, but we are of those who believe [who cleave to and trust in and rely on God through Jesus Christ, the Messiah] and by faith preserve the soul." Hebrews 10:39 (AMPC)

Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all have loved ones whom we continue to believe will enter into the body of Christ with us. These are not only our family but the remnant that is still awaiting to join us in the world harvest. As the scripture says above, we cleave to, trust in, and rely on God through Jesus Christ for the saving of these precious souls.

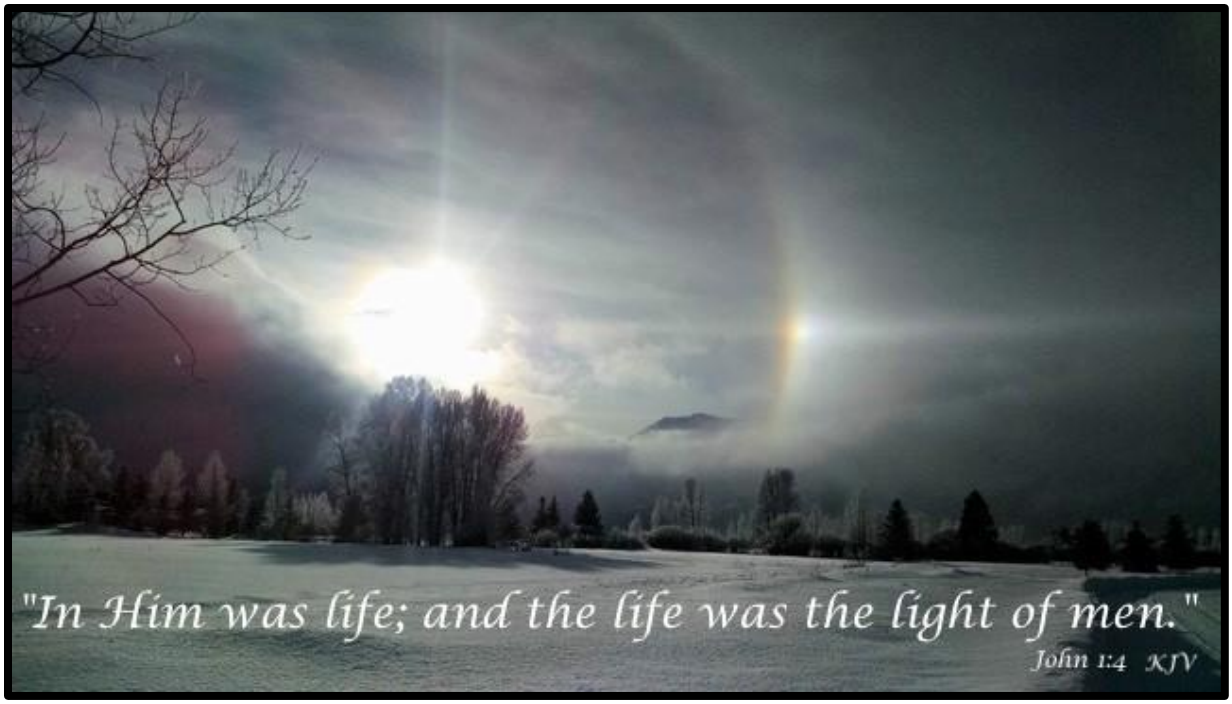
In the meantime, it is not only our believing but also our obedience to God's Word which will enable this to manifest. Here are just a few examples for our learning.

Remember what happened when the jailer witnessed the power of God in Acts? Here is his question to Paul and Silas, *"… what is it necessary for me to do that I may be saved? And they answered, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ give yourself up to Him, [take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping] and you will be saved, [and this applies both to] you and your household as well."* Acts 16:30-31 (AMPC)

Again, what happened when Rahab believed and was obedient? *"… Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel."* Joshua 6:22-23 (KJV) Her whole family was saved!

"And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark..." Genesis 7:1 (KJV) Again, only Noah and his family were saved.

By faith, and by obeying God's Word, we will see this manifest in our families
and all our loved ones…relation or not!



BELIEVE AND YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD SHALL BE SAVED
PART 2

"For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light]." Ephesians 5:8 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, today we give *"…thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."* Colossians 1:12 (NKJV) However, we must remember that this qualification is not only extended to us, for we know that God is not a respecter of persons. Keeping this in mind, we continue to believe in the saving of the soul for everyone that has yet to come to the light.

Putting this in perspective, we consider a natural fact here in life, a planted seed. Anyone who has ever raised something from a seed knows that it takes some time, nurturing, and faith to bring it to harvest. We all know it is necessary that a seed be placed into the ground (darkness), for without that it cannot grow. Though that seed is in darkness, it is still alive. That seed represents every bit of God's Word that has been planted in a person's heart while they are in darkness, for *"…The seed is the word of God."* Luke 8:11 (NKJV) This, of course, all depends on the soil; however, we walk by faith, and not by sight, believing the seeds sown are in fertile ground!

Father, in Jesus' name, we thank You that as some are planting and some are watering, You are opening the eyes of those who were blind. We praise You that they are growing upward (like a plant) and coming from the darkness to light. Thank You, Father, that by faith they (like us) have been turned from the power of satan unto You, and that they have received forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ Jesus! (Acts 26:18) Glory!

By faith we can see that "*The night* [this is the darkness] *is far gone and the day* [and here is the light] *is almost here…"* We believe that all who are called by God have already dropped *"…the works and deeds of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light."* Romans 13:12 (AMPC)

"On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining."
1 John 2:8 (NASB)



BELIEVE AND YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD SHALL BE SAVED
PART 3

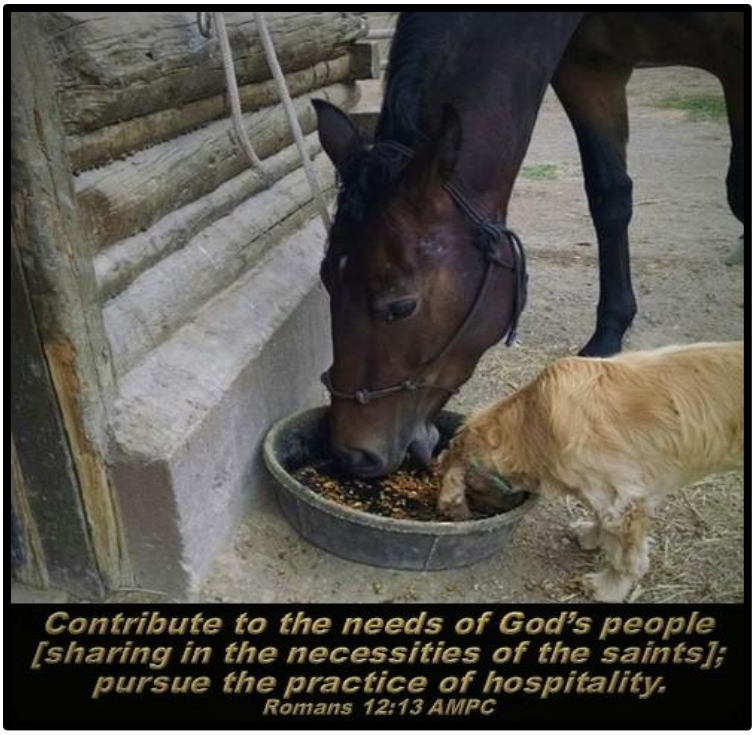
"So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor." 1 Corinthians 3:7-8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is the will of our Father that we continue to plant and water, for in doing so we see through eyes of faith that God is increasing the seed which has been sown. It is the Holy Spirit which continues to shine His light upon that seed, which is under the ground in darkness, and *"He reveals deep and secret things…"* And to whom does He reveal the deep and secret things? He reveals them to anyone in darkness. "…*He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him."* Daniel 2:22 (NKJV)

What begins to happen with that seed in the darkness, as the Holy Spirit illumines His light upon it? That seed begins to come toward the light. The seed then becomes a tiny plant, but is still vulnerable and fragile, requiring water, protection, and light. <u>The closer the tiny plant comes to the light, it realizes that it cannot live without the light, as do we when we begin to walk in the truth of God's Word</u>. *"But <u>he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light</u>; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are—wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, <u>in dependence upon Him</u>]."* John 3:21 (AMPC)

We know, as we continue to water that seed, God's Word remains true and assures us there is a *"…true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."* John 1:9 (NASB)

As we continue to believe and water the seeds sown as the Holy Spirit instructs us, we will see our loved ones all come to the light, and then this too will be their confession: *"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness."* 1 Thessalonians 5:5 (NKJV)



SPEAK UP! "… DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE…" HEBREWS 13:16

"So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace..."
2 Corinthians 8:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

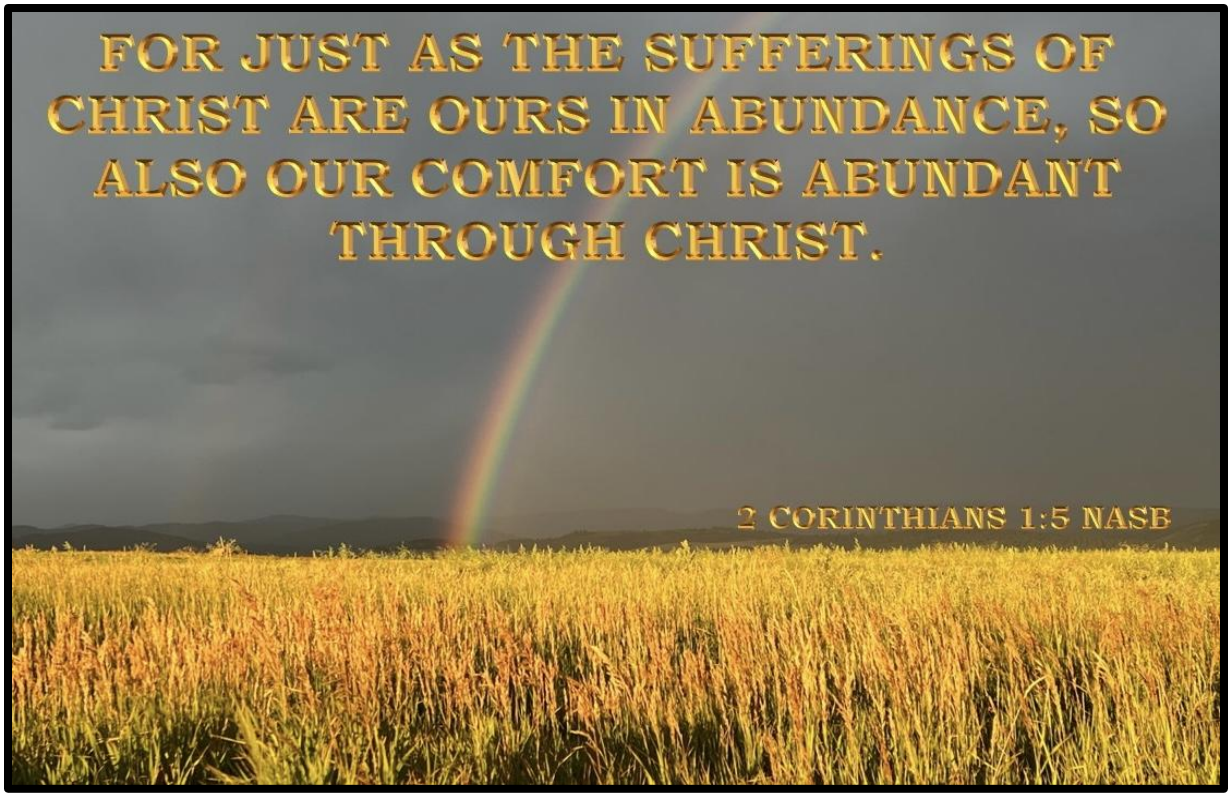
Remnant, why is it that so many who have been called by God to run this race get discouraged and fall back from what God has called them to do? In part this is the fault of the rest of the body of Christ, of which we are all members. Do we see in the verse above Paul writes that they urged Titus, so that he would come to completion?

"Therefore I thought it ***necessary to exhort the brethren*** *to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation."* 2 Corinthians 9:5 (NKJV*)* Again we see that Paul says he thought it was necessary to exhort the brethren. He was exhorting them in the things for which God had purposed and called them. It was necessary! What does it go on to say? "*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NKJV) See folks, this is not just about money; it is about edifying and exhorting the body to a full completion! We do this not reluctantly or sorrowfully; rather, we do it cheerfully!

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

Again, this is not just about money, for it is easy to throw a couple bucks at someone. For whatever reason, some of the most important opportunities for encouragement of the body of Christ are often not exercised. We must remember that others are part of the body also, and without them the body of Christ will not be complete. We are the cheerful givers whom God loves, and we have purposed in our hearts to edify, exhort, and comfort all to whom the Holy Spirit would lead us!

SPEAK UP!



SUFFERINGS ARE NEVER APART FROM THE GLORY

"Was it not necessary and essentially fitting that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer all these things before entering into His glory (His majesty and splendor)?" Luke 24:26 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we see all too often in "Christianity" that people are very quick to want to experience the glory of God, which is associated with being a "doer of the Word of God." However, a familiar quietness seems to come over a crowd when one is speaking of going through the necessary "sufferings" to obtain the experience of this radical glory!

As we see in Luke, it was "…*necessary and essentially fitting that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer all these things before entering into His glory…".* If you have studied God's Word very much at all, you have noticed that while glory is mentioned many times without the mention of the necessary sufferings, the sufferings are never mentioned without the promise of the glory which will follow them! It may not be in the same sentence, scripture, or even the same chapter, but before you finish reading the whole topic of the sufferings, your eyes will read of the glory which will follow!

For example, we have this: *"…The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and* ***be raised the third day****."* Luke 9:22 (NKJV) Then as we read on, we see that the Son is coming in "…***His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.****"* Luke 9:26 (NKJV) Just a little further we see that "*…Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw* ***His glory and the two men who stood with Him****."* Luke 9:32 (NKJV)

What a powerful concept to meditate upon as we are engaging in spiritual warfare and fighting the good fight of faith! Yes, it is certain that we will suffer for His sake; however, there is a glory to experience far beyond the suffering!

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:16-17 (NKJV)



GOD'S OWN POSSESSION

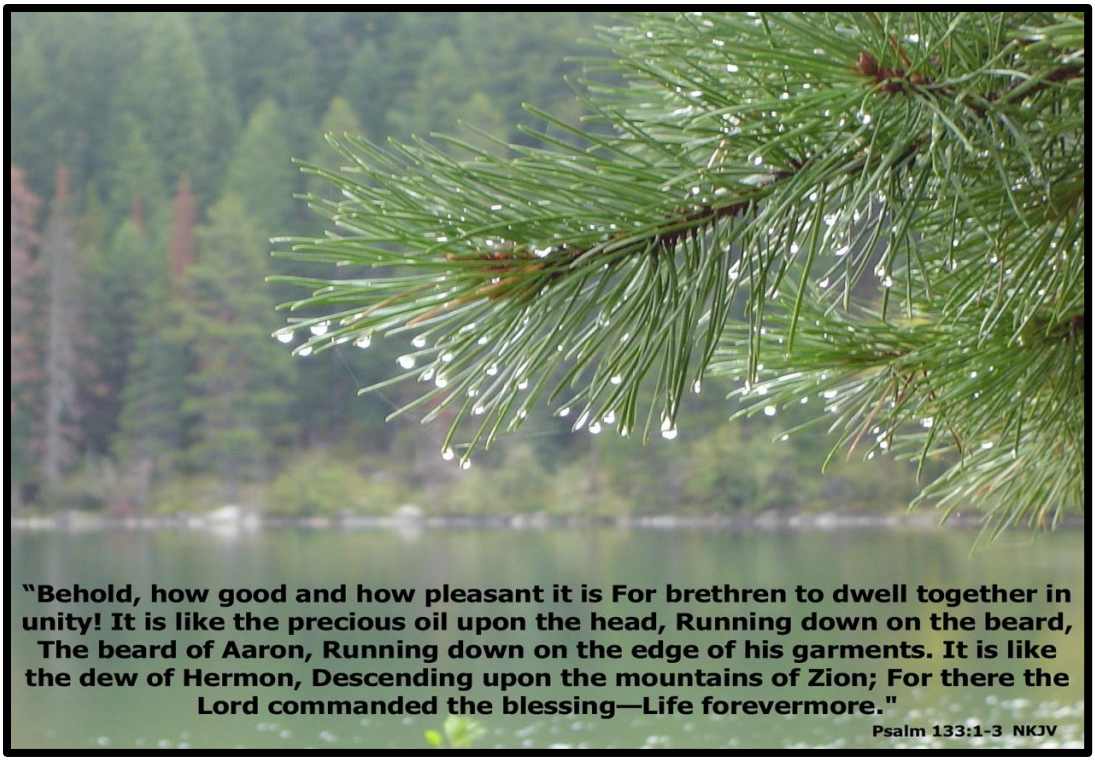
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession …"
1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Wow, remnant, such encouragement here. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession! For a believer, it just could not get any better than that. However, what characteristics do these people who are God's own possession have? To get a better look at this, we go to 1 Corinthians.

We must first recognize that because God is Spirit (John 4:24), and we are of God (1 John 4:4), we too are filled with His Spirit (*pneuma hagion*) in all its manifestations. *"But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB) Please notice how it says the manifestation is given to EACH ONE. Then of course it goes on to explain the nine manifestations of the Spirit. *"For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills."* 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (NASB) The Holy Spirit (*pneuma Theo*) distributes the manifestations of His Spirit (*pneuma hagion*) to His chosen people as He wills.

Our God is perfect, therefore He would possess nothing but perfection! We are His possession, the possession that is coming into perfection by and through His Word and allowing His Spirit to manifest freely in whatever way that He wills! Whatever manifestation of the Spirit is needed at the time is what He gives to His possession for the fulfillment of His perfect will. It could be creative miracles, healing, protection, or just about anything for which a supernatural power would be needed. We have been chosen to be His possession to bring forth the reality of His kingdom here on earth, just as it is in heaven!

"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth."
Deuteronomy 7:6 (NKJV)



ONE ACCORD

"one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all,"
Ephesians 4:5-6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

A believer was once asked by someone, "What faith are you?" To which this believer responded, "Well, there is only one faith, right?" True.

This question seems to be a trend among religious people. It is usually the first question religious people ask when they find someone is a believer. They want to see if they can fellowship with this person.

A man from Russia came to America and was deeply saddened for this very reason. He said that in Russia, when they find another believer, they embrace one another and are so excited to be in fellowship, for they see each other as ONE. This also should be true for every believer.

"For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it." 1 Corinthians 11:18 (KJV) History seems to be repeating itself in our day, just as it was in the days of Paul. It is time that we become unified with one another and stand on the rightly divided truth of God's Word when we come together.

We are to be set apart from the world and be a light to others. However, when we are in division, people see no separation from the world. Unity brings something like the world has never seen, for unity brings the shekinah glory being revealed in HIS people! Remember the day of Pentecost? *"…they were all with **ONE ACCORD** in **ONE PLACE**."* Acts 2:1 (KJV)

If we are ready for school shootings to cease, crime to cease, abortion, pornography, and all manner of evil to cease, and Bibles to be the book of choice for all believers, then unity is the key, unity in a rightly divided Word! God's Word would have never specified there is a **ONENESS** if it could not have been obtained! How much do we want it? It's up to us.

Religion brings separation; a relationship with God brings unity.
"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8 (KJV)



SCENE-BY-SCENE WE HAVE DIVINE PROVISION

"But He [Jesus] *answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."* Matthew 15:26-27 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

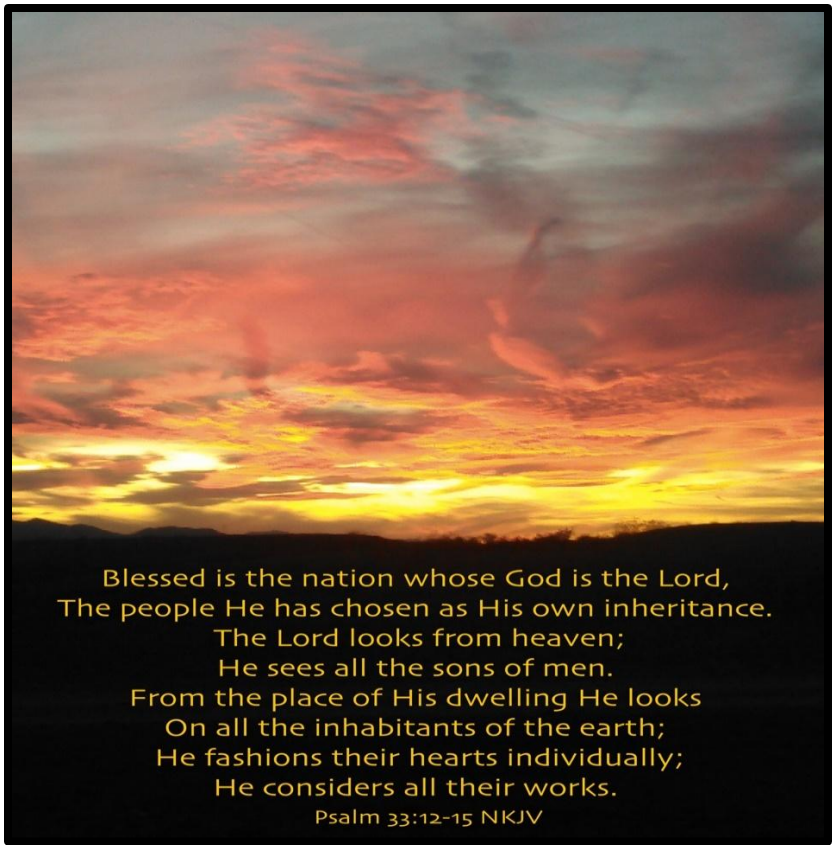
Remnant, here in Matthew we see how this woman of Canaan was seeking after Jesus for the healing of her demon-possessed daughter. The fascinating part of this scripture passage is this word *bread*. In the Greek this word *bread* is *ártos* (Strong's #740), and it is bread, a loaf, food. Now, let's break this down more specifically. According to the HELPS Word-studies *ártos* is bread; (figuratively) divine provision; all the sustenance God supplies to yielded believers scene-by-scene to live in His preferred-will. We see how this is not just applied to healing; it is everything needed to sustain a believer who is completely submitted to God and determined to serve in His perfect will.

"… For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8 (NKJV) You see, as we are totally in submission to God, we are seeking His direction. Just as the scripture says, He knows what we have need of BEFORE we ask because when we are in His perfect will, He then guides us by His Spirit. Therefore, there is nothing we will be lacking when walking in His ways. We are assured and remain with a single mind; scene-by-scene in our lives He is divinely providing everything from health, to wisdom, to strength, to finances, to spiritual knowledge. He has already provided EVERYTHING for us.

This is another reason it is important to pray this scripture daily, *"Give us this day our daily bread."* Matthew 6:11 (KJV) The word *bread* here is again *ártos.*

As mature believers we live our lives for God, not for ourselves. We address the Father each day in all our ways, so that He in turn can direct our paths. Then we pray for that divine daily sustenance that is needed to fulfill these tasks.

***"… my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19 (AMPC)**



A GREAT NATION IN THE EYES OF GOD

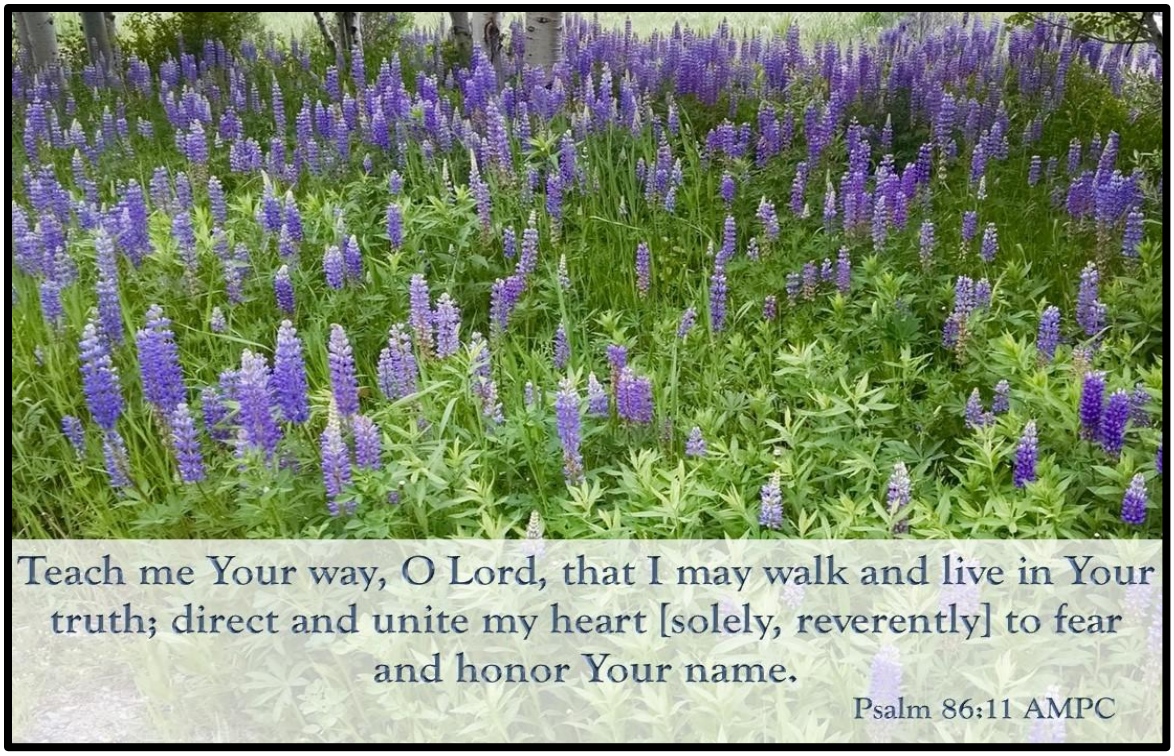
"Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, have we ever truly thought about God's Kingdom being established here on earth as it is in heaven, and what this looks like? In Revelation we see a clear picture of what this new heaven and new earth looks like, wherein dwells righteousness! "*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away."* Revelation 21:4 (AMPC)

We all know that God cannot lie, and therefore He never leads us astray, so when we are advised to pray for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, then we must be certain that there is a reason for this. As we continue to pray and believe, His Kingdom can, and WILL be fulfilled. For a true believer this is not something that is beyond our reach as some may think; for we believed Jesus when He said, *"…with God all things are possible."* Matthew 19:26 (NKJV)

However, in addition to praying and believing there is a very critical, yet foundational point that MUST be made here. We all know that 1 + 2 = 3. Therefore, keeping that in mind we can see in Revelation 21:4, that there is part of this formula missing, so we must look at the verse leading immediately up to the description of His kingdom. *"Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God."* Revelation 21:3 (AMPC) The foundation here being God is abiding and dwelling in His people, and He is their God, and they are His people. If He were not welcomed to abide in them, they could not be His people, right? It is NOW that the completion of the equation can be fulfilled.

PRAYER & BELIEVING + US DWELLING IN GOD & GOD DWELLING IN US= HIS KINGDOM COME & HIS WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!



WHEN DO OUR WAYS BECOME HIS WAYS?

"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

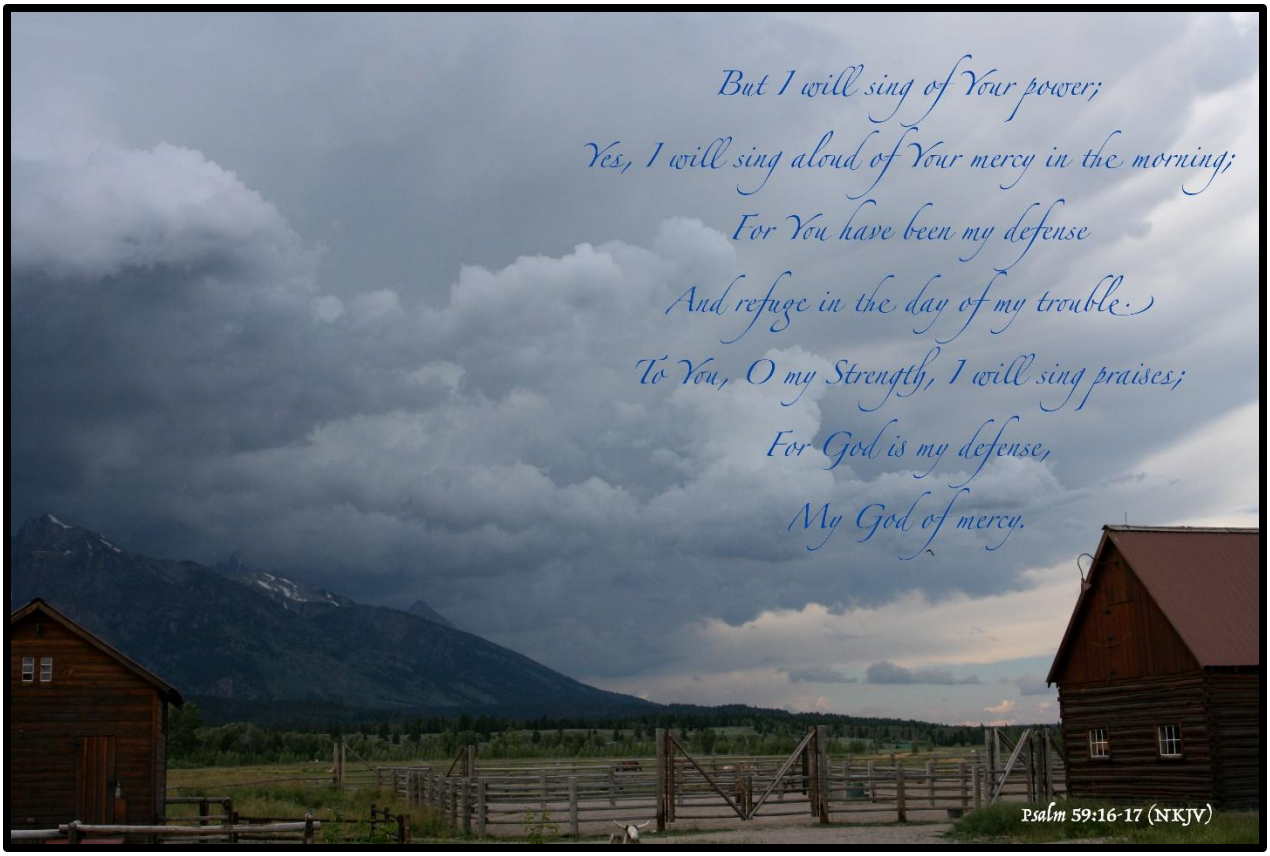
Remnant, verse 5 here says, "*do not rely on your own insight or understanding;".* Notice, it says not our own understanding or for that matter of any man's understanding, but God's understanding. Verse 6 says, "*In all your ways"*, indicating we seek wisdom and Godly counsel by and through rightly dividing His Word in everything that we do. Finally, in verse 6 it says, "*and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths."*

You see our ways remain "our ways" when we do not have His revelation. Our ways can only be made straight and plain when we first stop relying on man's wisdom, and secondly, when we seek God's whole rightly divided truth in everything we do or are thinking about doing.

When we receive our answers from His rightly divided Word, our ways are now His ways, and we proceed on in life fully knowing that we are in the right, thus avoiding all the ways that could cause us to err. We are going in the ONE WAY that is right: His way! In other words, the right way is divided, or cut from, all wrong ways. We must face it folks, just because something is done or said in a church does not make it the will of God. If, therefore, we are children of God, we seek to find the truth of what His Word says about everything. Thus, being directed by the Spirit of God, we are children of God. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."* Romans 8:14 (NKJV)

Because His Word is the Word of Truth, its paths must be well noted, all signs must be observed, and every direction and guideline placed forth in His Word Must be followed. However, one will never know the paths, signs, directions, and guidelines to follow, unless one rightly-divides God's truth in all matters.

In conclusion, this tells us that we will never come to the full knowledge of the truth without rightly dividing it. **Then, we shall only receive the truth according to the proportion of our rightly dividing it.**



GOD THE AVENGER

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

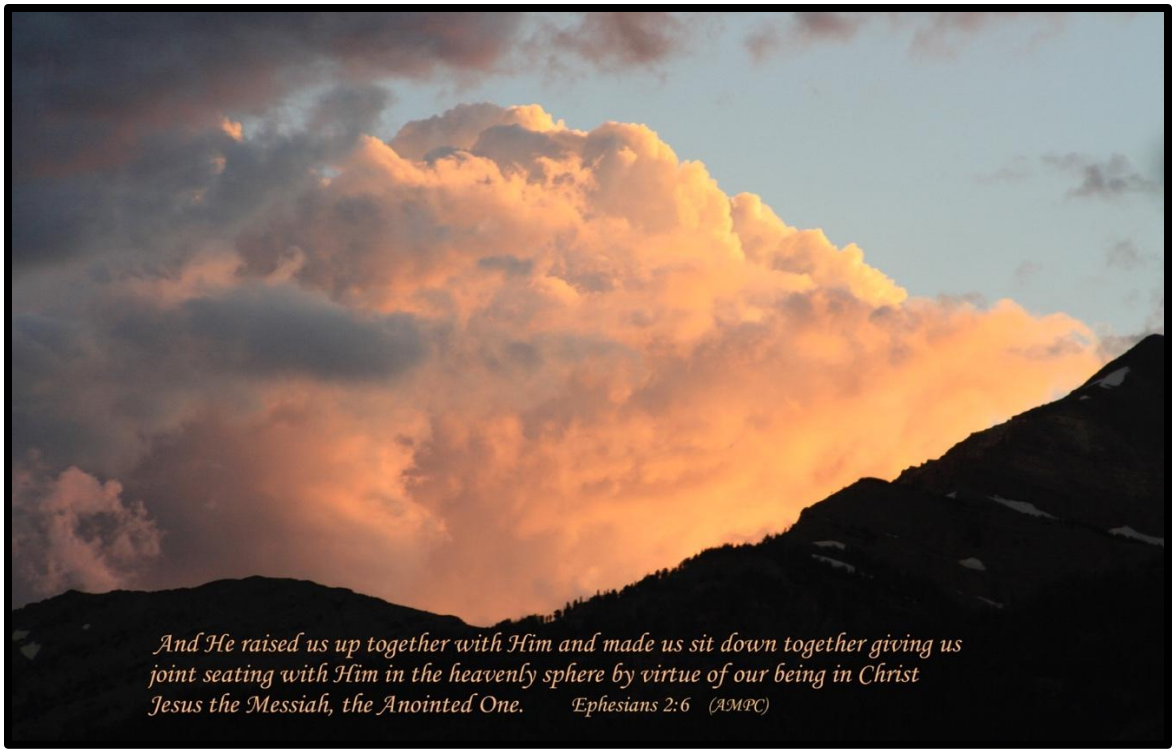
Remnant, ***eklektos*** is a Greek word meaning chosen/elect. Today we will examine some benefits of being the chosen/elect of God Himself.

In Luke chapter 18 we have the story of the woman and the unjust judge. For the sake of space, we will focus on the portion that applies to the elect. This is the question that is asked in Luke. *"And will not [our just] God defend and protect and avenge His **elect** (**eklektos**) (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf?* "Luke 18:7 (AMPC)

Sometimes we can be tempted to grow weary in prayer and petition to God, but what is the answer that is given here to the elect in Luke? *"I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily..."* Luke 18:8 (AMPC) When we are asking in accordance with God's will, He is always faithful to avenge the elect! It is His will to protect us and defend us. This is all taking into consideration that we are in the will of God ourselves, in what we are doing.

*"What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?] He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things? Who shall bring any charge against God's **elect** (**eklektos**) [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?]"* Romans 8:31-33 (AMPC)

Wow! We can be confident that whatever God has called us and chosen us to do, He is in fact working with us, and we have no need to be afraid or terrified. We can stand boldly and confidently knowing that God is working with us, and that no weapon formed against us shall prosper! (Isaiah 54:17)



REIGNING IN LIFE WITH CHRIST RIGHT NOW

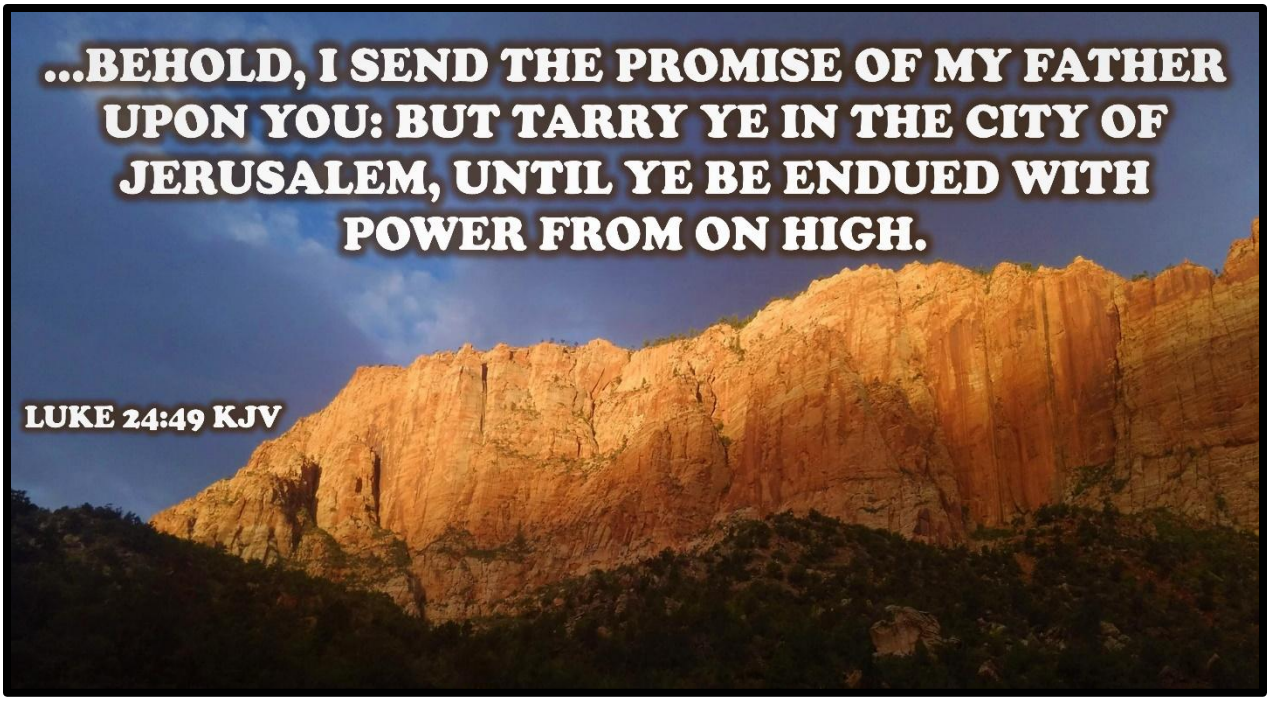
"For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more <u>those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ</u>.)" Romans 5:17 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Aw, remnant this is something that we all should be experiencing right now, our training for reigning! To be more specific, it is *basileuó*! *Basileuó* (Strong's #936), which in the Greek is to be king, to reign! To reign it is an absolute truth that we MUST exercise our dominion and rule! Now let's look at this word *life* (in Romans 5:17) in which we rule. This word life is *zóé* (Strong's #2222) in the Greek and is life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence. This is God's life because <u>both the physical and the spiritual realm of life are founded on His Word</u>. When we become one with the Word, it is this *zóé* kind of life that God shares with us, creating each of us in His own image, <u>as we imitate Him</u>!

Now, let's put this all together and rightly divide it to obtain the truth that will set us free! We, who have received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, are indeed reigning as kings, exercising our dominion right here and now in this life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence. We reign in this physical and spiritual realm by authority of none other than the ONE…Jesus, the Word of God!

Come on folks, Timothy explains it this way, *"If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us."* 2 Timothy 2:12 (NKJV) Therefore, as we continue to endure and remain in the Word (Jesus), we too will reign with Him. When we are seated in our rightful place in heavenly places with Christ Jesus (the Word of God), everything is under our feet, both in the physical and spiritual realm! (Ephesians 1:3) This is where kings are seated - far above, in heavenly places!

You see, Jesus is the Head of His Body, of which we are members. The Body cannot function apart from the Head, so we must be reigning with Him right now, *"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come…"* And please do not forget this*, "… He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."* Ephesians 1:21-23 (NKJV)



POWER FROM ON HIGH

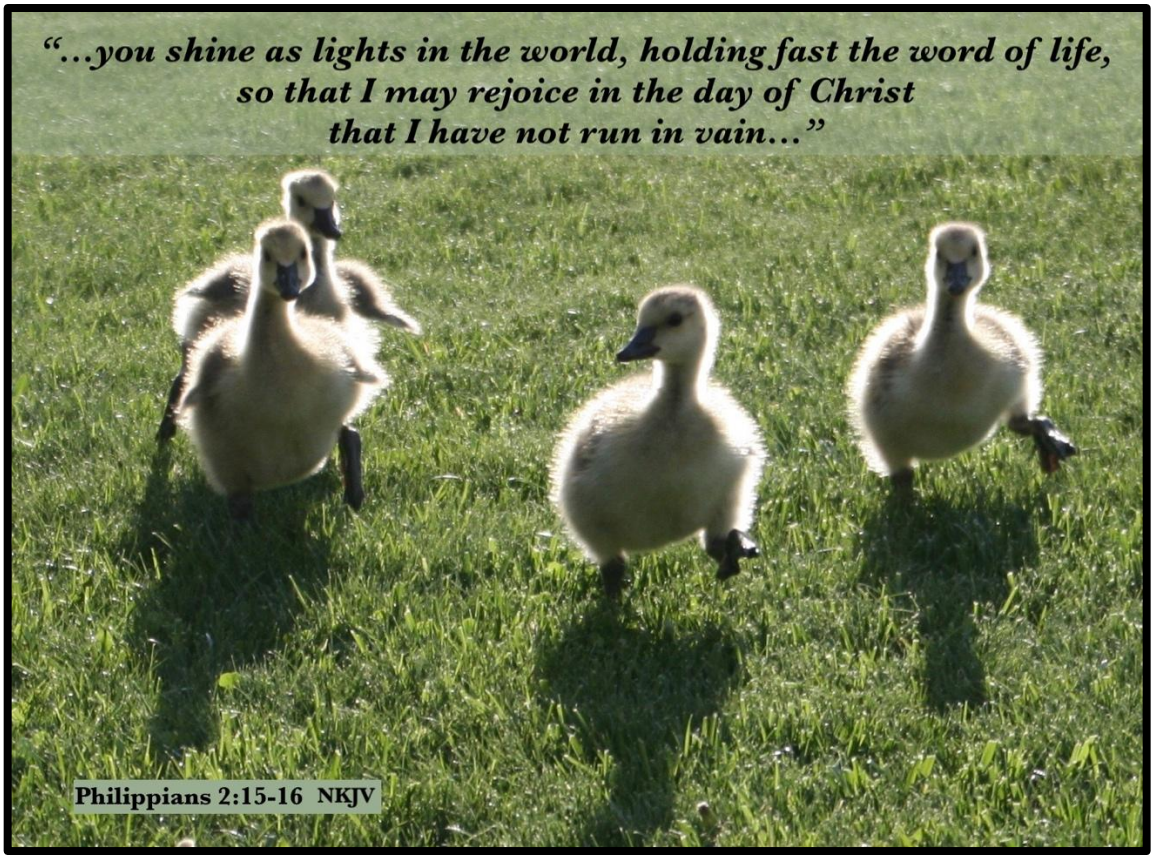
"*But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you*…" Acts 1:8 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

In this passage *Holy Spirit* is rendered as *pneuma hagion,* which is the Holy Spirit differentiated as a **gift**, given from the **Giver,** which is **THE HOLY SPIRIT**. The gift of the Holy Spirit is identified as "power from on high." Please note the importance of the latter half of this verse above. "...*and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth*." Acts 1:8 (AMPC) It is by receiving this "power from on high" that we can effectively be witnesses for Him. For without this power, one would not possess the ability to be a witness for Him. Since we need this power from on high, there must be a weighty war raging, correct? No human power can fight spiritual warfare! We must fight spirit with Spirit.

The remnant knows and understands that we can possess a peaceful life amid an inward war constantly waging between the flesh and the spirit. Once we have received the Holy Spirit, though the flesh is in us, we are not living in the flesh. "*But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, <u>if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you</u>*] …." Romans 8:9 (AMPC) It is when we can truly allow the Holy Spirit to <u>direct and control us fully</u> that we can experience total freedom from the flesh that attempts to rule us. To allow Him to direct and control us is the *"power, ability, efficiency, and might*" that Acts 1:8 (AMPC) is referring to, thus possessing that power from on high!

In possessing the **power from on high**, we have been given the ability to overpower any and every demon that would attempt to put us to flight. Instead we put to flight every demonic attack because the power from on high in us is greater than all the power of the enemy. This pertains to <u>every</u> demonic attack, friend. For in Him "…*we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us*." Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

Father, in the name of Jesus, we praise You for the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit by which we possess the power from on high!



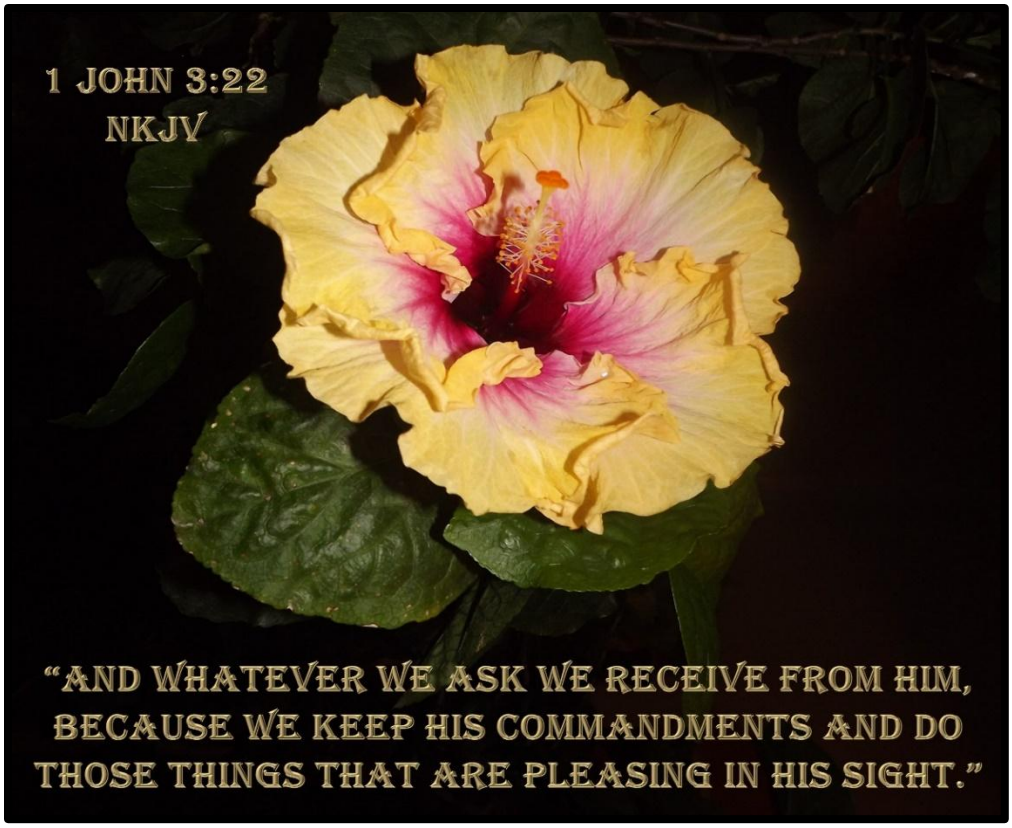
THROW DOWN THE BURDENS AND RUN TO JESUS

"Because God had us in mind and had <u>something better and greater in view for us</u>, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection <u>apart from us</u> <u>[before we could join them</u>]." Hebrews 11:40 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that this verse is speaking of the great men and women of faith in Hebrews 11. What is so powerful here is that it mentions they should not come into perfection **<u>apart from us</u>.** This is for the remnant; we join them in spiritual maturity/perfection through this life. We embrace trials and can see what they are doing in us, as they are developing in us further maturity in our areas of weakness!

God's Word goes on to give us some very meaty advice in chapter 12 of Hebrews, such as *"...let us **strip off and throw aside** every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us..."* Come on remnant, who wouldn't want to do this? Then it says, *"...let us **run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence** the appointed course of the race that is set before us."* Hebrews 12:1 (AMPC) We are instructed to do just as Peter had to do on the raging sea. *"<u>Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God</u>."* Hebrews 12:2 (AMPC)

Just as Jesus obtained the prize that was set before Him, we too reach for it, and we can receive it! **However, we must strip off all that is distracting us, look unto Jesus, and RUN!** *"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? <u>So run, that ye may obtain</u>."* 1 Corinthians 9:24 (KJV) Yes, during trials it is easier to lay down, sit, stand, or even just walk; however, we are reminded that this is a race, and it does not stop for anyone. Press in harder. Even if it seems you may never have an earthly crowd cheering you on, there is most certainly a heavenly cloud of witnesses cheering for YOU!



UNFAILING PRAYER

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." John 15:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, too many people are not seeing their prayers answered, they tend to blame God, and they lose their faith in God. However, for the sake of a fruitful prayer life, let's get to the bottom of John 15:7. We can plainly see what Jesus is saying, but are we really comprehending it?

To have more insight on this, we look at what Jesus is NOT saying. Jesus never told us to ask <u>whatever we desire, and it would be done for us</u>. No way! Jesus made a contingency here in saying, "<u>IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU.</u>" The word *abide* here in the Greek is *menó* (Strong's #3306), and it means to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy), abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry. Also, we need to note here, *menó* is a verb, requiring action.

This is first upon us, right? If we are continually dwelling, abiding, enduring, tarrying, etc., first in Him, and we are allowing His Words (remember, Jesus is the Word of God) to continually dwell, abide, endure, tarry, etc., in us; <u>THEN</u> we can "… *ask what you* [we] *desire, and it shall be done for you* [us]*."* When we *menó* in Him, we are praying in accordance to His perfect will, with His heart. When His words *menó* in us, then we are meditating on them, speaking them, living by them ALONE; this is action of the verb!

John makes it even more clear when he writes, *"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, <u>if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us</u>."* 1 John 5:14 (NASB) This is where *menó* comes in, because when we are abiding in Him, <u>we are only asking for things in accordance with His will</u>! Then 1 John goes on to say, *"And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."* 1 John 5:15 (NASB) Wow! Now this is a faith builder for sure! Therefore, God has given us His Word to pray, for the Word of God is the will of God, and if we *menó* in the Word (Jesus), then our prayers are always answered according to His perfect will! There are no more failures or disappointments, for we are praying with the mind of Christ! Not one of Jesus' prayers ever has or ever will fail.

"… no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment." Luke 1:37 (AMPC)



TIME TO SHED A FEW POUNDS OF UNBELIEF!

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;" Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if we have ever been overweight, and then experienced a weight loss, we know how good it makes our natural man feel. Our clothes fit better, and overall we feel awesome in our physical bodies, after getting rid of the extra weight that was hindering our physical well-being. As with everything else in the natural, this also has a spiritual insight as well.

You see, unbelief is at the core of all sin. What people do, whether it be smoking, overeating, fornicating, or even worrying, is a direct result of unbelief in God's Word. Because of this unbelief, the attributes that come with it are only man's ways of attempting to fill a void.

Excess weight in the spiritual realm is unbelief. Every time we choose to believe satan's lies over God's truth, we add more pounds of unbelief. Just as obesity in the natural can be the root of many different problems, spiritual obesity (unbelief in God's Word) is even worse because it ultimately affects whether we are able to fulfill our purpose and call which God has placed upon our lives, for which we will be judged.

All can be brought to the truth, just like they all were caught in the weight of their unbelief, regardless of male or female, young or old. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* Galatians 3:28 (NKJV)

Obese people cannot run a race very well. What does God's Word tell us we are to do? *"… let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"* Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)

In conclusion let us be reminded, "***In [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off]."*** **Galatians 5:1 (AMPC)**



WILL YOU LEAVE THE NINETY-NINE?

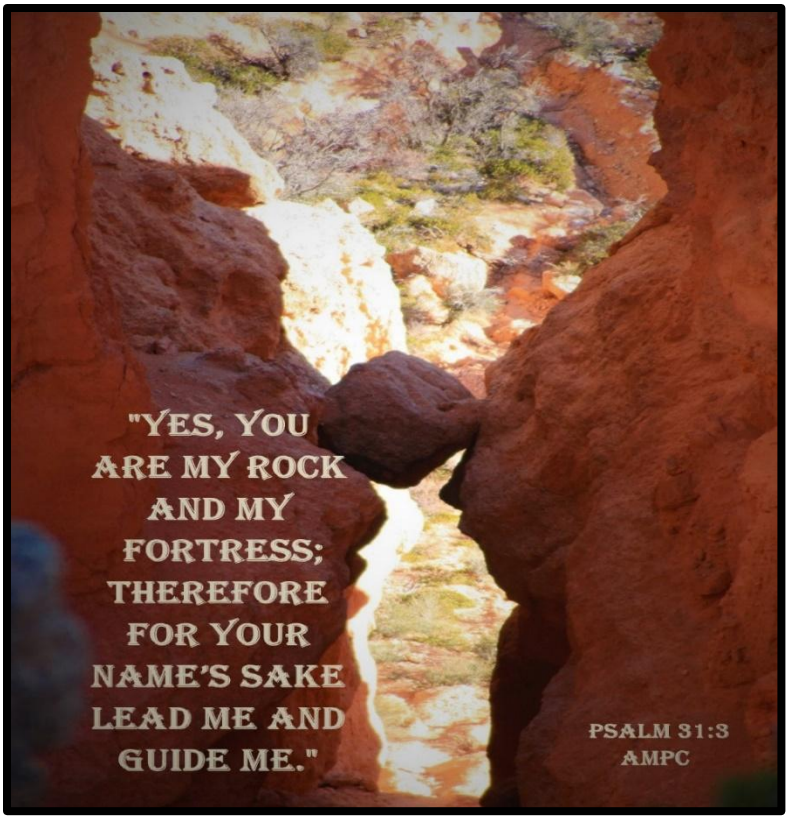
"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."
Acts 20:28 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, yes, we have all been there. We have seen a brother or sister slowly fade out and become separate. While we pray for them, it could be that God wants us to do more. "*How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.* ***Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish***." Matthew 18:12-14 (KJV)

Examine what Paul states about Timothy here, "*But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own,* ***not the things which are Jesus Christ's***." Philippians 2:19-21 (KJV) It truly is rare to find those who are genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of others. It seems that if a person has slipped and fallen back, there is an ignoring/shunning process that takes place, at least until that person "comes back to the flock." Now let's move on to our responsibility with this person.

"*Brethren, if any person is overtaken in misconduct or sin of any sort, you who are spiritual [who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit] should set him right and restore and reinstate him, without any sense of superiority and with all gentleness, keeping an attentive eye on yourself, lest you should be tempted also*." Galatians 6:1-3 (AMPC)

We must always be on guard in the Spirit, and be on the look-out for these who have gone astray. Then be very sensitive to guide them only as the Holy Spirit directs, and only if He directs us. God has a purpose and call for them as well, and we must care for their spiritual welfare. After all, God desires them to be part of the body, and so should we.



TRUSTING IN GOD

"Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the [very] sentence of death, <u>but that was to keep us from trusting in and depending on ourselves instead of on God Who raises the dead</u>." 2 Corinthians 1:9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have heard many sermons throughout our lives as believers on how we need to trust God, have faith in His Word, and how we need to believe on His Son Jesus, and so on and so forth. Yes, those are all very scriptural and true. However, how often are we given a message on not trusting in ourselves? In the above passage Paul was describing what they had to go through, and how it kept them from trusting and depending upon themselves and caused them to trust and rely on God.

Remember Paul said, "*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing…*"? Romans 7:18 (KJV) Well, since that is true, then why in the world would we possibly want to trust in ourselves? Paul goes on to say, "*…for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not*." Romans 7:18 (KJV) What he is saying is that he wants to do good; however, in his flesh that doesn't always happen. Well that is true, we simply cannot do anything by trusting in our own selves. On the contrary, for that perfect will that God intended to perform in our lives, we must yield everything we are unto Him, and trust Him, whether it looks good or not so good.

"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered."
Proverbs 28:26 (KJV)

God loves to challenge us to trust Him. He will allow us to go through smaller trials, as He is preparing us for bigger ones, so that we may grow. With each new challenge, appreciate it as a growth opportunity and an advancement in Him.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)



GOVERNED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

"What time I am afraid, I will have confidence in and put my trust and reliance in You."
Psalm 56:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Yes, remnant, fear is disobedience to God; however, if we are all being honest with ourselves, we all have had moments in life when God has commanded us to step out in faith doing something bigger than we have ever done. Many of us have struggled with the fear of what the outcome may be. Let us be reminded today that fear is still believing; however, it is negative believing. *"For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."* Galatians 5:17 (NKJV)

To have the perfect life that God intended for us to have, we must allow the Holy Spirit to have its perfect place. His perfect place is governing our soul and body. If the soul or the body take His role and begin controlling Him (The Holy Spirit) instead, then we will surely have nothing but calamity and disaster.

Though there are many counterfeits, we cannot **Discern Spirits** through the flesh. We do not **Speak in Tongues** in the flesh, nor do we **Interpret Tongues** in the flesh. We cannot have a **Word of Wisdom** or a **Word of Knowledge** in the flesh, nor can we **Prophesy** in the flesh. Man cannot do **Works of Miracles** and have **Gifts of Healing** in the flesh. Neither can we have **Faith** in the flesh. Therefore, Paul would say, *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."* Romans 7:18 (NKJV)

"Do not quench the Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NKJV) By staying grounded in God's Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to have its complete control in our lives, we then can overcome any evil works of unbelief. Furthermore, if we are not led by the Holy Spirit in our own lives, then how can we teach others?

***"Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit [this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit] be attended with much greater and more splendid glory?"* 2 Corinthians 3:8 (AMPC)**



SET FREE FROM THE YOKE OF UNBELIEF-PART 1

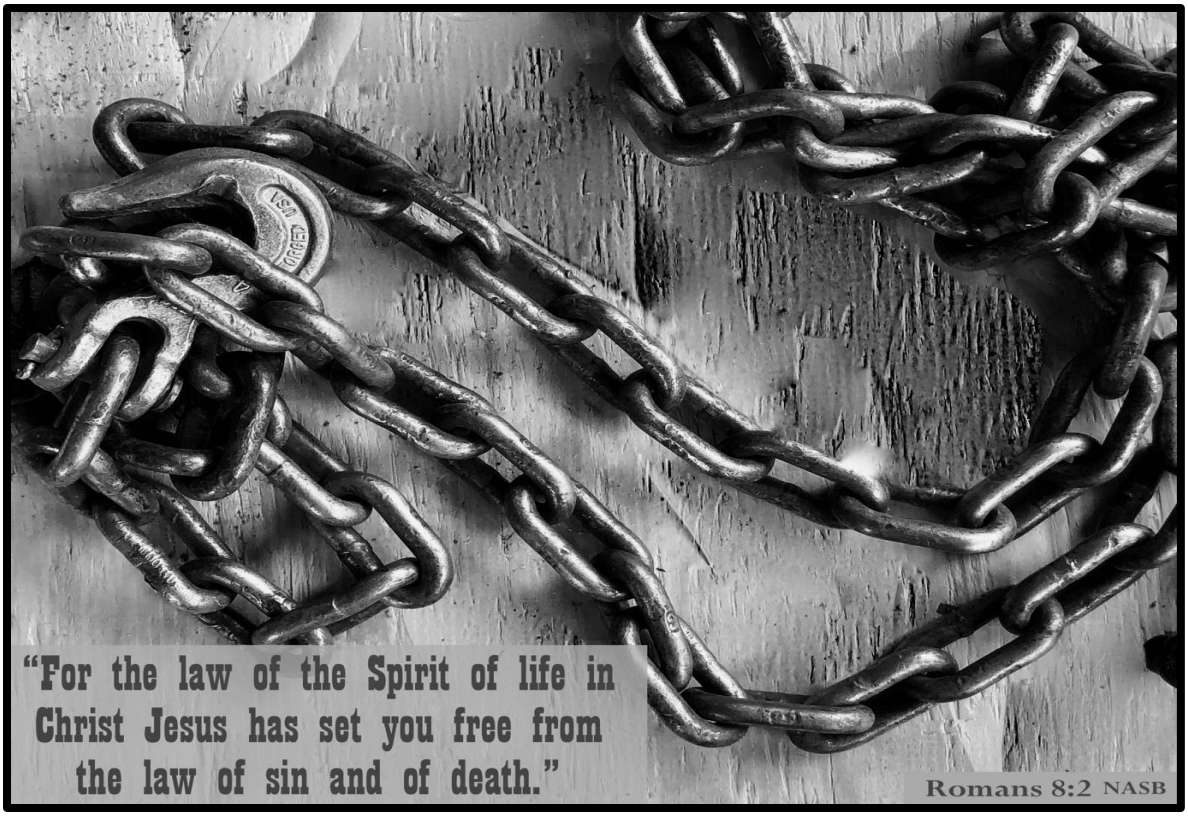
"and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."
Romans 6:18 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we cherish this freedom that we have been given by and through Jesus, the Word of God! We yearn to have a greater knowledge of the precious scriptures that our journey was founded upon. Yes, we might have begun our journey on a certain scripture such as John 3:16; however, John goes on to read, *"…you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32 (NKJV) Therefore, it is then that we conclude the more truth we know, the more freedom we have!

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;" Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) We see here how unbelief is actually the root of all sin. We could even take it a step further and say that unbelief is sin, and what people do as a result of their unbelief (i.e. drugs, porn, lying, worry, overeating, etc.) are only attributes of their unbelief. The more knowledge that people have of the truth (the Word of God concerning their situations), the more they believe the truth. The more they believe the truth (the Word of God concerning their situations), the more freedom they have, having been made free from all sin (unbelief) that has resulted in their bondages. As Hebrews 3:12 plainly tells us, it is an evil heart of unbelief that causes us to depart from God. Then, this departure from God opens the door for satan and his ministers. And yes, satan also has ministers (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

Paul reminds us again to *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."* Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) Just how do we "stand fast" in this freedom? We stand fast by continuing in that which had already set us free, the Word of God.

No matter what opposition might be facing us today, we have been given the freedom of God's Word to find our promises regarding that situation and BELIEVE, which results in our continual freedom from every yoke of bondage!



SET FREE FROM THE YOKE OF UNBELIEF-PART 2

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)
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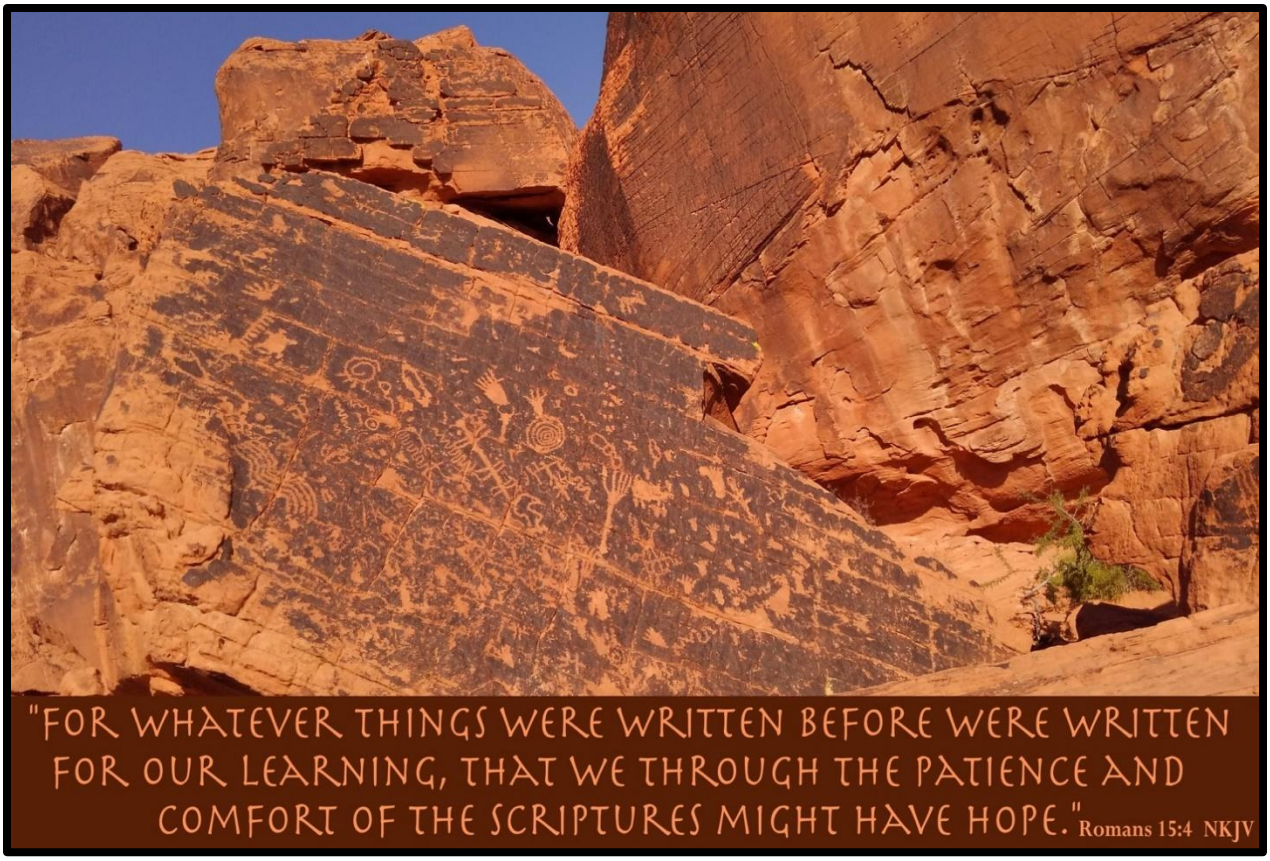
Remnant, Paul gives us warning here to protect us from falling into unbelief which brings us into bondage. The Word of God clearly tells us that there are spirits out there who will try and deceive us (using anyone they can) by their own carnal traditions and philosophies. Such carnal traditions and philosophies are founded on human wisdom, which is contrary to Christ (the Word of God; John 1:14).

You see, the Word of God brings freedom; the word of anyone else brings bondage. The Word of God brings faith (Romans 10:17); but the word of anything contrary brings fear, and fear has torment. (1 John 4:18) Thus, we begin to discern by the Word of God that if we are in fear about anything we have been told (no matter the source), that fear was birthed by a lie, and we need to find out the truth of the matter through God's Word.

As we grow in His Word, we will certainly deliver ourselves through His Word of God from the yoke of bondage to fear. *"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* Romans 8:15 (NKJV)

We are reminded of this principle in Hebrews, *"And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."* Hebrews 3:18-19 (NKJV) May we continue to find the true answers to all circumstances we are in through God's Word and stand on those promises, not giving heed to any lies (no matter the source), that are contrary to a rightly-divided Word of God, which always results in our freedom and rest!

***"For we who have believed do enter that rest…"* Hebrews 4:3 (NKJV)**



TO RECEIVE OR REJECT; THE CHOICE IS OURS

"They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 7:12 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, over and over in the Word of God we read of the dangers of rejecting God's truth. Some reject the truth altogether, while some take part of the truth but reject the rest of it. We must take heed to a rightly-divided truth, having ears to hear, and a heart to receive. There is blessing that comes with receiving all the truth, just like there is cursing that comes with not receiving the truth. Since we already know that we cannot separate the written Word (the Bible), from the living Word (Jesus), we will use this example of what can result in the rejection of the Word for our illustration today.

"…one of you will betray Me." John 13:21 (NKJV) Jesus, being troubled in His spirit, explains this to His disciples. His disciples began to question who it was that would betray Him. Jesus answered them in saying, *"…It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it."* John 13:26 (NKJV) Jesus then does something completely unexpected. You see, in those days it was considered a mark of honor to the recipient for the host to give this piece of dipped bread to them. It was at this moment Judas had a choice; he could either finally receive the Word (Jesus) or reject it.

Judas' fate began when he chose to reject the Word (Jesus). This last appeal (receiving the bread) from the Word (Jesus) caused Judas to become hardened in his heart, and it was at that moment that satan entered him. Up until this point Judas had been possessed by an evil thought; however, his complete rejection of the Word (Jesus) gave way to satan obsessing his life.

Moreover, we must heed this illustration for our learning, to remain on blessing grounds, where we are saved from the wrath associated with believing satan's lies and rejecting the Word of God.

***"…they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved."* 2 Thessalonians 2:10 (NKJV)**



RHÉMA FROM GOD; BRINGS *ZÓÉ*

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

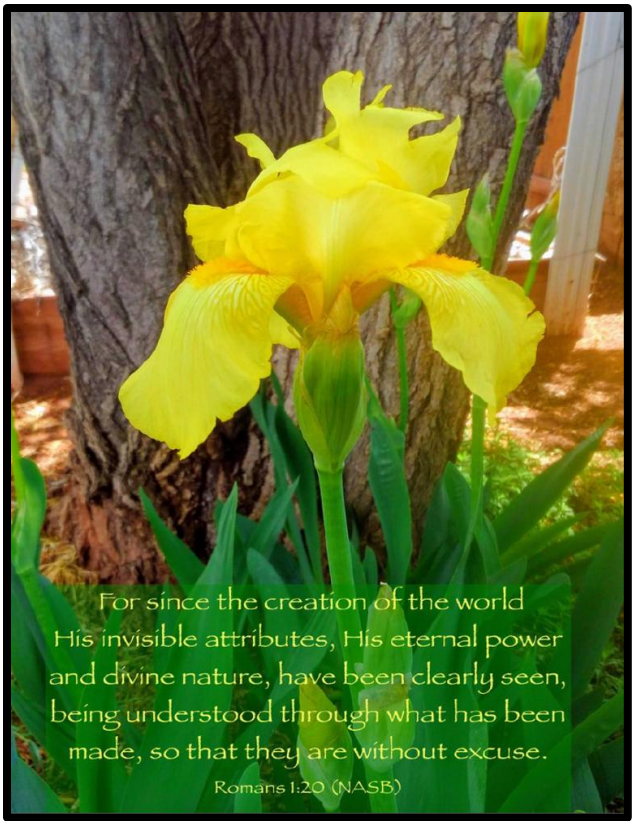
Remnant, in this scripture above the *words* that Jesus was speaking of in the Greek is *rhéma* (Strong's #4487). *Rhéma* is defined as a thing spoken, (a) a word or saying of any kind, as command, report, promise, (b) a thing, matter, business.

Now, the foundation that must be laid before we go further is that Jesus clearly told us that *"… the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."* John 14:24 (NKJV) He also mentions it again here, *"For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."* John 12:49 (NKJV) Thus we see the mystery behind Jesus' success; He spoke God's Words, not His own!

Not surprisingly, we find this word *rhéma* also in Matthew, when Jesus was speaking directly to satan. He said, *"… "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"* Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) Jesus was explaining that our very existence in the physical and spiritual realms (the *zóé* kind of life that God intended for us to have) hinges on speaking God's Words, not our own. Like Jesus mentioned in the beginning scripture, the flesh does not profit; therefore, anything that comes from the foundation of flesh is not profitable.

It is speaking the Word of God that brings *zóé*; (Strong's #2222). *Zóé* is defined as life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence. Please notice how the definition contains (particularly future) existence. When we speak God's Word, instead of speaking out of the abundance of our flesh when situations arise, we have turned the tables on the enemy; we have the upper hand, the dominion!

Finally, what is very interesting is that *rhéma* is also found here: *"For with God nothing is ever impossible and no **word** from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment."* Luke 1:37 (AMPC) What will you use your *rhéma* from God for today?



UNDERSTANDING HEAVENLY THINGS OF THE KINGDOM!

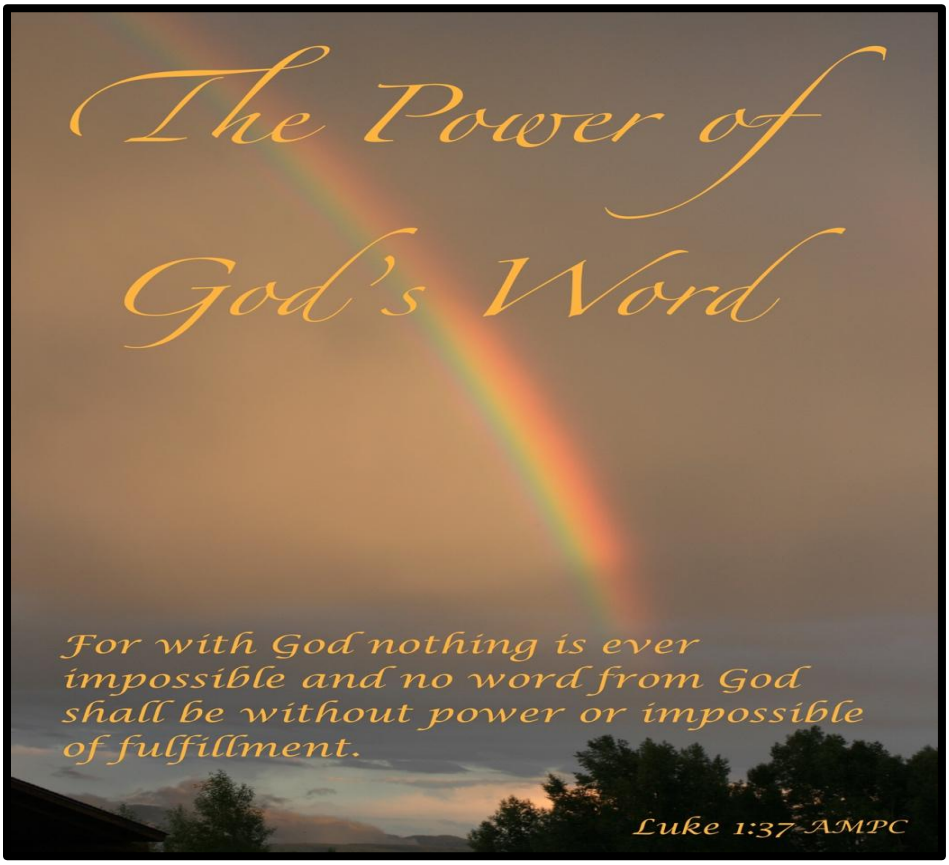
"If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe,
how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?" John 3:12 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we are fully aware that Jesus loved people enough to use parables in His teachings concerning heavenly things. Jesus explained His use for parables in this manner, *"Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."* Matthew 13:13 (NKJV) Why are people not grasping these heavenly words of wisdom that Jesus is giving? It is because their adversary does not want them to walk in this manifold wisdom! The enemy is constantly at work against the Word of God to bring confusion in their spiritual understanding, so that people can remain in bondage concerning the kingdom! *"While anyone is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside."* Matthew 13:19 (AMPC)

Remember when the religious Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come? They were expecting to see something in the natural realm. However, Jesus replies to them saying, *"… The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display, Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]."* Luke 17:20-21 (AMPC) His Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom that is not of this world, and it is meant to be understood. His kingdom is a heavenly kingdom at work within us, and our enemy does not want us to have this revelation.

Once we receive this heavenly revelation that the kingdom of God is spiritual and is at work within us, then we will move and operate kingdom-minded! This is to say that we will operate in KING (ROYAL) DOM (DOMINION) POWER! Upon receiving this revelation, the powers of darkness receive their rightful destiny of doom! This should make us want to understand heavenly things more than ever before!

***"However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves."* 2 Corinthians 4:7 (AMPC)**



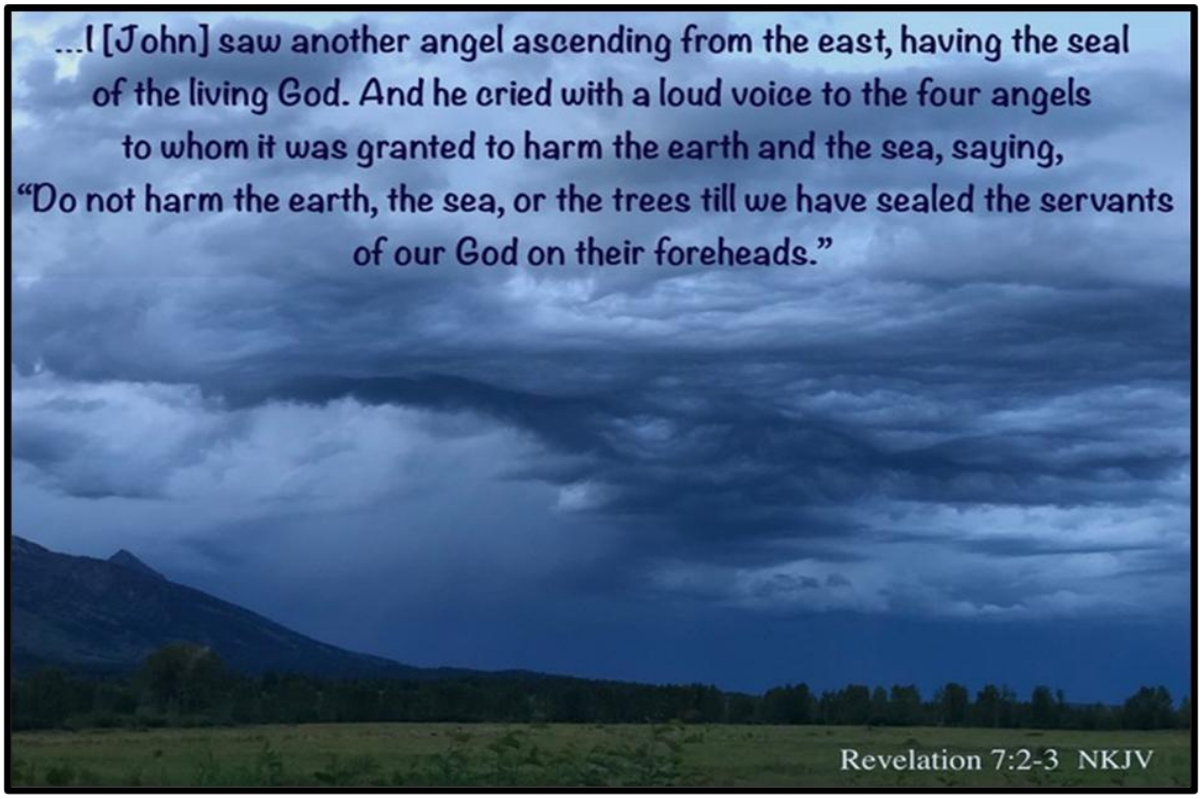
SPIRITUAL WARFARE - PRAYING PSALM 91

"Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly];"
1 Thessalonians 5:17 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we continue in spiritual warfare, we are reminded God is our defense against any and all demonic attacks. Pray with boldness and confidence as you pray Psalm 91, knowing that no demonic attack will change or reverse God's handy work, yet we have a responsibility to pray.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we are dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, and we continue to abide under Your shadow, for You are Almighty. In Jesus' name we declare, "You are our refuge and our fortress; our God, and in You we continue to trust." You shall deliver us from the traps of the enemy hunting our souls and from all deadly pestilence! In Jesus' name You shall cover us with Your feathers, and under Your wings we shall take refuge; Your truth shall be our shield and buckler, always. We shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrows or evil plots and slanders of the wicked that fly by day, nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor shall we fear the destruction and sudden death that surprise and lay waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at our side and ten thousand at our right hand; but, in Jesus' name, it shall not come near us. With our eyes we shall look and see the reward of the wicked; because we have made the Lord, who is our refuge, even the Most High, our dwelling place. In Jesus' name, no evil shall befall us nor shall any plague come near our dwelling; for He gives His angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. In Jesus' name, the angels shall bear us up, lest we dash our foot against a stone. In Jesus' name, we tread upon the lion and the cobra! The young lion and the serpent we are trampling under our feet; because we set our love upon You, therefore You will deliver us; You will set us on high, because we know Your name. We shall call upon You, and You will answer us; You will be with us in trouble; You will deliver us and honor us. In Jesus' name You bless us with long life, and You satisfy us, and show us Your salvation!

REMEMBER-PRAYER CHANGES THINGS



NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH, BUT DELIVERANCE

"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Romans 5:9 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if you have ever listened to very many sermons, you understand there are many false teachings of hellfire and damnation out there designed to promote fear into believers. One of those famous teachings is that when the wrath of God is exhibited, we also will not have any money and will endure afflictions and hardships during which we will not be able to provide for our families or survive. <u>If all of this were true, then why would God's Word say that we shall be saved from the wrath through Jesus</u>?

If Romans 5:9 is not enough, how about this one? "*For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, <u>who rescues us from the wrath to come</u>*." 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NASB) Do we not believe that the blood of Jesus has the power to rescue us from the wrath to come? Really, what about the power? The true remnant knows the power in the blood of Jesus, and for us to believe anything contrary to the fact that Jesus' blood has the power to redeem us, protect us, and save us from any wrath is simply believing a lie!

This is what God's Word says about the remnant: "*For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" 1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV) We are not like the ones who pollute and pervert the Word of God, and upon whom God's wrath will be poured out, but rather we choose to take our stand on a rightly-divided Word of God. The Word of God is the foundation that will never fail us!

We should always let peace be our compass. If something is taught, and it is promoting any fear in us, except for the only fear which we **should** have which is a reverential fear of God, then a teaching of this sort is not of God. **God is not about fear**. There is a difference between the Holy Spirit leading us into conviction to change things in our lives and condemnation from the enemy to leave us in a bondage of fear and oppression!



HE IS IN OUR MIDST

"On saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there], but she did not know (recognize) that it was Jesus." John 20:14 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Many people today are right where Mary was, when Jesus appeared to her after His resurrection. At first, she supposed He was the gardener.

"To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by [a series of] many convincing demonstrations [unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs], appearing to them during forty days and talking [to them] about the things of the kingdom of God." Acts 1:3 (AMPC) How did Jesus manifest to them? He did so through a series of convincing demonstrations, unquestionable evidences, and infallible proofs. Jesus not only appeared to them, but He conversed with them for forty days! Are we eagerly and actively looking for Jesus, who is no longer a baby in a manger nor hanging on a tree, but alive and active with us in ministry?

"… To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation ." Hebrews 9:28 (NKJV) Why should believers automatically use a carnal mind and discount this verse to mean a "second coming" of Christ, as it is usually thought of? Since there is proof that Jesus appeared to many immediately after the resurrection for forty days in the natural realm, why would we not believe that we can see Him now? Were these appearances to man not His second, third, fourth (and so on) for forty days? God is not a respecter of persons, so He would not send His Son only to appear to these people and not also to us, right? We can see Jesus! We can have appearances of Jesus all throughout our lives. We can and should partner with Him in ministry, as we are *"...heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ…"* Romans 8:17 (KJV)

We can and should look eagerly with anticipation for Him to appear, so He does not yet again go unrecognized. *"When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory."* Colossians 3:4 (AMPC) Can we not appear with Him in the splendor of His glory, **NOW**?



GOD'S KINGDOM IS ETERNAL!

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we remember from Luke 17:20-21 the Pharisees were looking for a kingdom to come in the natural; they were looking for a kingdom they could experience with their five senses, thus, a sensual kingdom. Jesus told them clearly that God's Kingdom (which is like unto no other) is not a Kingdom that can be seen, for His Kingdom is in operation through His people!

Come on, what do we do with this opening scripture, *"we walk by faith, not by sight"*? This is what Jesus is talking about! We walk by God's Word, and as we walk by His Word, (remember Romans 10:17), His Kingdom is operating in and through US, in this present day!

Here are some of the instructions that Jesus gave the seventy when He sent them out: *"Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there…"* (Notice releasing healing is not something that can be seen, until after it has manifested.) *"…and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you…'"* (Jesus told them to declare this.) *"…But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'"* Luke 10:8-11 (NKJV) This still applies to us today! Whether we are received or whether we are not, we know without a doubt the Kingdom of God is operating in us and through us. Many religious people are missing the Kingdom of God.

"while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV) God's Kingdom is most certainly real, though it comes without observation. However, the fact it comes without observation is confirmation that it is eternal! Carnal religious people missed it before, and they will miss it again, for His Kingdom is in His people.

In conclusion, this ties perfectly with our final scripture:
"…and His kingdom will have no end."
Luke 1:33 (NASB)



JESUS, INCREASE OUR FAITH!

"… let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith …"
Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant we know it is the Word of God that produces faith for us to live as believers. Today we focus on this ONE verse in depth to receive more revelation of Jesus, the Word of God! (Revelation 19:13)

The three key words we will look at in the Greek are author, perfecter, and faith.

Author is *arxēgós* in the Greek (Strongs #747) and means the first in a long procession; a file-leader who pioneers the way for many others to follow.

Perfecter is *teleiōtḗs* in the Greek (Strongs #5051) and in the HELPS Word Studies it specifically refers to Jesus, the one bringing the life of faith to its complete conclusion (consummation, finish). In every scene of His earthly life, Jesus lived in faith, i.e. receiving and perfectly obeying the inbirthing of the Father's will (persuasion).

Faith is *pístis* in the Greek (Strongs #4102) and is defined as "persuade, be persuaded" properly, persuasion (be persuaded, come to trust); faith.

When we put all of this together we see how we are instructed not to look at the circumstances, but rather to look unto Jesus (the Word of God) who is the file-leader who pioneers the way for us to follow, and He is the One bringing the life of faith in us to its complete conclusion (consummation, finish), which enables us to be fully persuaded, and trust in all of God's promises!

It is certain that the apostles had this knowledge that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith, for they looked to Him and said, *"Increase our faith."* Luke 17:5 (NKJV)

We all could use an increase in our faith today, so we look no further than Jesus (the Word of God) to increase, increase, increase our faith to believe in all God's promises! For there is no other place that we can receive faith to run the race than through Him!



ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER

"*Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it*." Proverbs 22:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, one of the most powerful ways that we will minister to children or even young believers is through our actions. It has been said for many generations that "actions speak louder than words." It is a truth that when we offer a visual application of God's Word to a child or new believer, it is a sign to them that we do not just wear a title of a "Christian", rather a **BELIEVER** is **who we are**.

As you examine a plant, you can determine if it is real or not, correct? Though a dozen artificial roses may look beautiful in a windowsill during the summer, if they remain just as beautiful during all seasons, we can perceive that there is something very wrong about that picture. Though they may be beautiful, there is no growth, and they do not reproduce, nor do they have a sweet aroma, correct? Well, sons of God make more sons of God! Sons of God are not hypocrites, as Jesus called the Pharisees and Sadducees. Sons of God are the real deal.

"*Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons*." Deuteronomy 4:9 (NASB)

Let us not forget, *"…we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;*" 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NASB) So let your light shine before children naturally and spiritually, so that they might imitate you as you imitate Christ.

Here are actions of a true believer that we should be showing this next generation; it is our responsibility! "*And these signs **will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover*." Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV)



WE MUST SPEAK UP; FOR IF WE DO NOT, SOMEONE WILL…

"For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

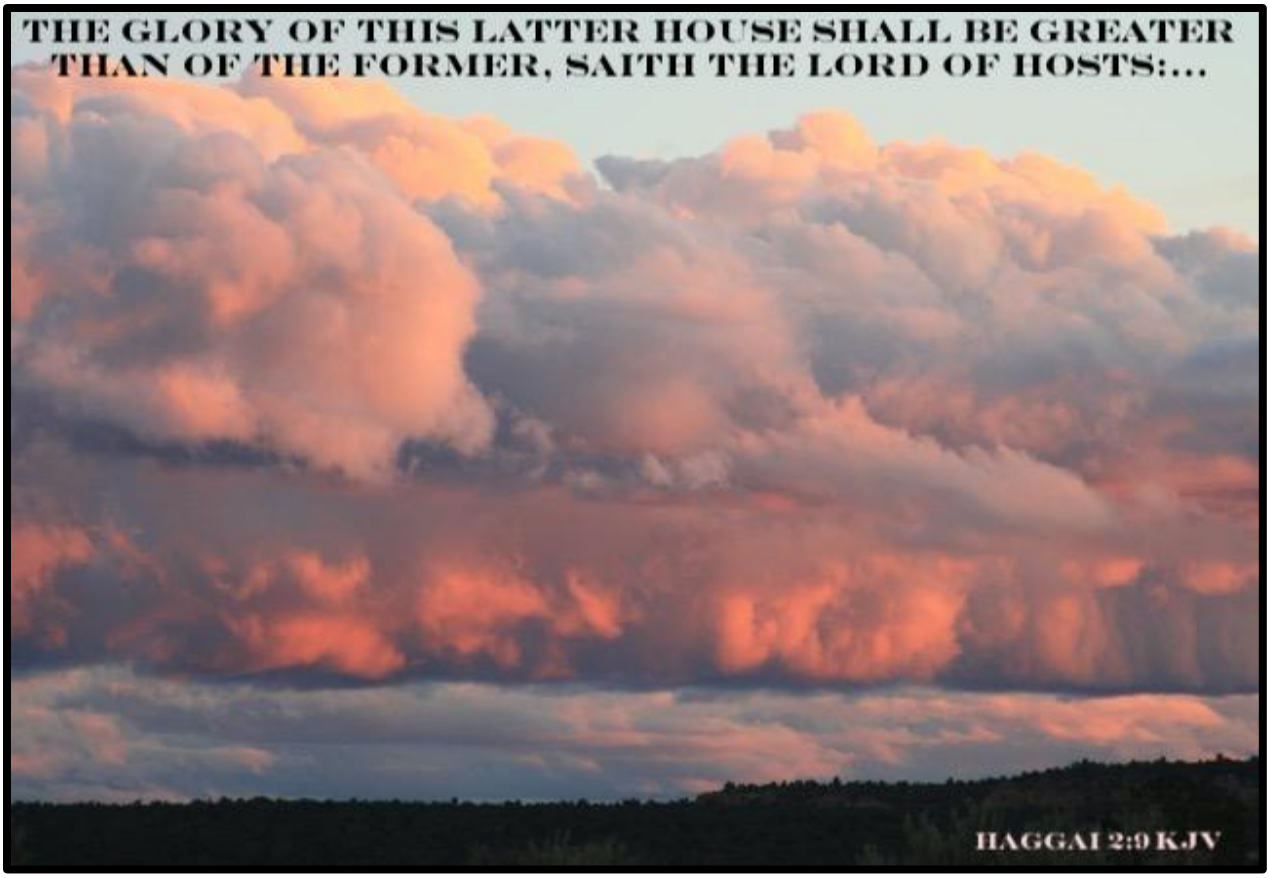
Remnant, how do we know if someone is prophesying to us according to God's Word? *"But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."* 1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV) Prophecies spoken from God will edify, exhort, and comfort us. According to 2 Peter 1:21 from above, His prophecies are birthed through us by the Holy Spirit.

In the time that we are living in we have too many that are speaking "thus saith the Lord" prophecies, and they do not even have the baptism of the Holy Spirit to enable them to speak on His behalf. There are many as such that have been educated in bible schools and colleges by men, *"having a form of godliness but denying its power…."* However according to God's Word, how are we to respond to such a people? *"… And from such people turn away!"* 2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV)

There are too many of us that God is speaking to that are not speaking up and standing for His righteousness right now. God has blessed us with a voice, and He intends for us using His voice and speaking His oracles and prophecies to build the body of Christ, for there are too many religious people who are using their own voices to tear the body apart.

It is time to speak up: *"For I [Myself] will give you a mouth and such utterance and wisdom that all of your foes combined will be unable to stand against or refute."* Luke 21:15 (AMPC) God requires vessels. This is not the time for those who are born of the Word of God to stand behind and be silent, or idle. *"…do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."* Luke 12:11-12 (NKJV)

For a final thought we review this verse: *"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so."* Proverbs 3:27 (NKJV) We are the body of Christ, the children of God! If it is in anyone's power to give good to those for whom it is due, it certainly should be in our power!



UNITY OF THE SPIRIT BRINGS SHEKINIAH GLORY

"For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses. For as long as [there are] envying and jealousy and wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual and of the flesh, behaving yourselves after a human standard and like mere (unchanged) men?" 1 Corinthians 3:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, included in the Holy Spirit, God has given us the manifestation of the discernment of spirits. Therefore we must realize that when there still remains envying, jealousy, strife, and confusion in a church, this is not God. There are many out there who are trying to keep the unity of the church, but God's Word clearly says that we are to *"… keep the unity of the Spirit..."* Ephesians 4:3 (NKJV) Therefore, first the church must possess the Holy Spirit. Secondly, we must strive to keep the unity of the Spirit. Look at this next passage, for instance.

*"indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as **one,** to make **one** sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: 'For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,' that the house, **the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God**."* 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (NKJV)

This is exactly the fulfillment of keeping the unity of the Spirit. Yes, it is possible to still attempt to keep the unity of the church; however, the unity of the Spirit of God is really what brings in His presence.

It is up to us; what will we choose? Will we continue to try and bring unity to a group full of strife, envy, and jealousy who refuse to come to maturity, and among which confusion always abounds? Or will we set our affections on things above, rising above this, and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit of God?



WHAT CAUSES DORMANCY AND THE DANGERS OF IT

"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm 1:3 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many times in God's Word He compares a man to some sort of plant, whether it be like the tree above or even like the grass. Keeping that in mind, there are many plants that people put into a dormant stage during the winter. The definition of a dormant plant is a plant (or bud) alive **but not actively growing**. By looking into the natural side of this, we see that God is very concerned for our spiritual growth.

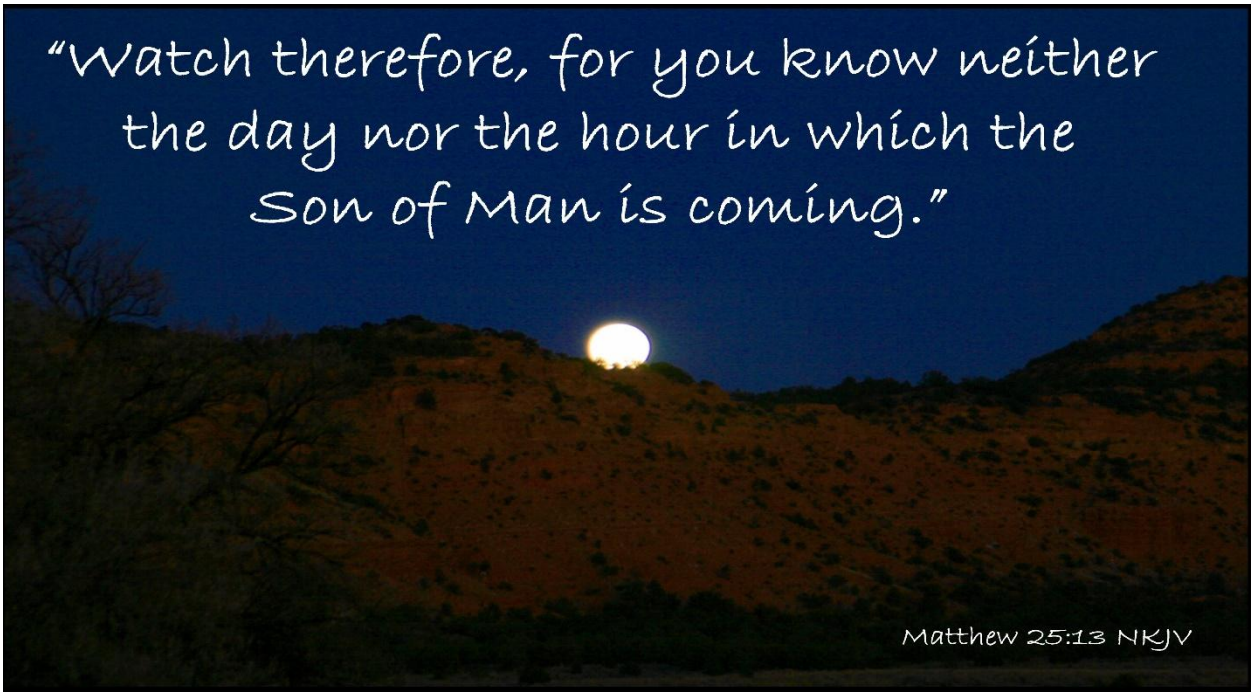
A plant can become in a dormant stage when it is placed in a cool dark space. Jesus told us, *"…I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* John 8:12 (NKJV) Therefore **if** we follow Him, we will never walk in darkness but will remain in the light, as He is in the light.

Another thing that causes a plant to become dormant, in combination with being in darkness, is having little or no water. Jesus also told us this: *"…If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."* John 7:37 (NASB)

It can be quite a challenge sometimes for even green thumbs to bring a plant out of a dormant stage. Sometimes for a plant to "wake up," it must be repotted. *"'Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,' says the Lord…."* 2 Corinthians 6:17 (NASB)

One of the most important things that we must remember as the remnant is to *"Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard…"* Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC), so that we never fall into a dormant stage, where our spiritual growth is paralyzed. As any green thumb can tell you, sometimes… plants never wake up after becoming dormant.

***"Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light."* Ephesians 5:14 (AMPC)**



THE FOURTH WATCH

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." Mark 13:32 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

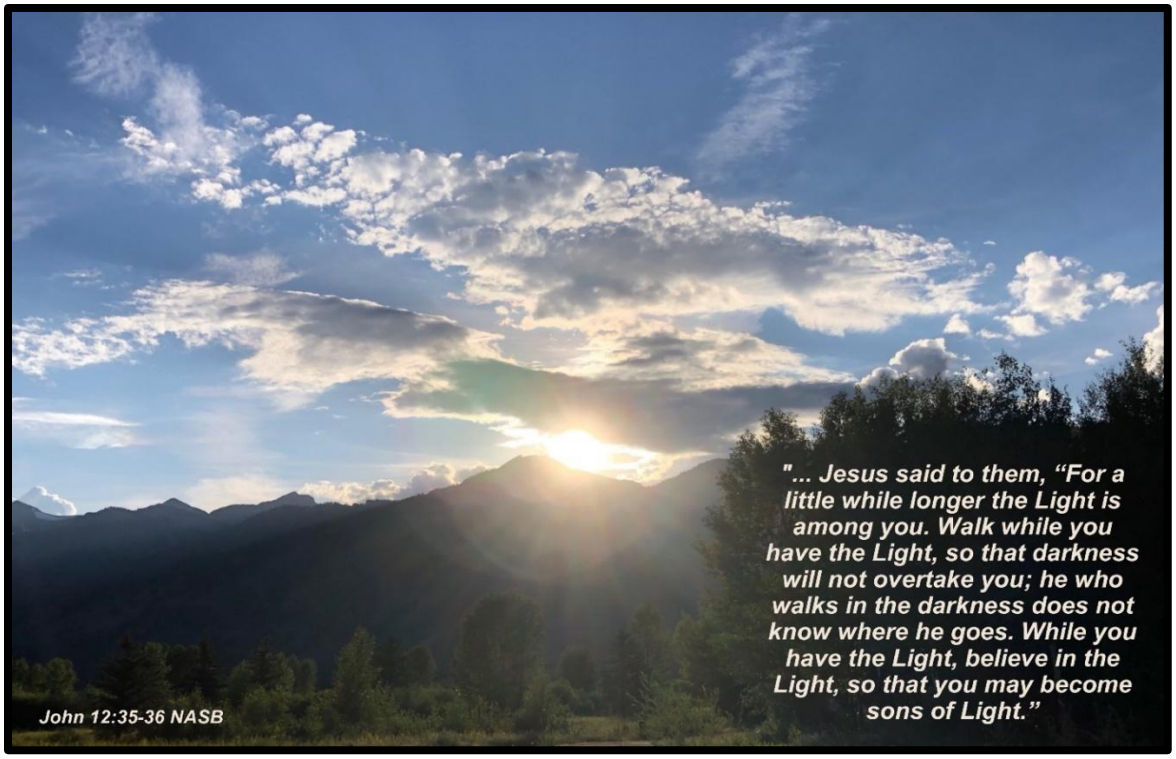
Though there have been many prophecies from people who claim they have heard from God regarding when the return of Christ shall be, we must remain steadfast in believing God's Word over any man. All those prophecies depicting certain dates and times have all proven to be false. God's Word makes it very clear that no one will know the day or the hour, not even Jesus the Son; only God will know.

Keeping this in mind, we do know that it is the remnant's responsibility to be on the watch. *"Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching…"* Luke 12:37 (NKJV) It is necessary to read on here for He continues in saying, *"…if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants."* Luke 12:38 (NKJV) We know we are to remain watching; however, for the sake of today's learning we look at the time frame of the watches. A *watch* is a three-hour period, and according to the *Companion Bible* in the New Testament, the first watch is 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.; the second watch is 9 p.m.- midnight; the third watch is midnight to 3 a.m.; and the fourth watch is 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.

In Matthew 14:25 we read Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the sea, during a strong storm in the fourth watch, which remember is 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. Therefore, we plainly see Jesus came when conditions were not only stormy but also during the darkest hours before dawn.

Though we may not know the day or the hour, it is very possible that He will come in the darkest hours, just as He did with His disciples. We must continue to be on the watch, discerning the signs of the times. When we are watching, we *"... are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you* [us] *as a thief."* 1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NKJV)

"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" **Mark 13:35-37 (NKJV)**



VICTORY IN THE LIGHT

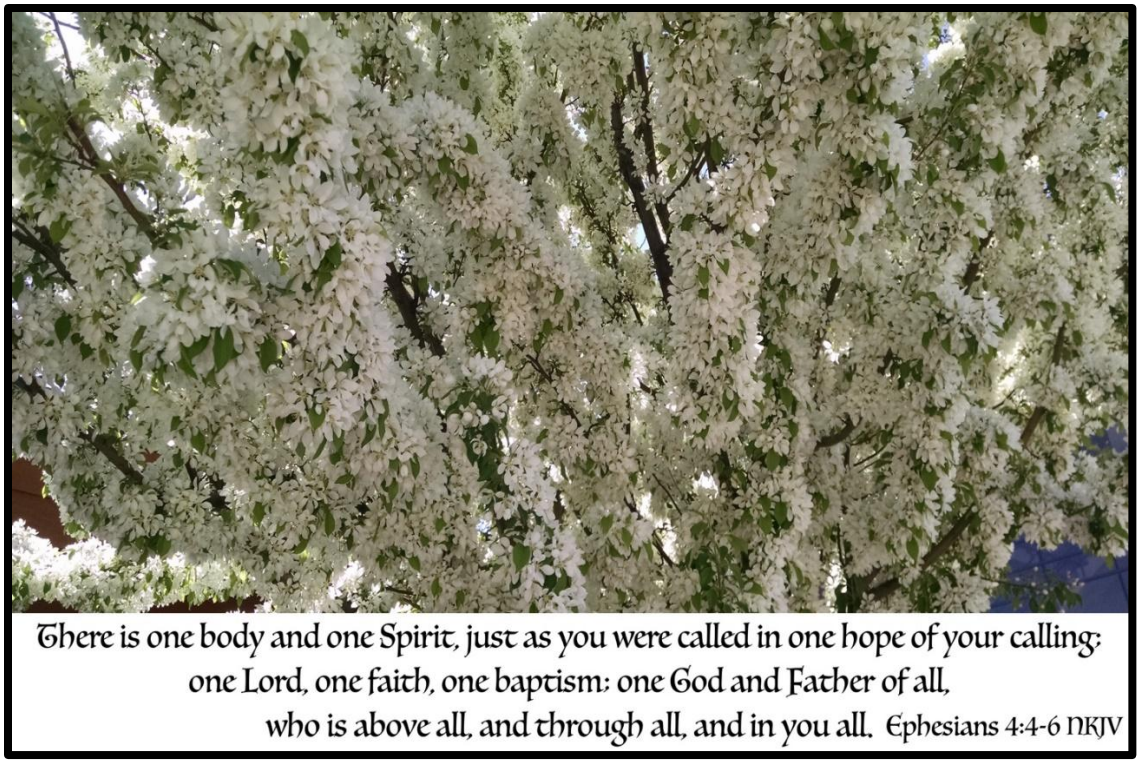
"And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]." John 1:5 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we know that God's Word is truly written to the overcomer. When we get in the Word of God and stay in the Word of God, we begin to see the manifestation of the light overcoming the dark for just as it says, darkness truly has no power over the light! His Word tells us how to get out of darkness, how to stay out of darkness, then most importantly how to walk in the light so that darkness has no power over us. The remnant has all power over darkness. *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*" Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

It is high time, as we have victory by and through the blood of the Lamb, having the Word as our testimony, that we begin to exercise our authority, and see ourselves for who we truly are! **We are sons and daughters of God, created in His image**! *"Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world*." 1 John 4:4 (AMPC) Do we truly believe He Who lives in us is greater than he who lives in the world?

When we are truly born of God, we believe His Word, and all the promises within His Word that **we are entitled to.** We are strong in His Word, and we are the overcomers. *"I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, **Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one***." 1 John 2:14 (NKJV)

To get free, and remain free, we do not need another program, nor do we need another religion. We only need to read the Word of God, believe the Word of God, and then begin to apply the Word of God to our lives. That is freedom! *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."* 1 John 5:4 (NKJV)



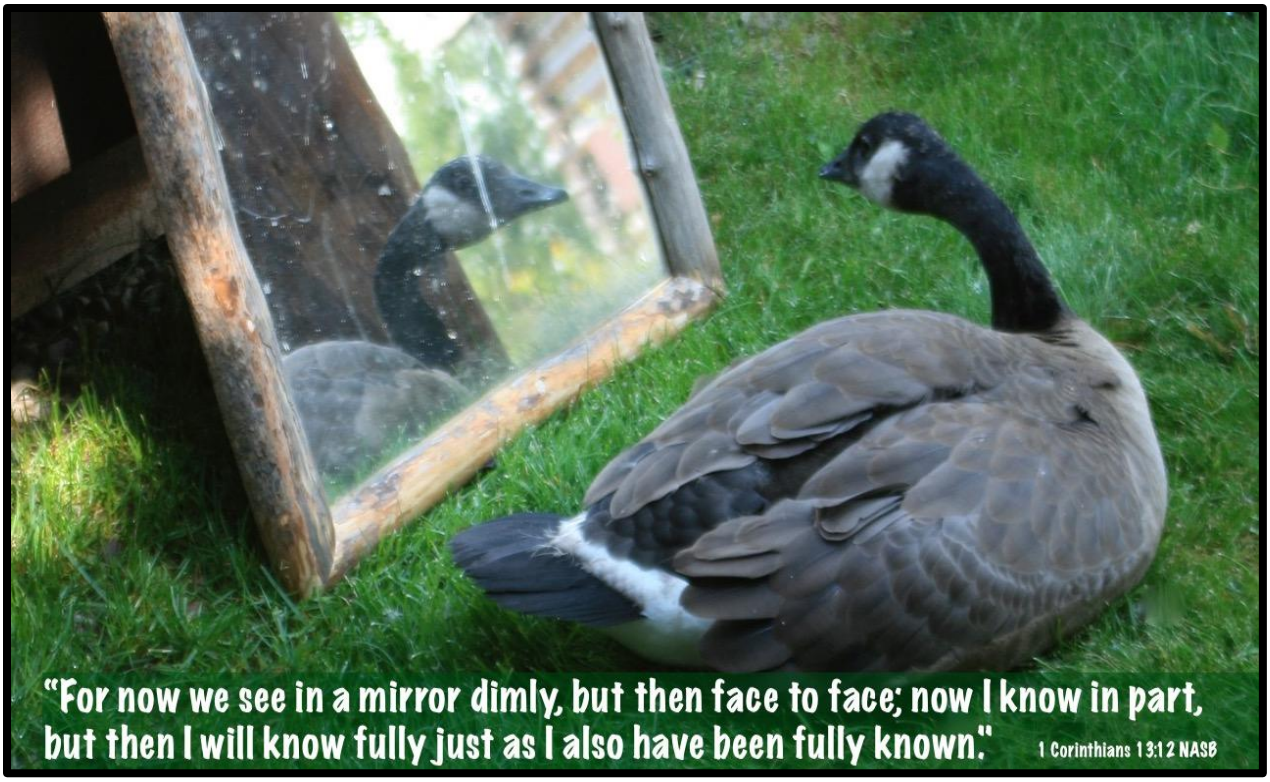
THE ROLE OF PNEUMA HAGION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

"… I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions."
Joel 2:28 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it does not seem that there is much awareness of what the gift of the Holy Spirit is: the *pneuma hagion*. Since the remnant of God is considered the body of Christ, let us be reminded of the role of *pneuma hagion* in the body of Christ. For comparison we look to the natural body. In the natural realm there is ONE individual nervous system in each body, which consists of the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system. Our nerves are bundles of axons in the peripheral nervous system that act as information highways to carry signals between the brain and spinal cord and the rest of the body. The *pneuma hagion* can be compared to the nerves and how they function in our natural bodies. For instance, if we look at the fact that Christ is the Head of the body (Colossians 1:18) and that the head possesses the brain along with the spinal cord, we can begin to see more of how the *pneuma hagion* is comparable to our natural nerves.

Remember the nerves carry signals from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body, resulting in the body functioning perfectly. When your skin gets too close to something hot, the nerves send a signal to the brain to relay a message for the body to move away from danger. We find this same character of the *pneuma hagion* in the scriptures*. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."* John 16:13 (NKJV) The *pneuma hagion* relays messages of truth and of what is to come, whether good or bad. In the natural we cannot see nerves functioning in our bodies, but we know they are at work. In the same way we may not always see the *pneuma hagion* at work; however, we know it is fully functioning in the body of Christ, bringing forth the perfect will of the Holy Spirit (*Pneuma Theos*- the giver).

***"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."* John 14:17 (NKJV)**



WHAT DOES YOUR SELFIE LOOK LIKE?

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Many are portraying God as a God in their own image. For example, many Caucasians believe that God is their skin color, while many African Americans believe that God is their skin color. And no, it does not stop at the skin color but also gender, as well as cultural diversities, etc. Remnant, isn't this just a bit backwards from what God's Word says? *"So God created man <u>in His own image</u>, <u>in the image and likeness of God</u> He created him; male and female He created them."* Genesis 1:27 (AMPC)

Once we have confessed with our mouth Jesus is Lord and believed in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, (Romans 10:9) we are in the beginning stages of being transformed into His image, from glory to glory! Therefore, having the mind of Christ, we are no longer trying to make God look like us, rather we are transforming bit by bit into His image.

Each day as we dive into His Word and into prayer, it is a little less of us and a little more of Him. With each appearance in the mirror, we look a little less like our "old nature" and a little more like Him.

What exactly is the beauty secret that we possess? It is because we are doers of the Word of God and not hearers only, which would be to our own deception. When we are doers of the Word of God, and we investigate ourselves in a mirror, <u>our selfie looks like Him</u>! We look more and more like Him each time we examine ourselves in that mirror! It is because of the Word of God that we do not forget what manner of a person we are, for we are the children of God! (James 1:22-25).

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."
Matthew 5:48 (NKJV)



GO AHEAD – FOR HE IS WITH US

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"
Psalm 118:6 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant, we know that God must first work in us before He can possibly work through us. However, as He is working in us, He is calling us to do things in order that we may have experience. Every day of our lives we are going through training. There is one absolute, foundational thing that God is always reassuring His chosen, when He requires them to do something that He has called them to do. That foundational theme is - He is with us.

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, <u>The Lord is with thee</u>..." Judges 6:12 (KJV) This was the very first thing that was spoken to Gideon when God called Him to deliver His people. Moses also had a similar experience. *"But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" So He said, "<u>I will certainly be with you</u>..."* Exodus 3:11-12 (NKJV) After Moses was gone, God then called on Joshua and told him, *"...as I was with Moses, <u>so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee</u>."* Joshua 1:5 (KJV) Yet again God speaks to His people here in Deuteronomy. *"You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, <u>the great and awesome God, is among you</u>."* Deuteronomy 7:21 (NKJV)

The list in God's Word goes on and on, showing His faithfulness in being with us when He has called us to do something. Study it for yourself. It was not just the "great men of old" that God worked through, oh no! He is constantly working in and through all of us who will let Him, those who will trust that He is with them and step out in faith in what He has called them to do. *"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*" Philippians 2:13 (NKJV)

God is NOT a respecter of persons (Romans 2:11), and the same holds true for us. As He was with Moses, Gideon, Joshua, Deborah, Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, John, Paul, Peter, and on and on....so He is with us today. He will not fail us, nor forsake us. *"... for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]."* Hebrews 13:5 (AMPC)



PRAYING WITH UNDERSTANDING

"Therefore, the person who speaks in an [unknown] tongue should pray [for the power] to interpret and explain what he says. For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody]."
1 Corinthians 14:13-14 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

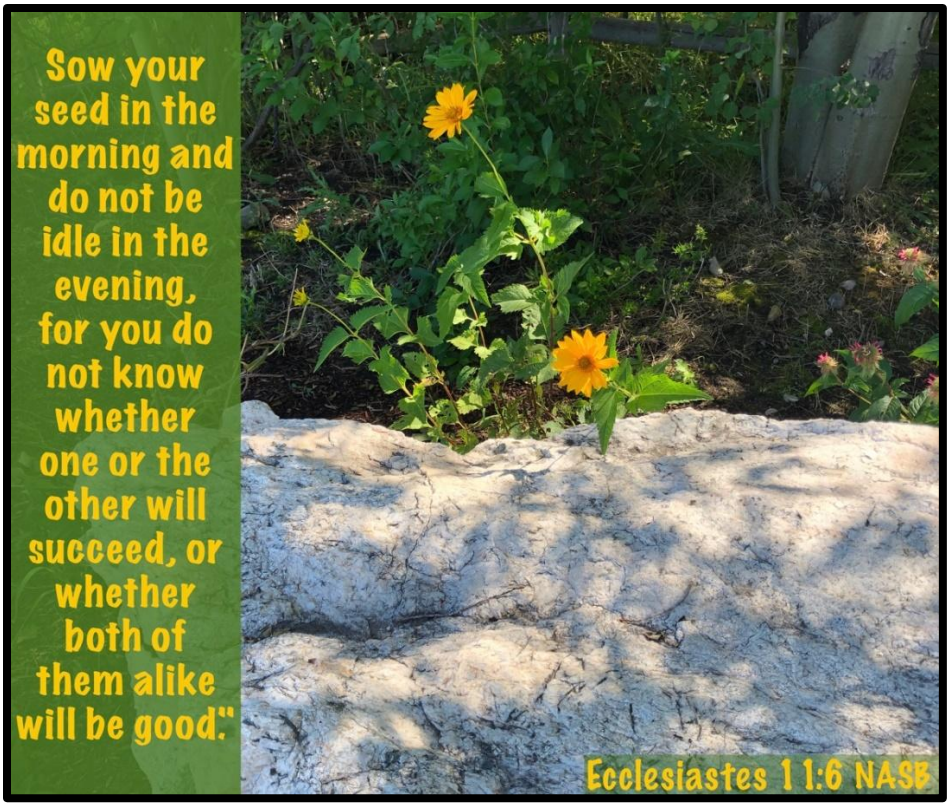
Remnant, it is God's will for us to understand this heavenly language that He has given unto us as one of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*). There are many church scenes where you hear all kinds of people pray in the Spirit at the same time; but this brings confusion, and it is fruitless if the interpretation is not sought after. Therefore, in the very next verse Paul expounds to us again how we need to pray for the interpretation of this heavenly language.

"Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding ..." 1 Corinthians 14:15 (AMPC) When we pray by the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*), we are in fact releasing our own flesh completely from the situation. The intelligent mind that we are praying with is the mind of Christ, for as Paul said, "*… it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me …"* Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

Come on, let's get back to the central reason as to why we pray in the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*) anyway. *"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should …"* Did we catch that? We let the Spirit come in and take control when we do not know how to pray. *"… but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."* Romans 8:26-27 (NASB)

In conclusion we see how vital it is that when we pray in the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*), we should not just continue in confusion. We need understanding because God is choosing to use us as His vessels to intercede for the saints, according to His perfect will.

***"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."* James 1:5 (NASB)**



STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES

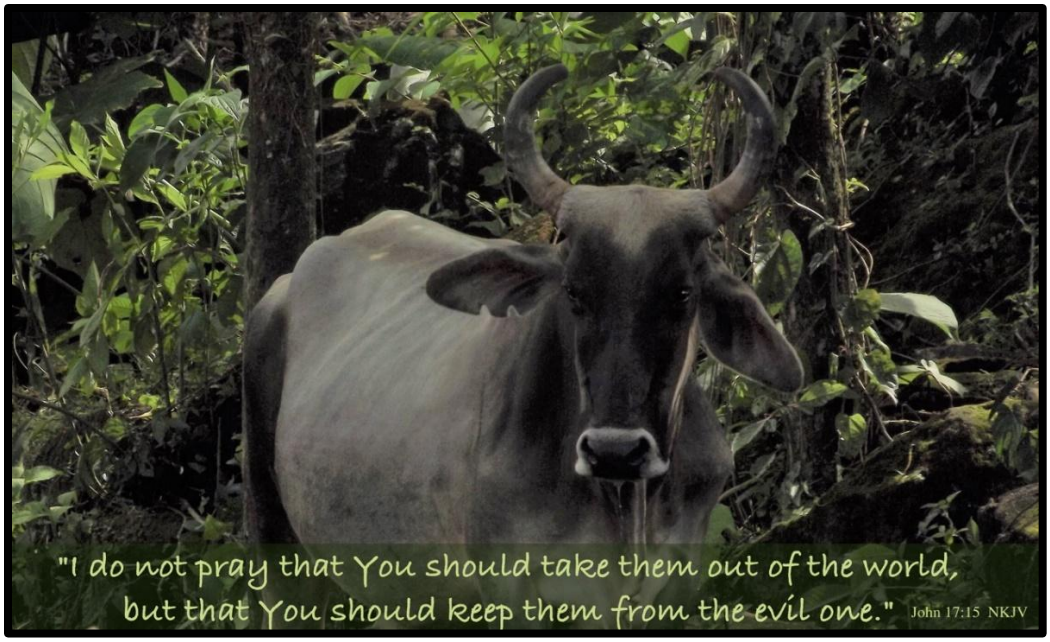
"And at the same time pray for us also, that God may open a door to us for the Word (the Gospel), to proclaim the mystery concerning Christ (the Messiah)..."
Colossians 4:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." 1 Corinthians 4:1 (NKJV) We, like Paul, have the revelation that we are **stewards of the mysteries of God**, for God has given us revelation knowledge. Now, what do we do with such knowledge? Do we not desire to be good stewards of this knowledge? Yes. We must love the Body enough to boldly proclaim the truth to them. Look at one of the examples that we have, shown by the disciples in Acts. *"And when they had prayed,"* (See this - they first prayed.) *"the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and* ***they spoke the word of God with boldness***." Acts 4:31 (NKJV) It was the Holy Spirit that gave them the boldness to be able to speak and proclaim God's Word!

Paul was prepared for the defense of the gospel. His boldness came from God, for He knew God's Word and therefore he had confidence to know that what he was speaking was an utterance from God and not from His own flesh. *"and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel*," Ephesians 6:19 (NKJV)

See, the true remnant, like Paul, has already died to the flesh, and pride is not in the way of professing the Word of God to people. The true remnant speaks the same language that Paul spoke here: "*And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God*."
1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

The true remnant is not trying to convince the church to be followers of themselves, but the true remnant speaks God's Word boldly, not in "*persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power!*"



THE RULER OF THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING IN US

"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me." John 14:30 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the above statement was made by Jesus to His disciples. This conversation that He had with them was one of comfort and instruction. This was written for our learning. So, what are we to learn from this?

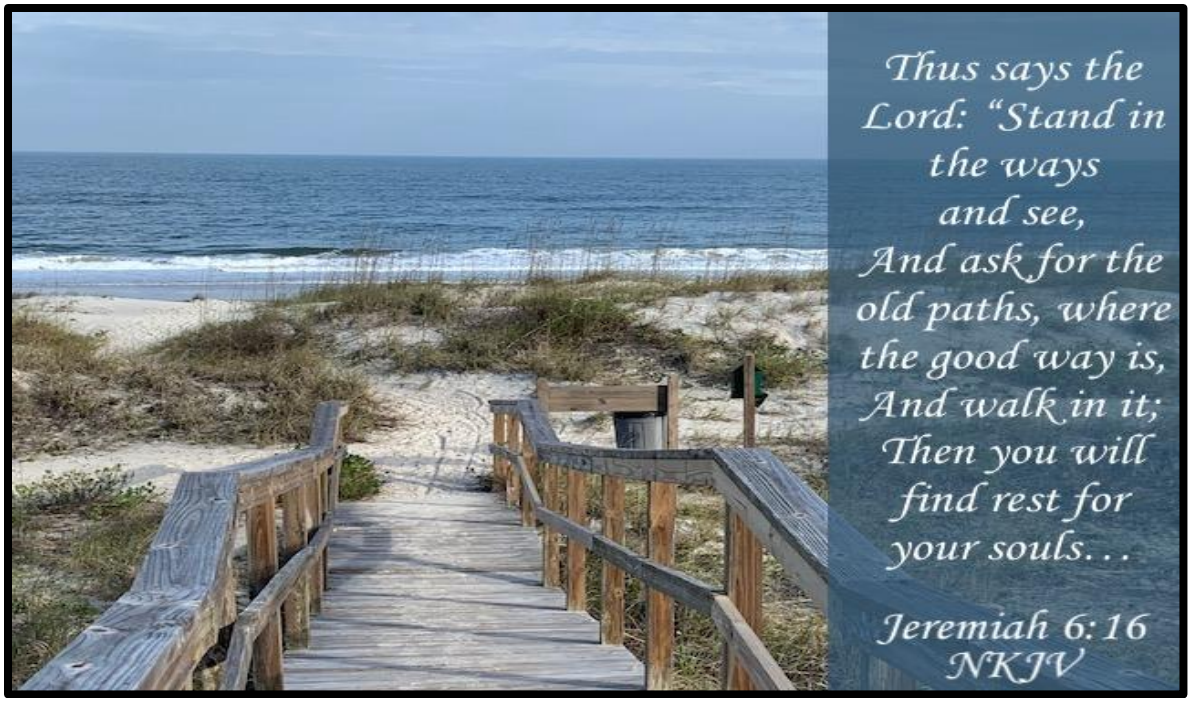
Jesus said, "*the ruler of this world is coming."* The word *ruler* here in the Greek is *archón* (Strong's #758) and literally means ruler or chief. We all know that 2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us that the god of this world is one who blinds the minds of the unbelieving. Satan can only blind the mind of those who do not truly believe; and that is exactly how he rules over them and has become the ruler of this world.

Today we ask, "How was it that the ruler of this world had no power or authority over Jesus?" It is because Jesus is the Word of God Who became flesh and is dwelling among us. (1 John 1:14) Yes, friend, He is still in our midst.

Satan never has had and never will have any power over the Word of God. He can only have power over those who are in unbelief. The Word of God holds the key to unlocking every deadbolt holding people in bondage to the god of this world. (Romans 10:17) Fear is a key indicator that satan is your ruler, because you are allowing him to blind your eyes from the divine liberty that the Word of God has for you in every situation!

Have you so soon forgotten, *"… you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, <u>through the living and enduring word of God</u>."* 1 Peter 1:23 (NASB)? Well then, having been born by and through the incorruptible Word of God, <u>the god of this world has nothing in you either</u>. He has no power or authority over you because… YOU BELIEVE!

You believe that you are of God and that you have already overcome every agenda of the antichrist because greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world. (1 John 4:4) You believe that God has increased you and made you stronger than all your enemies. (Psalm 105:24) You believe the God of peace will soon crush satan under your feet. (Romans 16:20) Satan has nothing in us, because we believe all the promises, and we cannot be moved!



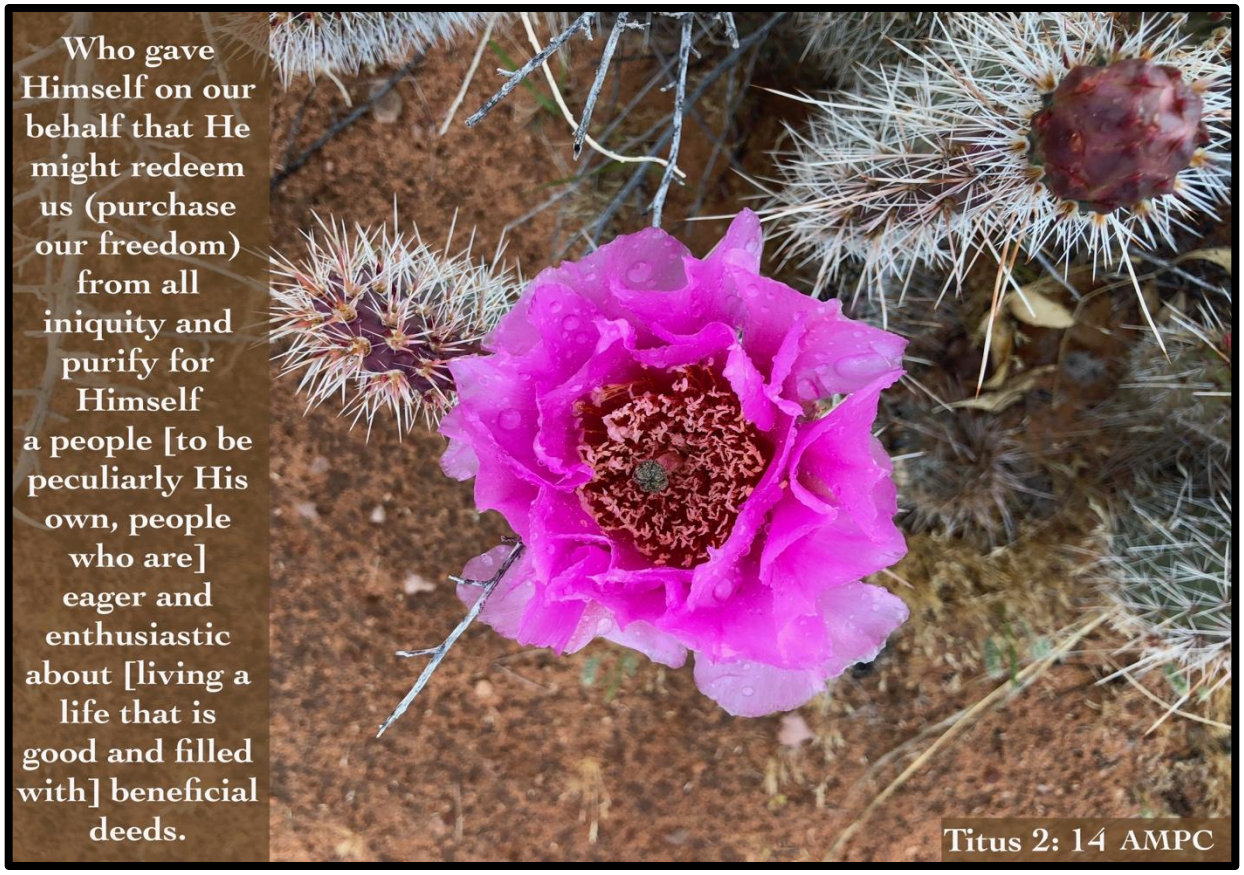
BLESSING OR CURSE; CAREFULLY CHOOSE YOUR WAYS

"Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; 'Consider your ways.'"
Haggai 1:5 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this statement, *"Consider your ways,"* is repeated five times throughout the book of Haggai. The emphasizing of such a statement comes primarily from the root of the problem, which was specified as "your ways" in contrast with God's ways. Through this prophecy, which is for our learning, we see the fruits of "their ways." *"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages to put into a bag with holes."* Haggai 1:6 (KJV) Their fruits were a direct result of their disobedience, which qualified them to be under such curses. Because of "their ways," they experienced many of the curses laid out in Deuteronomy 28:15-39, instead of His blessings laid out in Deuteronomy 28:1-13, which are the fruits of His ways.

"You looked for much [harvest], and behold, it came to little; and even when you brought that home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because of My house, which lies waste while you yourselves run each man to his own house [eager to build and adorn it]." Haggai 1:9 (AMPC) It is God who tries every man's works. *"Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward."* 1 Corinthians 3:12-14 (NKJV)

"Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit." Haggai 1:10 (KJV) What was the root of their problem that caused the heaven to not give its dew/blessing? (Leviticus 26:19; Deuteronomy 28:23) We find this in Psalms: *"As the dew of Hermon, And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: For there the Lord commanded the blessing, Even life forevermore."* Psalm 133:3 (KJV) These people were being corrected by God for the lack of unity, due to "their ways" of disobedience. There is blessing in unity, and according to God's Word, they had stepped out of the grounds of blessing and opened themselves up to a curse. Many churches/denominations have heaven "stayed" over them because of their lack of unity and disobedience in "their ways." May all our hearts have a revelation of "His Way" and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit.



BEING MADE FREE; IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE

"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,"
Hebrews 2:14 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what a glorious Word today! Because Christ took our place and went through death, He brought to nothing and made ineffective the power satan once had over us! That power was (past tense) the power of death! You see, God's Word plainly states, *"For the wages which sin pays is death…"* Romans 6:23 (AMPC) However, because of what Christ Jesus has done for us, He has made us free from the wages of sin, which is death, because *"…sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."* Romans 6:14 (NKJV) Thus instead of receiving the wages of death from sin, as children of God we receive *"… the [bountiful] free gift of God (which) is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 6:23 (AMPC)

We are not bondservants to satan as we once were but have been made free through Christ; therefore, any power that satan once had over us, through the blood of Christ those powers are no longer effective over us and have been brought to NOTHING.

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Romans 6:16 (NKJV)

We praise God, in the name of Jesus, that we ARE no longer slaves to satan, but we are ambassadors for God, (like Paul) and we are slaves of righteousness (right standing with God).

***"And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."* Romans 6:18 (NKJV)**

Many may never understand the freedom of being under the yoke of righteousness; but to the true remnant it is not burdensome, rather it is an honor to serve.



LET HIM WHO STOLE STEAL NO MORE

"… And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold."
Nehemiah 8:10 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, why do you suppose our adversary always attempts to steal our joy? He attempts to steal our joy for the simple reason that Ezra explained to the people here in Nehemiah: "…*the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold."* Our strength is remaining in the joy of the Lord. Without it our strength is gone.

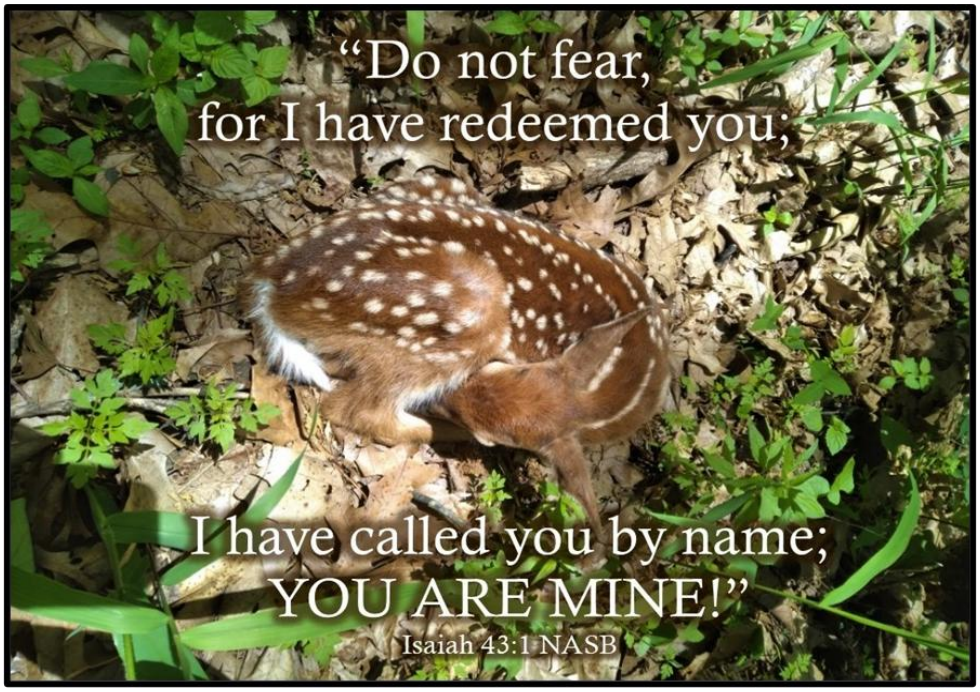
It takes strength to be able to continue in warfare, and the core of our strength remains in possessing the joy of the Lord. In the Hebrew the word *joy* here in Nehemiah 8:10 is *chedvah* (Strong's #2304), and it literally means joy. Joy is defined as a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Therefore, what this is really saying is that we must possess the Lord's feelings of great pleasure and happiness. To do this we must continue to renew ourselves by and through the Word of God!

In Nehemiah we continue to read that after the people heard Ezra's words, they *"…went their way to eat, drink, send portions, and make great rejoicing, for they had understood the words that were declared to them."* Nehemiah 8:12 (AMPC) It was an understanding of the WORD (the truth) that caused them to maintain their joy!

"And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth." Colossians 3:2 (AMPC)

A renewed mind stays fixed on the things above; therefore, it only sees the spiritual side of what is occurring through the Lord's eyes. When things appear to be "falling apart" in the natural, through our understanding of the Word and prayer our renewed mind KNOWS that things are really "falling together." That is our strength, which allows us to stand and remain standing against our adversary, for we have the Lord's feelings of great pleasure and happiness when we can see with spiritual eyes into that unseen realm. This is a realm where only those who walk by faith and not by sight can walk. (2 Corinthians 5:7) These are the ones who understand the Word of God and remain in His joy through that understanding.

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials…"
James 1:2 (NASB)



HE HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR

"Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you." Isaiah 35:4 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in the book of Judges the children of Israel cried out to God, and God sent a prophet. Here is what he delivered: *"…This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of slavery. And I rescued you from the hands of the Egyptians, and from the hands of all your oppressors, and I drove them out from you and gave you their land, and I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live." But you have not obeyed Me.'"* Judges 6:8-10 (NASB)

You see God had already redeemed them previously; however, when they had another attack from their enemies, they came into disobedience with God. Just what was their disobedience? It was fear. God was compassionate with them when they cried out and sent them a prophet to show them what their problem was.

Remember Job 3:25 (KJV), "*For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me*." These people were living in defeat because of fear. They were moving in fear instead of moving in faith.

That is where many believers are today. We must put our faith in God and realize that the same God that has delivered us before is faithful to deliver again. You may be reading this saying, "Yeah, yeah I know." However, it's time for you to get real with the deal. Many of us have been held back and are still being held back from the life we are supposed to be living because of the "giants in the land." With God's Word we are to be like Joshua and Caleb; we are "more than able"!

Father in the name of Jesus, I ask you to forgive me for any worry, doubt, fear, anxiety, or any form of unbelief keeping me from doing Your perfect will. I thank You that I have power, love, and discipline today, and that I have the mind of Christ. I choose this day and from here forward to **read** Your Word, **believe** Your Word, **receive** Your Word, and **act** on Your Word, no matter what the circumstances may look like in the natural!



TRUE FAITH ALWAYS SUCCEEDS

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

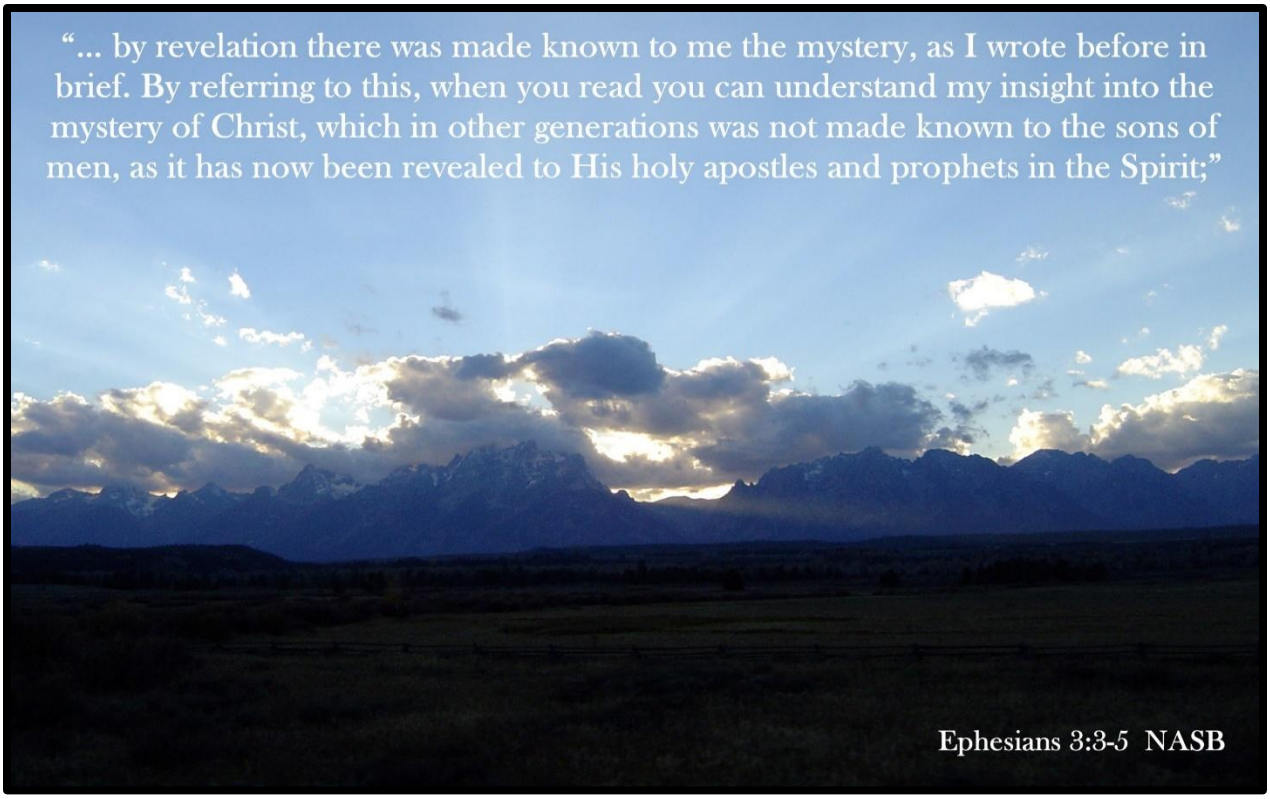
Remnant, what is our faith causing us to expect for the future? Well, if our faith is in God and in His Word, then we are expecting the future that God has promised us. We are expecting the end of each trial we are currently enduring to be one of tremendous, overcoming victory.

With each new trial comes a new level of difficulty; therefore, we have even a greater opportunity for a larger triumph in demolishing every work of darkness aimed at our destiny. Our triumph comes through Christ!

We must remember how faith is defined, according to God's Word. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Faith knows the fact of God's Word even BEFORE it has been revealed to any of the five senses! Think about that!

"And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied [it]…" Mark 16:20 (AMPC) Faith is the assurance that when we know the will of God concerning our situations, we can speak His Word confidently, and He WILL work with His Word confirming His Word with signs following! We only need to believe His Word and speak His Word; then according to our expectation of the fulfillment of His promises, (of which God is not slack), His perfect will is birthed!

Faith does not waver; rather, faith expects results in accordance with God's Word. Faith expects success every time, for true faith cannot believe God's Word and expect failure. God's Word is His Will, and when we send His Word out, He says this is our expectation: *"…It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:11 (NASB)



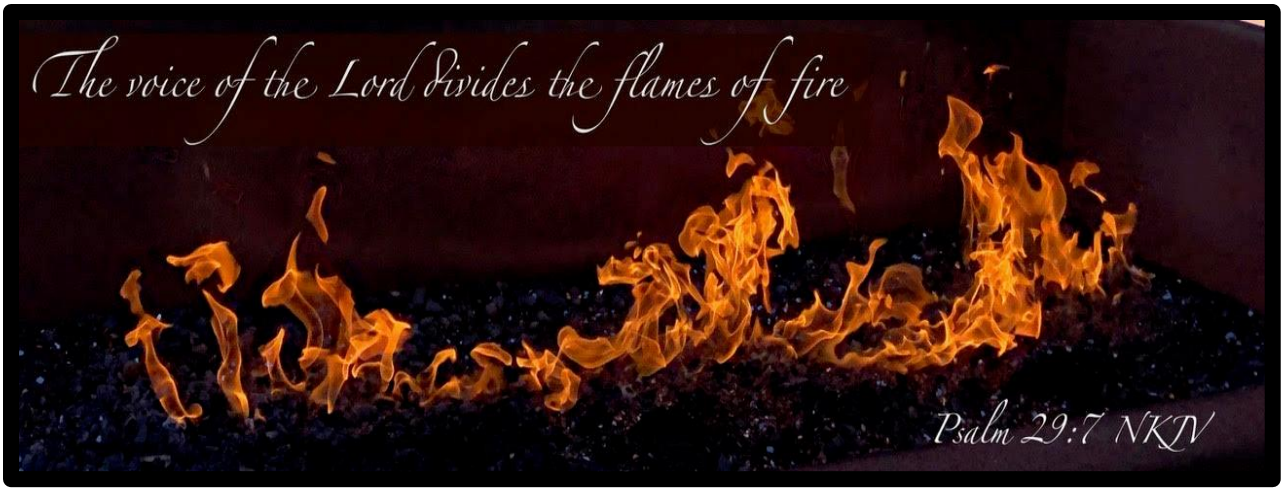
THROUGH HIM YOU KNOW ALL THINGS

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."
John 16:13 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant, we know that we receive revelation knowledge through the Holy Spirit. *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But,"* (ok, here it is) *"**God has revealed them to us through His Spirit**. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."* 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

God reveals things in the past, present, and future to us by His Holy Spirit! That is why it is so necessary for the body of Christ to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the natural we have heard that saying, "knowledge is power," and that is certainly true! Look at what God's Word says about the Holy Spirit in relation to power. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."* Acts 1:8 (NKJV) When we are full of the Holy Spirit, we have that power, and we have all knowledge that He has given us through the Holy Spirit! *"But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] or you know all things*." 1 John 2:20 (AMPC) What an awesome reminder that our confidence comes by and through Him! Then, moving down to verse 27, we have this. *"But as for you,"* (this is for the remnant), *"the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. **But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood**, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do]."* 1 John 20:27 (AMPC) This is for us and abides in us permanently. The Holy Spirit gives us **all truth** concerning **everything,** if we abide in Him!

*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and **bring to your remembrance all that I said to you**."* John 14:26 (NASB)



FIRE IN OUR BONES

"… I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me A reproach and a derision daily."
Jeremiah 20:7-8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this message was spoken by the true prophet Jeremiah. For his message, like all other true prophets, was God's Word. Have we forgotten the words of the true prophet Jesus? *"For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."* John 12:49 (NKJV)

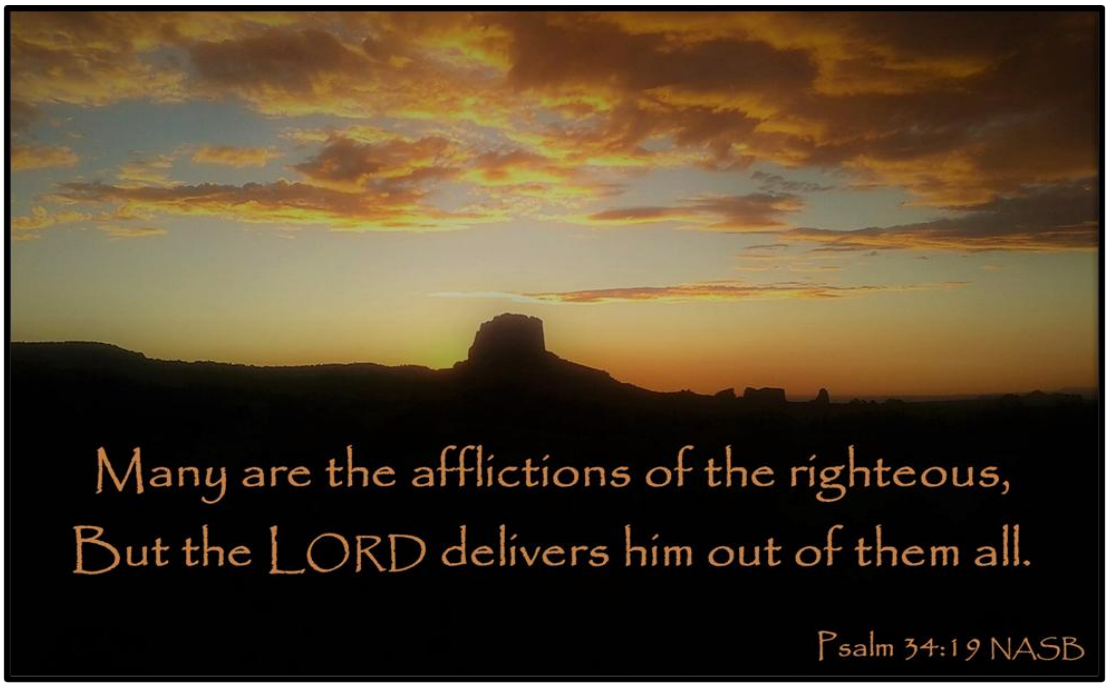
For true men and women of God, His Word speaks loud enough to echo and pierce through a heart that was once stony. True men and women of God are so full of the Word of God that it cannot help but come out. His Word will come out and prevail and have free course, as God commands.

Even though true men and women of God face reproach, rejection, and more for the sake of the Word of God, there is no other option for them but to speak the Word of God as commanded by God.

For if we attempt to entertain thoughts as Jeremiah did when he said, *"… I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name,"* then we too will come to the same revelation that Jeremiah also had, as he continued on to say, "*…His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, <u>And I could not</u>."* Jeremiah 20:9 (NKJV)

Jesus said, *"And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end."* Matthew 24:14 (AMPC) Though we are in the last of the last days, we realize the end has not yet come. Therefore, as the elect and chosen of God, we continue to carry the responsibility of speaking the Word of God.

HIS WORD IS LIKE A FIRE IN OUR BONES, AND WE CAN NOT HOLD IT BACK!



NEVER SHAKEN, NEVER CAST DOWN, NEVER DESTROYED!

"…I saw the Lord constantly before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken or overthrown or cast down [from my secure and happy state]." Acts 2:25 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

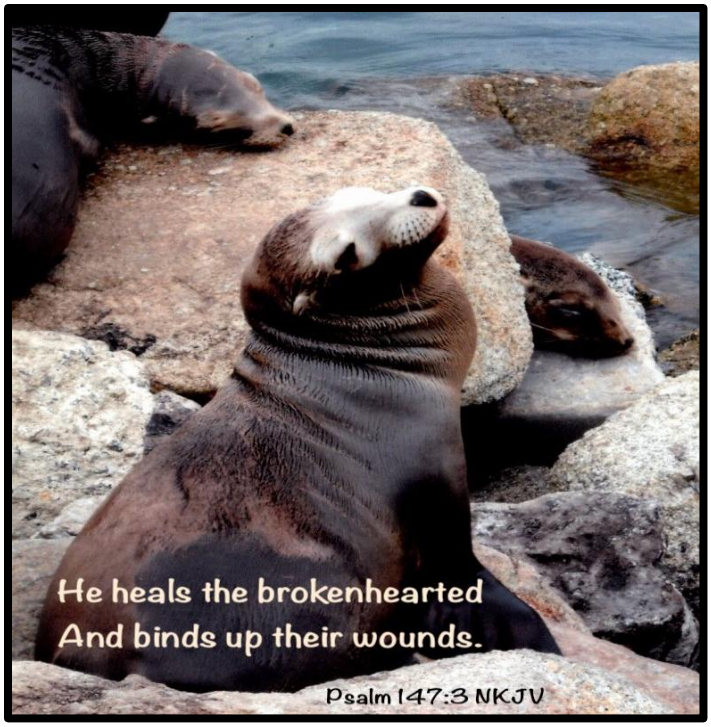
Remnant, this was David's confession. How many of us have this confession today? Are we constantly aware of the Lord's presence before us? Are we beyond persuaded that we will not be shaken, overthrown, or cast down from our secure, and happy state in Christ?

Since God has *"…raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"* Ephesians 2:6 (NASB), we certainly are at the right hand of God, and we are seated in the heavenlies with Christ Jesus! We declare, *"My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken."* Psalms 62:5-6 (NASB)

We will not be shaken. We will not be cast down. We will not be destroyed. *"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."* 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (NKJV) The key to our success is that we are born again from above, by and through the Word of God, and that Word is being manifested in our bodies, no matter what situation we face.

Remnant, we must remember the reason Jesus was made manifest in the first place. *"…The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]."* 1 John 3:8 (AMPC) The moment we receive in our hearts what Jesus did, then any and all works of the devil attempted in our lives have become undone; there is NOTHING the enemy can do that cannot be undone through the Word of God.

Finally, we must remember the truth concerning who was cast down and cast out! *"…the huge dragon was cast down and out—that age-old serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, he who is the seducer (deceiver) of all humanity the world over; he was forced out and down to the earth, and his angels were flung out along with him."* Revelation 12:9 (AMPC)



A HEALED HEART BRINGS FREEDOM

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:4 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what is <u>your part</u> in the Kingdom of God, and how can you know for sure? The answer is simple; it is the desire of your purified heart.

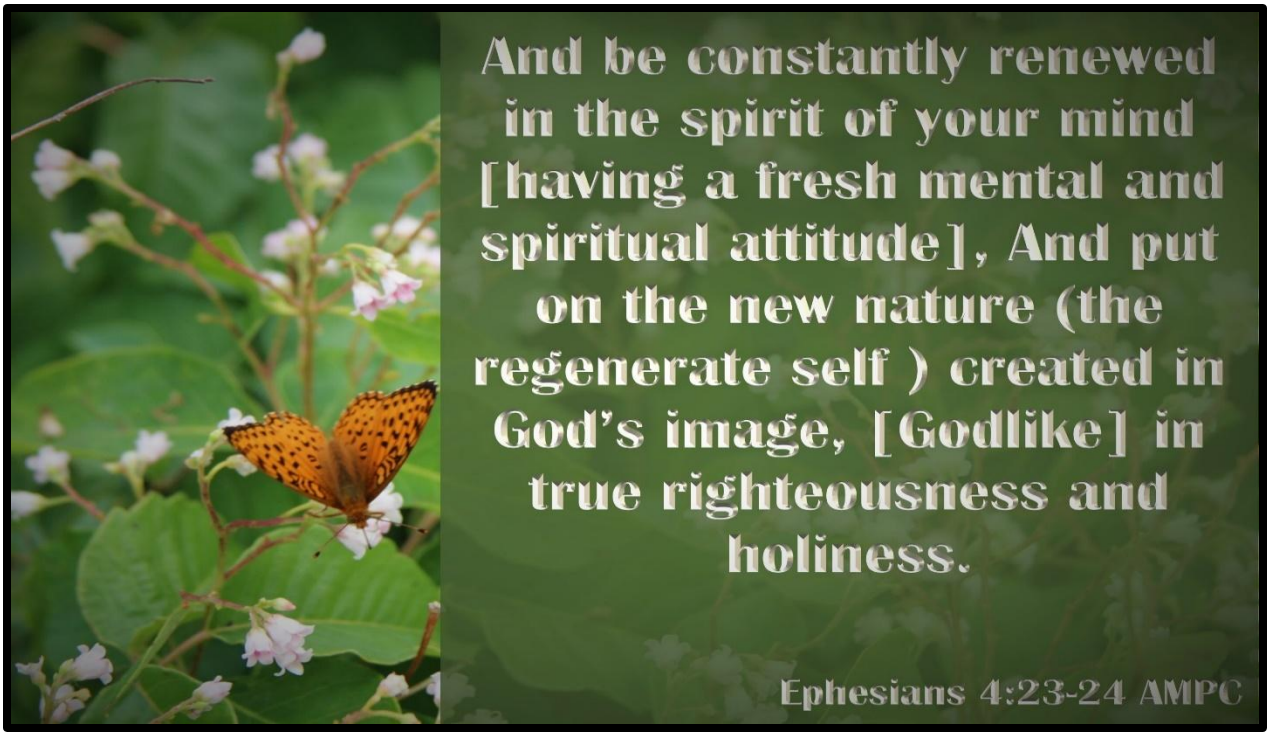
"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." John 15:7 (NKJV) The key is abiding in and delighting in Him. If we need or desire to get our delights from any source other than God, our hearts' desires will be adulterated. Then we will have difficulty knowing our part in God's Kingdom. Some people search all their lives trying to find themselves. They are constantly asking, who am I, and what is my purpose?

If we have unhealed pain stored in our hearts, we will always need something to make us feel better. If we have that need, our desire will be to fulfill it. We will delight in filling the needs of our unhealed hearts with money, power, position, fame, romance, sex, food, drugs, or whatever makes us feel better. Seeking these things will not produce the good fruit God intended. Only individuals with healed hearts are free from the burden of the fulfillment of what makes them feel better in their own flesh.

"The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin and are humbly and thoroughly penitent." Psalm 34:18 (AMPC) After being healed, we can choose to delight ourselves in the Lord, and our desire will be to bear the fruit God intended. We need only to follow these God-given desires, and we will walk in the middle of His plan. We will simply carry out our hearts' desires, which are the God-given desires He has put in us.

We are then free to do the will of God. We are no longer constrained to fulfill the needs of our flesh. Freedom is the ability to live righteously in Christ Jesus by following the desire He has put into our hearts. The bondage of trying to follow a religious order or set of rules is gone. Trying to be like someone else and do what they do, and like they do it, is in the past.

PRAISE GOD in the name of Jesus for FREEDOM!



TRANSFORMATION BY REVELATION

"*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, just how does this work in our lives today? How does God accomplish this transfiguration, this transformation in us? "*This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding.)"* Hebrews 10:16 (AMPC) It is the Spirit of God that will do this work in us, as we pray in the Spirit and read the Word of God. Our tongue begins to carve that Word into our minds and hearts. Then, praise God, we begin to put on the new man! *"…and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"* Colossians 3:10 (NKJV)

God's Word reaffirms the above-cited scripture here, "*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."* Hebrews 8:10 (AMPC) Yeah, some people may say things like, "But I was already born again with the Word of God; so, I don't need to read it." This is not true. As we pray in the Spirit, what we have read becomes engraved upon our hearts. More is explained as we read on here in verse 11. *"And it will nevermore be necessary for each one to teach his neighbor and his fellow citizen or each one his brother, saying, Know (perceive, have knowledge of, get acquainted by experience with) the Lord, for all will know me, from the smallest to the greatest of them."* Thus, we will know Him by experience. Few people understand the true nature of the supernatural gift they were given when they received the gift of tongues and how this gift transforms their very being, daily lifting them into Divine revelations as they speak unto Him Who gave them the gift.

"*For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]."* 1 Corinthians 14:2 (AMPC)



THE RETURN OF THE REMNANT HAS BEEN PROPHESIED

"Behold, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel—which, when translated, means, God with us"
Matthew 1:23 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

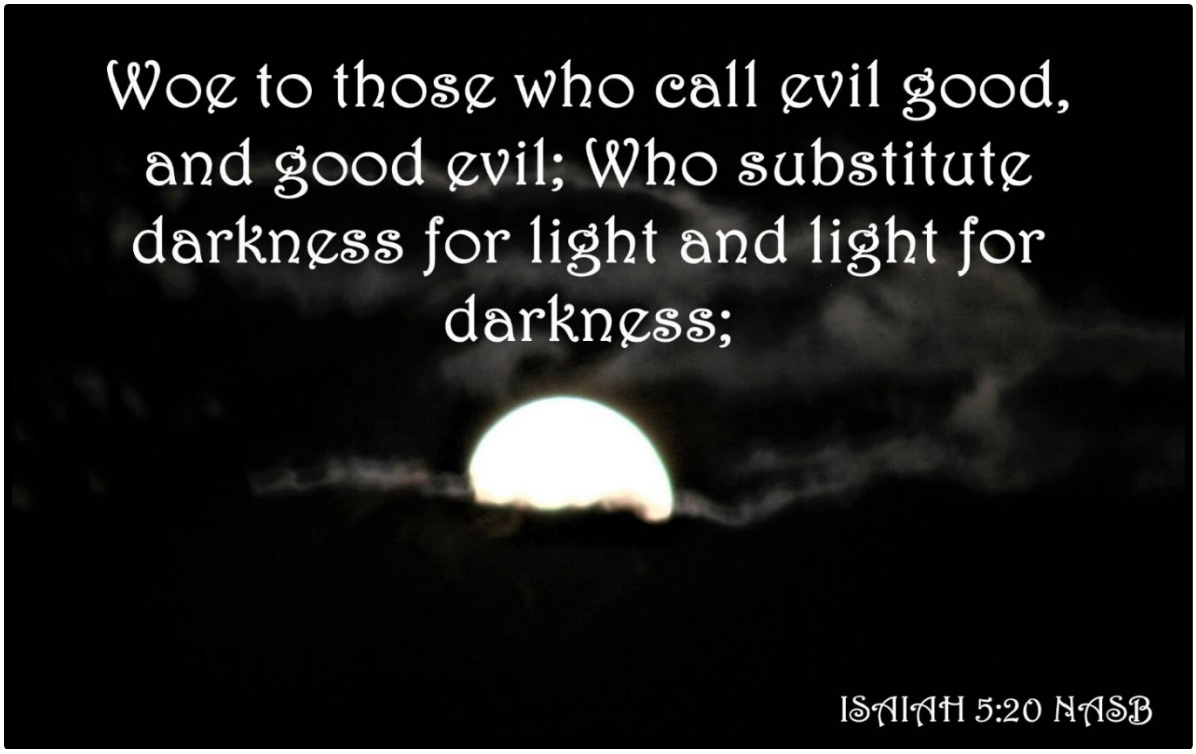
Remnant, as we read the Word of God, we can plainly see that prophets (servants) of God oftentimes were used by God to carry out His purposes. Sometimes what God would instruct His servants greatly affected their personal lives as well, which is a huge reason why many refused to completely submit to God, but that is a whole other Nugget.

Now, if you have read God's Word much at all, you will recall many times in which God instructed His people specifically as to what their children should be named. Oftentimes these names were prophetic in nature or sometimes just confirming His plans. We see in Matthew 1:23 above that the angel of the Lord told Mary that she was to *"… call His name Emmanuel—which, when translated, means, God with us."* A prophetic word for His people, right? Jesus is the Word of God (Revelation 19:13); so, God is with us!

For another example here we read, *"And I* [Isaiah]*approached [my wife] the prophetess, and when she had conceived and borne a son, the Lord said to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz [as a continual reminder to the people of the prophecy], For before the child knows how to say, My father or my mother, the riches of Damascus [Syria's capital] and the spoil of Samaria [Israel's capital] shall be carried away before the king of Assyria."* Isaiah 8:3-4 (AMPC) Isaiah's son's name (Maher-shalal-hash-baz) was a prophetic sign indicating the fate of Damascus and Samaria.

Now in conclusion we tie a specific name given to a child years ago, which prophesies our destinies as the remnant of God. As death and destruction seem to pollute our nation, and righteousness seems very far removed (even in the modern-day churches), the enemy wants us to believe that he is in control, and there is no hope. Oh, but now let us be reminded that God has already prophesied His remnant shall in fact return! You see, Isaiah had yet another son, and God instructed Isaiah to call his name "… *Shear-jashub* (which means) *[a remnant shall return] …"* Isaiah 7:3 (AMPC)

Be encouraged as He is bringing His people together for this final moment!



MANY FAULTFINDERS COULD GAIN WISDOM FROM JOB

"Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it."
Job 40:2 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

It was God who created life; yet many faultfinders in our government today are attempting to contend with the ALMIGHTY.

It was God who created us either male or female and blessed us. "*He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created."* Genesis 5:2 (NKJV) However, faultfinders said, "It was a mistake."

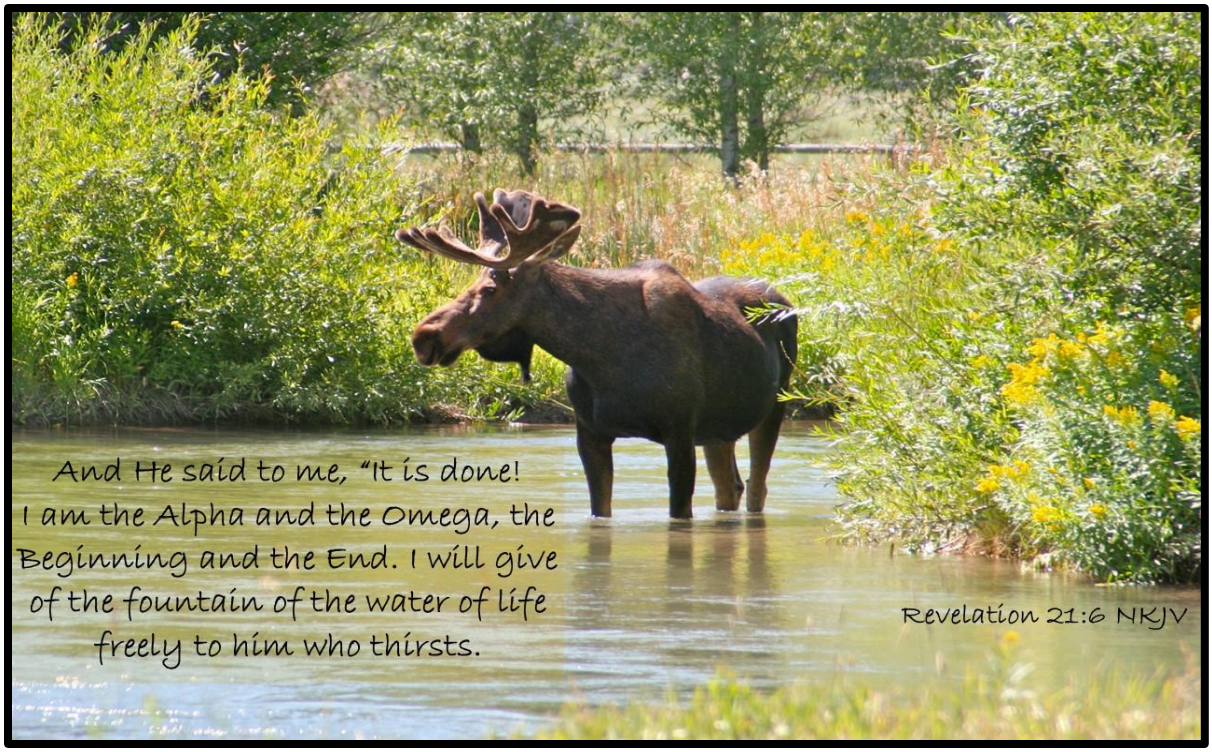
It was God who created male and female to come together as one in a unity He called marriage. *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."* Genesis 2:24 (NASB) Hence certain faultfinders again said, "This too was a mistake."

It was God who made no mistakes when the two were brought into one, and from this, He brought forth life. *"Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things."* Ecclesiastes 11:5 (NASB) Yet faultfinders once again said, "This too is a mistake."

Let us be reminded today that first God clearly says, *"…Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me."* Isaiah 43:10 (NKJV) He is GOD, people, and there is none before Him, nor will there ever be any after Him. Furthermore, concerning the thoughts of the faultfinders, He says, *"…the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."* 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NKJV)

In conclusion, it would be wise to receive the wisdom Job exhibits as he finally acknowledges that he is only a man. He has no authority or grounds to reprove the ALMIGHTY GOD, for Job answers God, *"Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."* Job 40:4-5 (NKJV)

GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES!



COME AND DRINK OF THIS CONTINUAL FOUNTAIN

"… Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.'"
John 7:37 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in this dry, parched world our spirit man can become deeply dehydrated very quickly. There is nothing that can satisfy our thirst here on earth. No, Jesus is and always will be the source for all spiritual hydration!

"Wait and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat..." Isaiah 55:1 (AMPC) Here we have the invitation that has been offered to every thirsty soul! Again, nothing more precious, yet priceless is the Son of God!

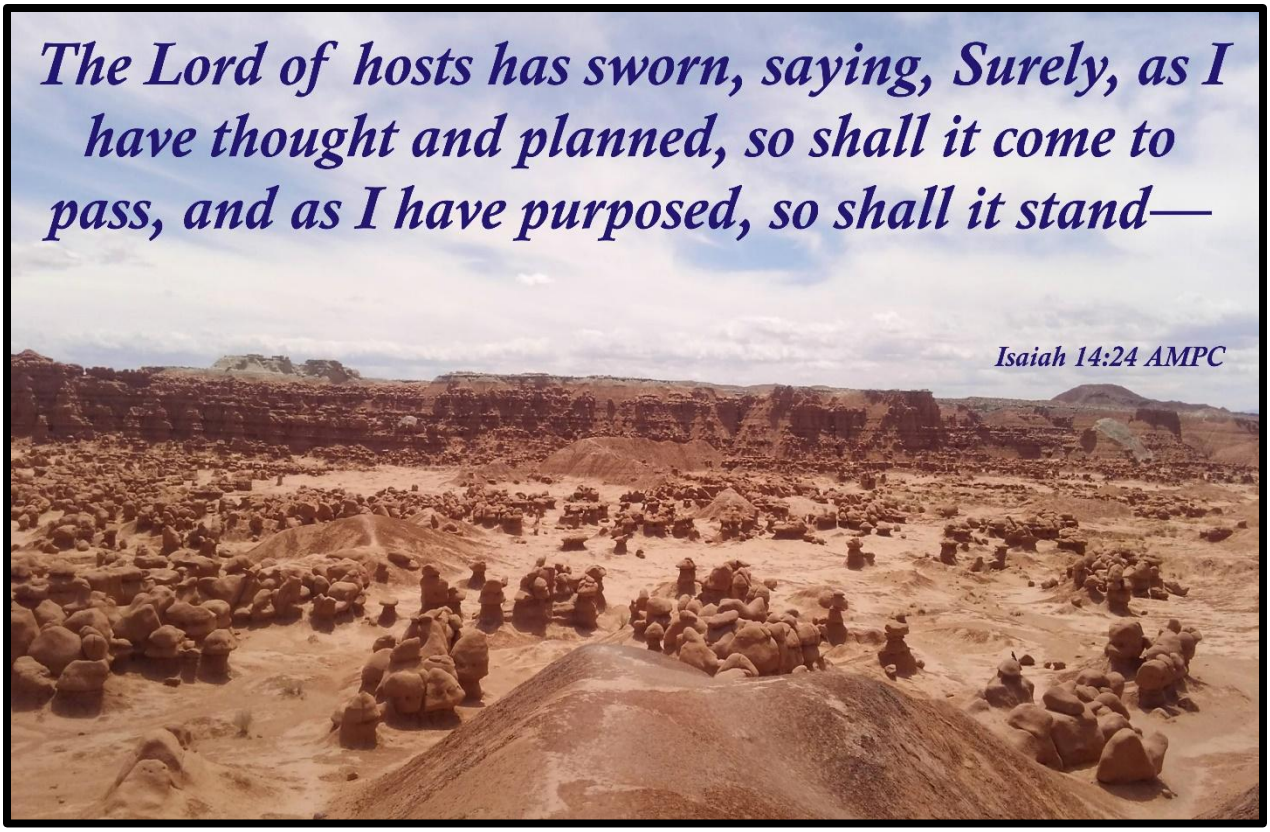
"Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation." Isaiah 12:3 (NASB) We can joyously draw from the source of spiritual blessings every day! Think about it, as a joint heir with Jesus we have access to the refreshing springs of salvation, every day!

"And the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail." Isaiah 58:11 (NASB) As our spirit man partakes of the Living Water, not only is He guiding us, but He is strengthening us in our weaknesses to the point that failure is impossible; we are IN HIM!

***"In that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem [to cleanse them from] sin and uncleanness."* Zechariah 13:1 (AMPC)**

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You for Your Son Jesus. We praise You for this continual fountain of spiritual blessings that is more than enough to cleanse us and rejuvenate us, even during the roughest droughts. May we dance in the spiritual blessings of His fountain today and every day and drink from His waters, so that we may bring forth fruit, in due season, and that our fruit would remain!

***"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."* Psalm 1:3 (NKJV)**



GOD'S PROPHECIES ARE ALWAYS FULFILLED!

"Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard; that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them." Luke 7:22 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the passage we read above is merely the fulfillment of what had already been spoken by the prophets of God in the next scriptures. *"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness."* Isaiah 29:18 (NKJV) *"…the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing…"* Isaiah 35:5-6 (NKJV)

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3 (NKJV)

If Jesus had fulfilled other extraordinary miracles but not also these, then there would have been no proof that He really was the Son of God. However, the fruit was there, and all who were still in unbelief were left without excuse.

The time is now turned to us! What do the scriptures in God's Word prophesy about the believers in this generation? *"…these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well."* Mark 16:17-18 (AMPC) It is time for the continual fulfillment of this prophecy. The whole creation is groaning for the manifestation of the Sons of God. God will not disappoint them!

We challenge you to find other prophecies concerning the remnant and be expecting His fulfillment!



BOUNDARYLESS FAITH

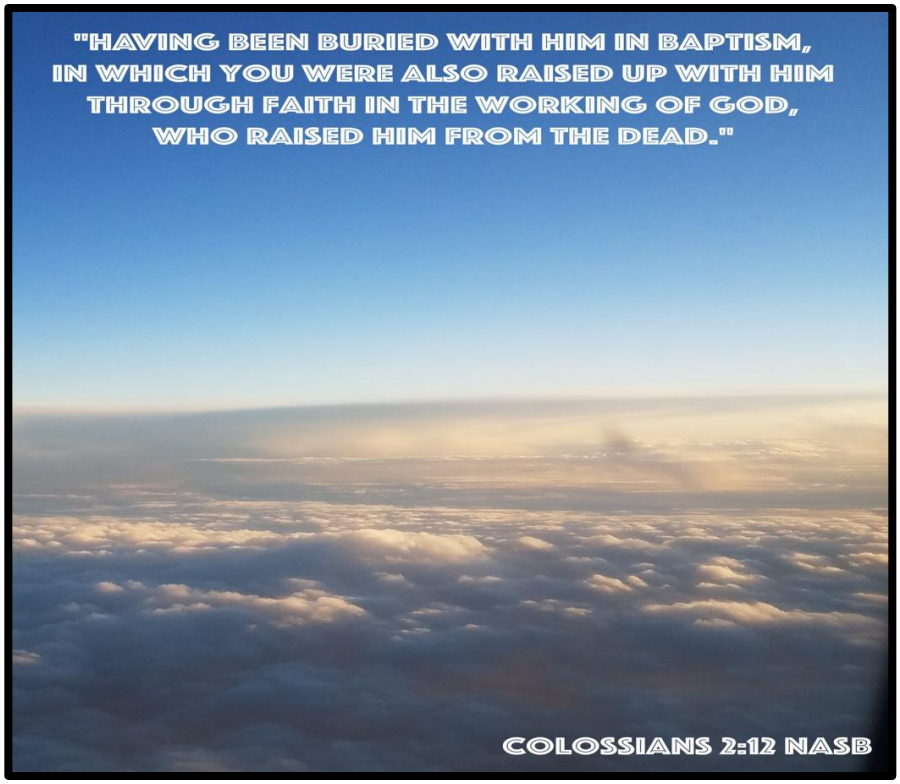
"*Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"*
Jeremiah 32:27 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know the answer to the question in this scripture is NO. However, are we utterly convinced? Are we fully persuaded?

"*And behold, a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind Him…*" Lets pause here a moment, for by this time we can see this woman's faith was very much tried. Look what it says about this same woman in Luke. In Luke it says she "…*could not be healed by anyone*." Luke 8:43 (NASB)

Many today are experiencing this same thing. This passage is true and was written for our learning. The good news is, we do have a choice in the matter when all seems hopeless in the natural. What this woman did next was faith in action, as she "…*touched the fringe of His garment; For she kept saying to herself, If I only touch His garment, I shall be restored to health*." Even after twelve years and having the knowledge that no one was able to heal her, she never gave up. She did not back down. **She believed what was hers, and her believing opened the door for her to receive her miracle right there**! "*Jesus turned around and, seeing her, He said, Take courage, daughter! Your faith has made you well. And at once the woman was restored to health*." Matthew 9:20-22 (AMPC)

There are still some bondages in our lives, and faith in God's Word is the only thing that will make us whole. God desires us to be made whole. However, we must continue to remember how we receive faith, for this is crucial in this matter. "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Romans 10:17 (KJV) See how this still requires action on our part? There is a misunderstanding in this area sometimes, and satan likes to use it to keep people defeated and out of God's Word. The misunderstanding is that we just do not have enough faith for a problem this big. People go to church and pray that they would have more faith. However, the more we read God's Word and hear His Word, the more we build our faith; then we are convinced…there is nothing too hard for God, even though we have known it all along. We are fully persuaded!



PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

"… He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere …" Ephesians 2:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

You know remnant, if you have ever flown over the Rockies, even the ones fourteen-thousand feet, they do not look very tall when you are flying over them in your heavenly position looking down at them, right? The idea here that we are to **remain seated** in the heavenly realm with Christ Jesus. *"Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence]*." 1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (AMPC) To lift us into the glory of His presence is pretty good, isn't it? When we are seated in the heavenly realm, it is a lot easier to look down on those mountains and speak God's Word to them in confidence because in that heavenly realm they really do not appear to be mountains anymore.

Our brother Paul was able to grasp this heavenly seating, and the Holy Spirit inspired him to write of his encounter here: *"...such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter*." 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (NKJV) Paul was not dead when this happened! This proves we do not have to die to get there. God intends for us to get into that heavenly realm where we have joint seating with Jesus Christ right now, and He wants us to stay there! This is not some fairy-tale. No, this is a continuous super-natural realm, with a continually super-natural God. This is the life He wants us to obtain right now!

Sure, we all have responsibilities here on earth. However, we should heed God's Word and not be caught up in the cares of this world but rather be caught up into that heavenly realm with Christ Jesus!



EVERY LIE IS EXPOSED AS WE BELIEVE HIS TRUTH

"But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; <u>But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped</u>." Psalm 63:11 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, look around you! What is on the TV, internet, in newspapers, doctors' offices, legal systems, school systems, government, etc.? They are all flooded with lies! Why can we say this? **<u>It is because anything that is opposite of God's truth is a lie.</u>** The world continues to prophesy lies, lies, and more lies, and because many people are ignorant about God's truth, they do not see them as lies but as the truth. The true remnant knows that we cannot be moved by what we see, nor can we be led to believe these lies because it is ultimately our believing that equals our receiving.

At times you see an ad that says something like: "89% of people have prediabetes, so get your testing today." This must be a lie, for God's Word says Jesus *"…who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."* 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) You do not have prediabetes, and you do not have to receive that lie!

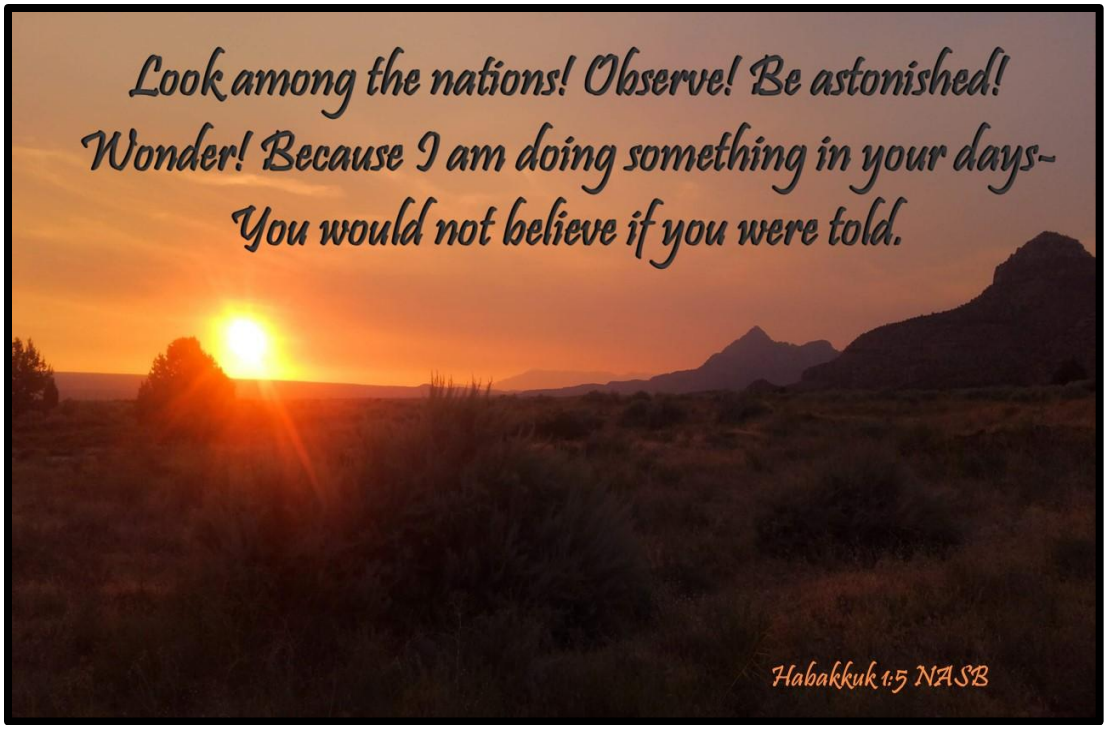
Sometimes the newspaper headlines tell us things like: "Experts predict suicide rates will continue to increase based on past reports." This is a lie, and we as the remnant of God do not have to receive this, for God's Word says, *"Our God is the God of salvation; <u>And to God the Lord belong escapes from death</u>."* Psalm 68:20 (NKJV) These experts obviously do not believe in the power of God's Word.

It is wisdom unto us to take everything to God's Word. If it does not line up with God's Word, we MUST reject it, or we can be defiled by it and be led to believe a lie.

Remember when Jesus said, *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy…"* John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief uses lies to steal, kill, and destroy. Once he can get us to believing his lies over God's truth, the result is his will, not God's Will.

In Jesus' name may we reject every lie that does not line up with God's Word and continue to believe that the mouths of all who speak lies shall be stopped. God's Word has come so that we may have abundant life! Amen!

When more people stand for truth, we can stop those lies!



WE ARE THE OVERCOMING SEED OF ABRAHAM

"And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise." Galatians 3:29 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

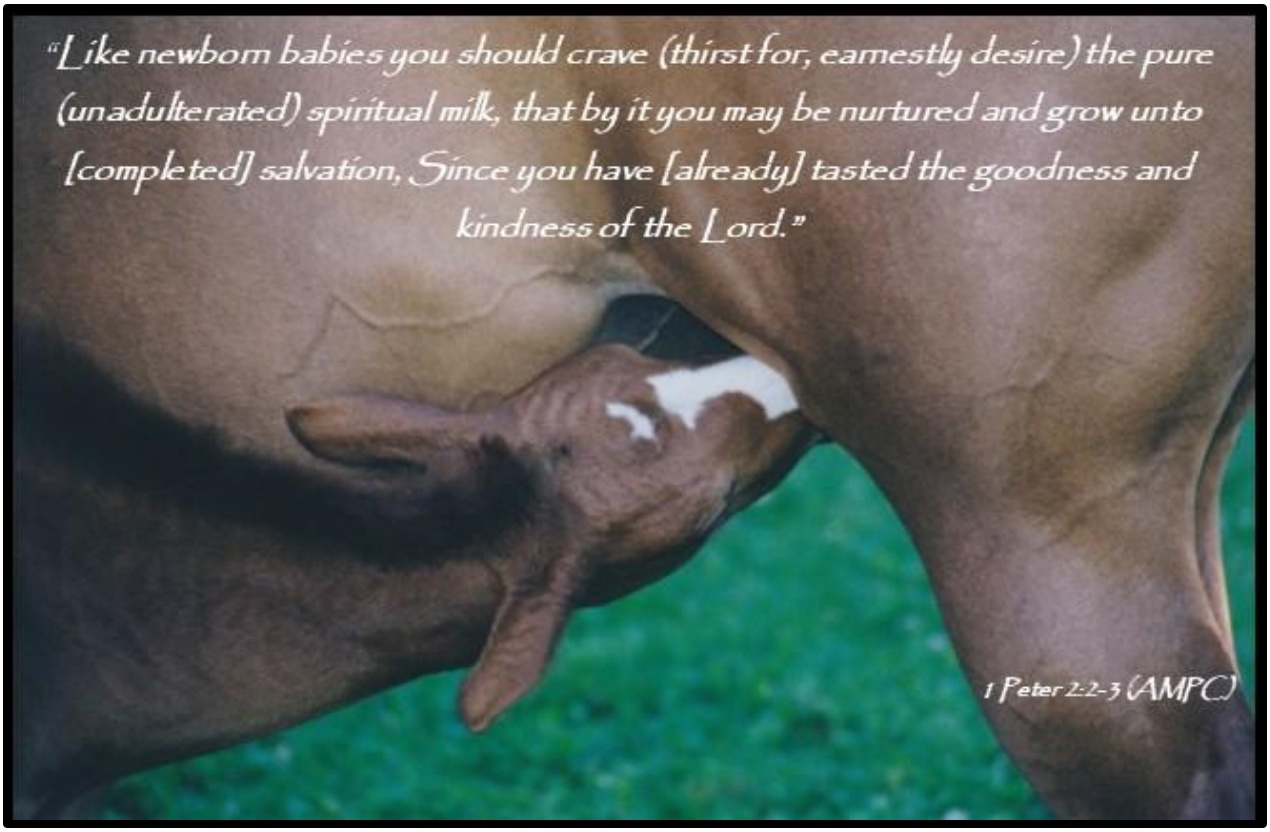
Remnant yeah, it's ok, go put on your dancing shoes and get your praise on, no matter how dark it may look! For we know without a shadow of a doubt that we belong to Christ, so therefore we are entitled to all the promises made unto Abraham's seed! Let's look at God's Word and see some of the guarantees available to us, shall we?

God swore to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel as He said, *"…I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever."* Exodus 32:13 (NKJV) We are not alone, for it is God's will that we are multiplied as the stars of heaven; and what do stars do? Oh yeah, they shine bright! Not only are we shining bright, but we are surely possessing all the land that God spoke of, and we shall inherit it FOREVER! **FOREVER IS FOREVER**!

Something else that we must not too quickly forget was that God promised to Abraham *"… your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,"* Genesis 22:17 (AMPC) We are possessing the gate of God's enemies, and His enemies are our enemies. *"For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith**."* Romans 4:13 (NKJV) Only by faith can we join Abraham in being heirs of the world.

"Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession." Psalm 2:8 (NKJV) Are we expecting to receive the nations for our inheritance? Are we forgetting *"Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth."*? Matthew 5:5 (NKJV) Many people are focusing on flying away, but come on, we are the meek! His Kingdom is coming in and through His people here on earth, as it is in heaven, and this is our inheritance! We must go in and possess the land!

"That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children." Romans 8:21 (AMPC)



GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST; BY EXPERIENCE

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, <u>but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</u>…." 2 Peter 3:17-18 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant not only have we been warned by Paul's writings concerning being on guard against receiving false teachings, but Peter's speech also follows suit with this truth, as both writings were indeed inspired by the Holy Spirit. Instead of falling into error by our own steadfastness (i.e. our fleshly desires), Peter gives us instruction to *"…<u>grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</u>…"* For some this may seem impossible; but dear friend let us be reminded that *"… with God nothing shall be impossible."* Luke 1:37 (NKJV)

In 2 Peter 3:18 the word *knowledge* here in the Greek is *gnōsis* (Strong's #1108), which means a knowing, knowledge. Now, gnosis is merely the outcome of the verb *ginōskō* (Strong's #1097), meaning knowledge obtained from first-hand (personal) experience. Therefore, we can conclude with this that if we are going to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, then we must go through and experience the things He experienced to gain this *gnosis* type of knowledge. If this were not possible, this prayer would not be in God's Word.

The knowledge that we as believers should strive for is described further in 1 Corinthians: *"…what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence]."* 1 Corinthians 2:7 (AMPC) Oh, just the promise of knowing that we can receive such wisdom should make every born again believer want to shout and dance. This is the wisdom that we have access to, and <u>its purpose is to *"…lift us into the glory of His presence!"*</u>



THE ROADMAP TO A PROSPEROUS LIFE

"*The thoughts and purposes of the [consistently] righteous are honest and reliable, but the counsels and designs of the wicked are treacherous*." Proverbs 12:5 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there is a definite connection between Godly counsel and prosperity. We have all been there. We have listened to the "wisdom of men" and found ourselves in a greater mess than we would have ever dreamed! This is NOT what God has planned for the remnant. The absolute best counsel that we can receive comes directly from God and meditation on His Word. "*Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*" Psalm 119:105 (NKJV) The Word of God truly is our "road-map" to a prosperous life.

Many people think of prosperity in terms of finances; however, God wants us to be prosperous in **ALL REALMS** of our lives. As the remnant, we always want to ensure that we are living according to God's counsel, no matter if sometimes His Word "cuts like a knife." "*He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof Will dwell among the wise. He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding*." Proverbs 15:31-32 (NASB) As we see here, for us to hearken unto God's Word is not only wisdom but life-giving reproof! Thank you, Abba Father, in the name of Jesus!

"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, ***And in His law he meditates day and night****. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither;* ***And whatever he does shall prosper****."* Psalm 1:1-3 (NKJV) As the remnant, we always keep the Word of God near us and only allow ourselves to receive Godly counsel. When we consume ourselves with God's Word, we can discern if someone is speaking of Godly counsel or if they are speaking in "man's wisdom." It does not matter if they have a "title" suggesting they are a Godly counselor or not.

"*… your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*" 1 Corinthians 2:5 (NKJV)



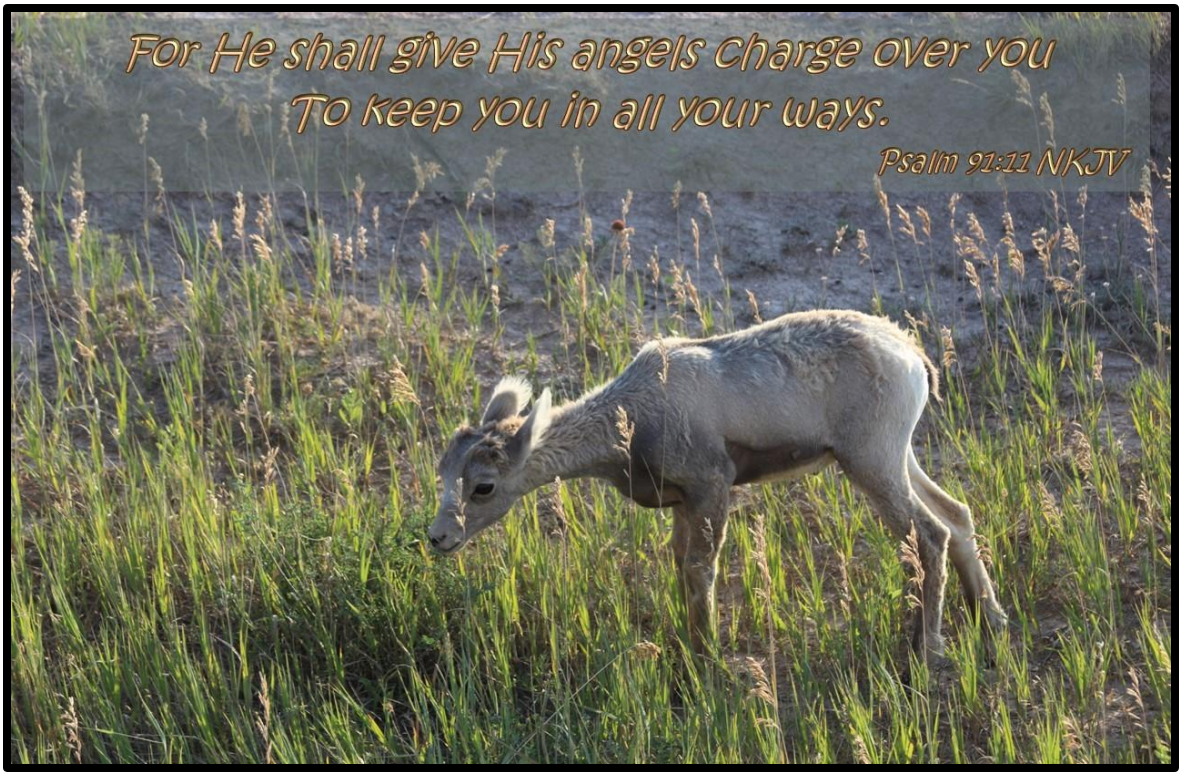
TRUTH CONCERNING WHY BELIEVERS SUFFER

"From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." Matthew 16:21 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is here that we find again the sufferings mentioned in connection with the glory that is to follow. True believers know that as we continue to grow in His knowledge and stand for truth, just as Jesus did, we will face suffering and will be persecuted for His name's sake. (Matthew 5:11; Matthew 10:22; John 15:21) All of this for His name's sake, right? Well, what is His name? *"He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**."* Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) Thus we see real persecution and hatred come when we stand for the rightly divided Word of God. Oh, but we must remember the suffering is never mentioned far from the glory to follow, as this verse follows Matthew 16:21 from above! *"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father..."* Matthew 16:27 (NKJV)

There are some religious beliefs out there that indicate God is making people suffer through some physical, mental, or emotional illness, and it is for "God's glory." Such a belief is contrary to scripture, for in scripture we read, *"For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps, He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed."* 1 Peter 2:21-24 (NKJV)

Though it is true that a believer will suffer persecution, let us keep it scriptural concerning what they will suffer for, and how they will suffer. It is the thief that comes to steal, kill, and destroy, NOT GOD. (John 10:10) Jesus already suffered for our healing, and it is GOD'S WILL that the stripes of Jesus were not taken in vain. If the Word (His Son) has made us free, we shall be free indeed. (John 8:36) Illness is not suffering; it is a curse. *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),"* Galatians 3:13 (NKJV)



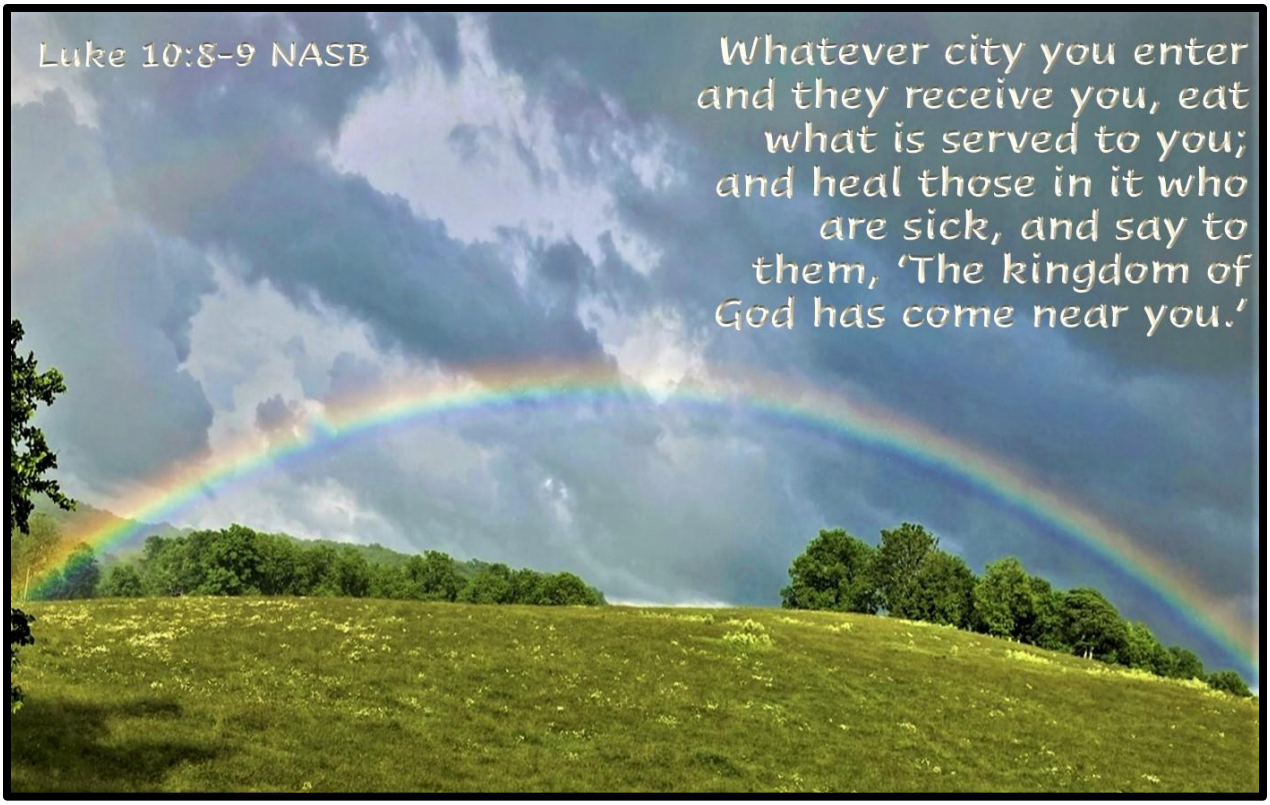
HOW MANY ANGELS ARE WATCHING OVER ME?

"Beware that you do not despise or feel scornful toward or think little of one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven <u>their angels</u> always are in the presence of and look upon the face of My Father Who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many people talk about that one guardian angel present in their life. However, on the contrary this scripture above makes it very clear in stating "***their angels***" in a plural form, so that it remains obvious there is more than one. If that scripture does not make it plain enough, this one is truly clear in indicating that we have more than one angel coming to our assistance. When referring to angels in this passage God's Word says, *"Are they not **all** ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation*?" Hebrews 1:14 (NASB)

Now that we have debunked the "one angel theory," let's look at the power of angels! In 2 Kings 19:35 we read how one angel of the Lord destroyed **<u>185,000 men</u>** in only **<u>ONE NIGHT!</u>** The Word of God makes it clear that we are now living in this dispensation. "*But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **<u>innumerable company of angels</u>***" Hebrews 12:22 (KJV) In the AMPC it refers to "***<u>countless multitudes.</u>***" We see clearly in rightly dividing the Word of God that we have the presence of far more than one angel coming to our aid, though even the POWER of ONE is very overwhelming to think of with our natural mind.

"Referring to the angels He says, [God] Who makes His angels winds and His ministering servants flames of fire;" Hebrews 1:7 (NKJV) In this reference, angels are mentioned as servants. Angels are sent out to be in service to those who are to be heirs of salvation, remember? Therefore, since that would include man, then we must conclude that they are servants sent out on OUR behalf working for us on special assignment! When fear of man's judgment causes us to hesitate rather than to step out and do what God has called us to do, please be encouraged today. Be reminded of God's true Word and of the presence of innumerable angels working with you. Remember that your angels are always present!



GOD'S KINGDOM IS WITHIN US!

"Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He [Jesus] replied to them by saying, The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display, Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the ***kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you****]."* Luke 17:20-21 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when you break down the word kingdom in the Greek, it is *basileía,* which is defined as royal dominion, including the power and form of government, with the territory and the kingdom. To say the Kingdom of God is within us (as God's Word clearly declares), this indicates that the royal dominion, including the power and form of the government OF GOD, with God's territory and God's kingdom, is WITHIN US!

Like the nature of the Holy Spirit consists of things unseen (such as the 9 fruits of the spirit), the Kingdom of God is also unseen, for it is in our hearts and among us, as we exercise the Word of God!

"For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power." 1 Corinthians 4:20 (NKJV) We as the remnant know that it is not about works, about pleasing people with soothing words, or about anything of that nature, which are prominently found in many churches of today. No! This Kingdom of God that is in full operation in and through us is a kingdom of power!

Paul certainly had a revelation that the Kingdom of God was working within him as he said, *"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom,"* (not in man's word), *"but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."* 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

We too have this revelation of the Kingdom of God within us, for we believe *"…we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;"* 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NASB) Praise God, in Jesus' Name!



THEY ERRORED NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES!

"Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." Matthew 22:29 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

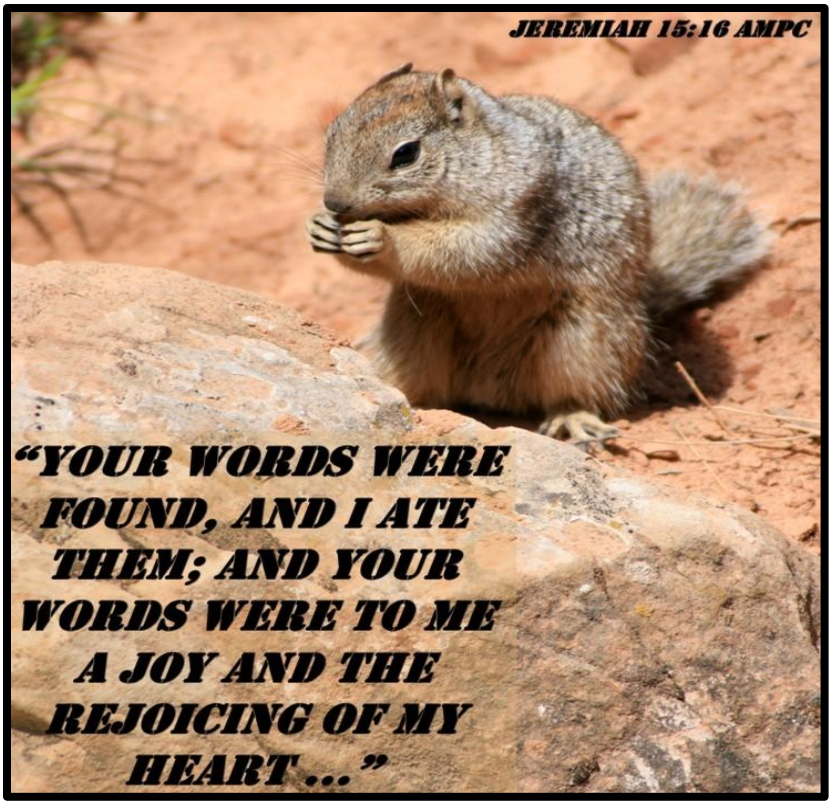
Remnant, as we study this passage, we see from Matthew 22 verses 23-28 it was yet again the religious people who were questioning the Son of God, and this time it was concerning resurrection and marriage in heaven. Remember the very reason these religious people were questioning Jesus and attempting to find fault in Him was because they had an "*…evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;"* Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) They had already departed from the living God because they knew not His Word, and not knowing His Word, they also knew not His power. All they knew was religion.

Jesus was very blunt when He said, *"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God"* Matthew 22:29 (NKJV)

Then Jesus had compassion on them to rightly divide the Word and expound on the scriptures for their learning, as He continued by saying, *"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven. But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."* Matthew 22:30-32 (NKJV)

Instead of condemning those around us who are bound in religion and telling them in our own words where they are wrong, we have a responsibility to expose rightly divided scriptures to them. Our words in our own flesh do not have the power to set people free, for Jesus said, *"…If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

Religion is not of God. Anything that brings division is not of God. It is our responsibility to bring the truth in love to all around us and to encourage in them a desire to be born of the Word of God and to have a relationship with Him, instead of being born of another religion, which in turn leads to bondage.



WE MUST BE AWARE OF SPIRITUAL MALNUTRITION

"My foot has held fast to His steps; His ways have I kept and not turned aside. I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:11-12 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

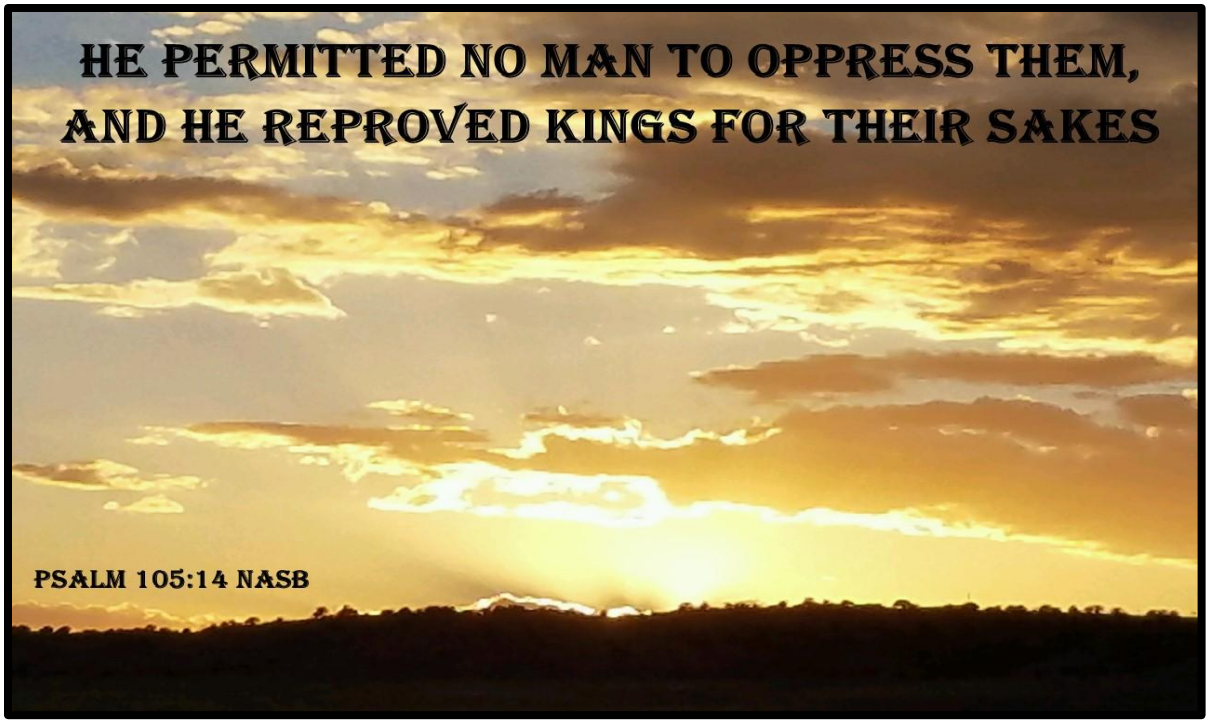
Remnant, we see here Job had the heart of a true believer. A true believer is a doer of God's Word and knows the importance of spiritual food to the spirit man. Without a daily portion of God's true Word, one can put his spirit man at risk of spiritual malnutrition in the Holy Spirit.

You see, when one is not feeding the Holy Spirit (*pneuma hagion*) within him, then the Holy Spirit is being deprived. As a result, by not feeding the Holy Spirit, one is in fact feeding another spirit, for as we know there are only two spirits. Malnutrition in the natural is lack of proper nutrition, caused by not having enough to eat, not eating enough of the right things, or being unable to use the food that one does eat. We must watch for signs of spiritual malnutrition.

Some Symptoms of Spiritual Malnutrition (and it goes either way) are:

- A reduced appetite for either the Word of God and the things of God, or a reduced appetite for the words of satan and the things of the flesh. (Matthew 6:24)
- Feeling either weaker in the flesh, thus stronger in the Holy Spirit, or weaker in the Holy Spirit, thus stronger in the flesh. (Galatians 5:16-17)
- Either fear is decreasing as faith increases, or faith is decreasing as fear increases. (Romans 10:17)
- Being spiritually "in tune" with the master, whomever one is allowing to feed him. One can be "in tune" with the Holy Spirit and able to know the things of the Holy Spirit, thus being dead to the flesh. Or one can be "in tune" with the flesh and able to know the things of satan, thus being dead to the things of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 6:16)

The true remnant knows the importance of a balanced diet in a rightly divided Word of God, and he is disciplined to feed the Holy Spirit within.



IN GOD'S INCREASING GOVERNMENT PEACE IS ENDLESS

"He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding!" Daniel 2:21 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant we pray for understanding, we decree God's judgments in the land, and we will not back down. We see the hand of God is most certainly at work as our prayers are breaking through, and corrupted walls are falling down. We see this, for we see through the eyes of faith!

We believe that it is surely God who brings leaders into authority - by the removal of one and the setting up of others, as Daniel states. It is surely God who has even given wisdom to those in authority.

Yes, we do have a responsibility to pray and believe the Word of God; however, His Word declares, *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder…"* Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) That is some reassurance right now for the remnant!

The Word of God goes on to say this: *"Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."* Isaiah 9:7 (NKJV)

God has the last say here remnant, and His Word declares, "…***Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end****…"!* No means no. God is ordering and establishing His kingdom, with His judgment and justice, and make no mistake about it…**HE WILL PERFORM THIS**!

The true remnant does not look to man for answers. "*Therefore let no man glory in men …"* 1 Corinthians 3:21 (KJV) We look to God.

It is God's government that will reign. The government that is on the shoulders of none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty God!

NO MATTER WHAT IT MAY LOOK LIKE IN THE NATURAL, HIS GOVERNMENT STANDS.



OUR CALM PEACEFUL REASSURANCE IN EVERY STORM

"God is our Refuge and Strength [mighty and impenetrable to temptation],
a very present and well-proved help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God's Word spoken through David is surely an encouragement to any believer today. As the AMPC states, God is our refuge and strength in the absence of refuge and strength in our lives. Not only is He our refuge and strength, but He is a present help in our times of trouble. In the Hebrew the word *present* here in Psalm 46:1 is *matsa* (Strong's #4672), and it is defined as to attain to, find. This means God will always be found during times of distress or trouble. He does not hide or run from us during those times. Like a faithful daddy He is there to stand with us and vindicate us from any storm of life that has been arrayed against us!

Think about it this way. We know that a fire can be used as a protection against the harsh elements of winter, however if there are no resources to provide that fire when needed, it becomes useless. On the flip side of this, fire extinguishers extinguish small fires and reduce their destruction, but only if they are available at the time they are needed. If they are not, they too are proven to be hopeless.

It therefore makes perfect sense that God's Word would continue as follows in Psalm 46. *"Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas, Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling and tumult. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"* Psalm 46:2-3 (AMPC)

We have no need to fear the past, present, or future because God has already promised us that He is readily available in whatever situation may arise. He will always be available in our times of need. When all others may have forsaken us, it is God who will never leave us or forsake us; He will be with us always!

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,
***I will deliver him and honor him."* Psalm 91:15 (AMPC)**



THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN GIVEN

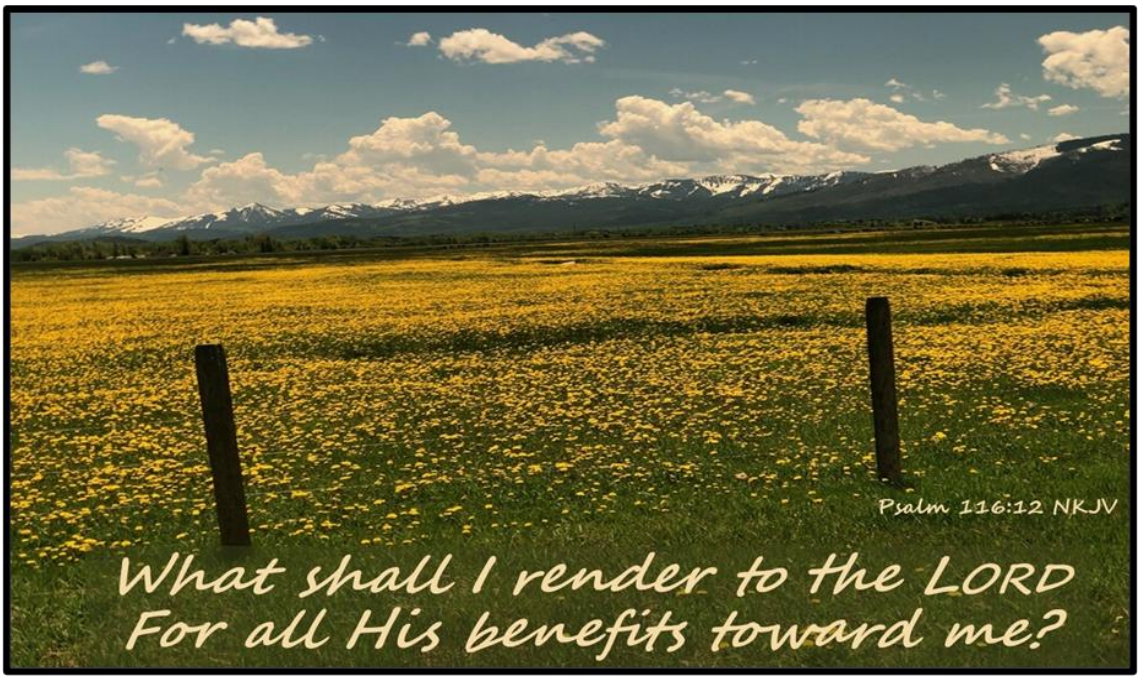
"Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted." Matthew 13:11 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the rich understanding of the Kingdom of God is **hidden in the Word of God**. It has been veiled in a figurative symbolic language that **can** be revealed to the mind, **but only by the Spirit of God.** For centuries we have read and studied God's Word, yet the understanding of the Kingdom will be revealed to us **only at the level we are ready to receive it and in the season that God desires**.

God's Word often uses natural words to represent spiritual things. Once we have the spiritual meaning of the natural word, we can use that word to communicate the spiritual thought. For example, many times God's people are referred to as the "Body of Christ." We all know that is not referring to a literal body. This is a figurative term representing all Holy Spirit-filled purified believers, in whom Christ dwells, coming together to form the Spiritual body, of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The believers are male and female, old and young, of any heritage, and of any number, and so on. Yet collectively, they are known as the "Body of Christ."

*"I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now. But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; **He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future**]."* John 16:12-13 (AMPC) That is so powerful!

*"…flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, **but My Father Who is in heaven**."* Matthew 16:17 (AMPC) Jesus then declares in verse 19, "*I will give **you** the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever **you** bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever **you** loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven."* Matthew 16:19 (AMPC) We, as the remnant, possess the same privileges today!



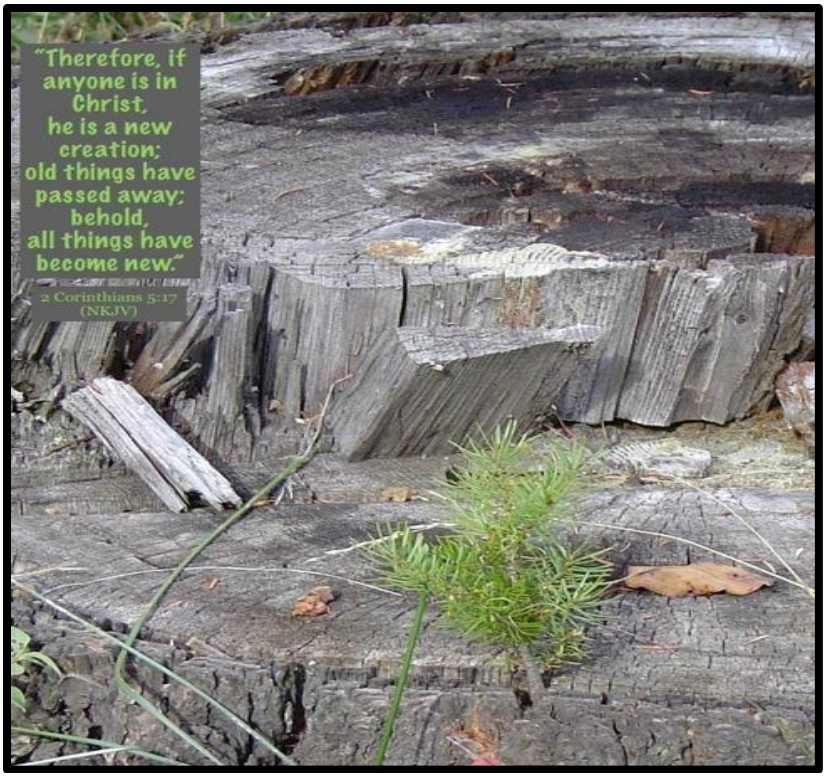
REMEMBERING ALL THE BENEFITS

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits"
Psalm 103:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we asked Jesus to come into our lives, this was so much more than a "get out of hell free" card. We received salvation from everything that is in opposition to God. We received *sótéria*, which is Greek in the Strong's concordance and is #4991. In short, we have perfect health, we are saved from poverty, we experience a preserved life, we enjoy deliverance from everything, and we live in safety.

In Acts 13 Paul delivered a message to the men of Israel and to those that feared God (verse 16). This obviously is the remnant of that era, so the same would apply to us today. However, in this message he says, "*Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and all those others among you who reverence and fear God, to us has been sent the message of this **salvation** [the salvation obtained through Jesus Christ*]." Acts 13:26 (AMPC) This word **salvation** here is *sótéria* and is only one of the 46 occurrences of this word *sótéria* in God's Word.

Many believers are simply shortchanging themselves when they do not understand <u>all the benefits</u> of *sótéria*. God wants His dear children to finally break free from every curse of the enemy and understand all the benefits that *sótéria* deeply holds. Jesus, the Son of God, didn't just endure every stripe from that cat of nine tails, endure all the mocking and scourging, wear a crown of thorns, face persecution from the religious systems daily, die with the wicked, fight the devil in hell and destroy all his works, and was raised up by God alive, just so we would have a ticket out of hell. No dear friend, Isaiah prophesied this concerning Jesus: *"Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole."* Isaiah 53:4-5 (AMPC) All that Jesus endured is for us right now and for eternity. Should we not take advantage of it and believe we are free? If not, it would be as if Jesus endured all this in vain, and God's Word would be a lie. That is simply not true. Believe His Word today and receive the full benefits of *sótéria*.



FORGIVE, FORGET, AND REACH FORWARD

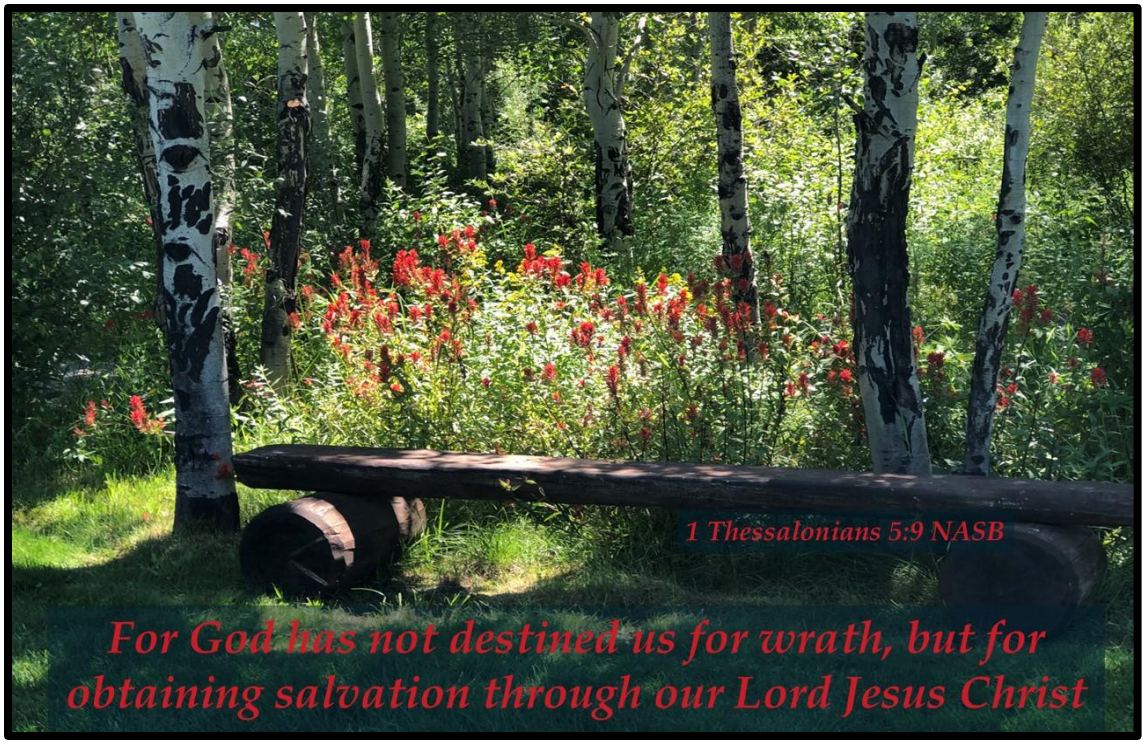
"Jesus said to him, No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back [to the things behind] is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, too many times sons of God are caught up in a yoke of bondage over certain details of their past. This is not a place for His chosen to remain. Many times in His Word He points us to the future, and that is where He intends our focus to be. We all know there is nothing we can do about the past; it is over and done with. It is wise to seek God's counsel and ask Him what He was trying to teach us by allowing us to go through what we went through. However, after we have learned our lessons by and through His Word, only one thing remains...let it go! *"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert*." Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV) God is doing something new in our lives and in the lives of others, and He does not want us to be so distracted by the past that we cannot see the future unfolding!

"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins." Isaiah 43:25 (NASB) We forgive ourselves so God can forgive us, and since He does not remember the sin of the past, neither should we, right?

As long as we are living in the past and meditating on the past we cannot be fit for the kingdom. This sounds harsh maybe, but it is His truth. We can take some sound advice from our brother Paul, who states he was the chief of sinners when he writes this: *"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 3:13-14 (NASB) **Forgive, forget, and reach forward**.

"Such [former] ages of ignorance God, it is true, ignored and allowed to pass unnoticed; but now He charges all people everywhere to repent (to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins)," Acts 17:30 (AMPC)



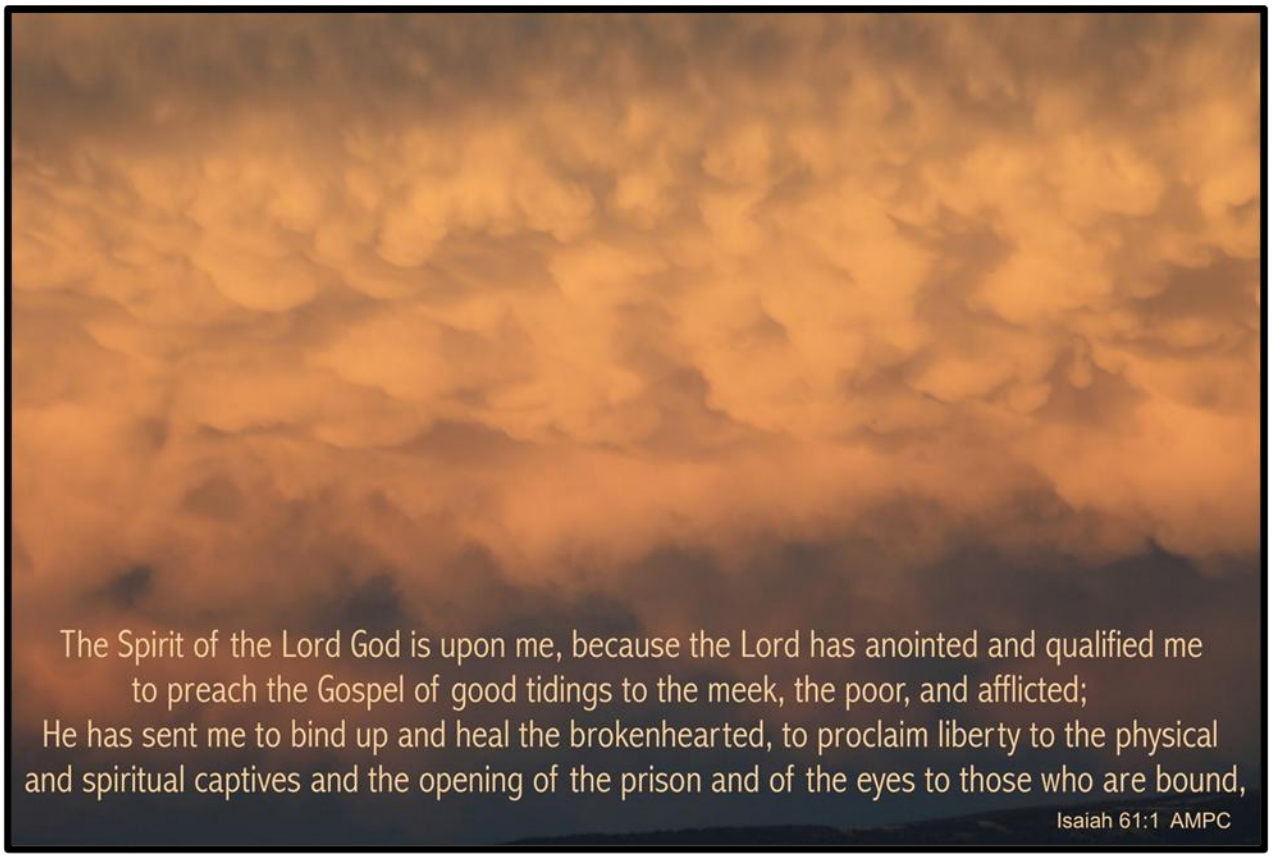
ALL WHO BELIEVE THIS PROMISE INHERIT IT

"I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life." John 5:24 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, to get the true revelation here, one must pause and meditate. When one truly follows God's Word and believes and trusts in Him, he has already escaped from judgment and is delivered into eternal life now! Let's look at another one here: "*Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation)*." Ephesians 2:5 (AMPC)

We are alive together in joint seating with Christ in the heavenly sphere, and the enemy has nothing in us, just as Jesus said about Himself when talking to the disciples here: "*I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.…*" John 14:30-31 (NKJV)

There is nothing to fear when our foundation is the Word of God, and we are obedient to Him. Many times, in God's Word it speaks of Jesus and how His enemies could not touch Him, for His time was not yet. We have that same form of protection through the Father, in the name of Jesus, that protects us too when we are doing as the Father commands. Just as Ephesians 2:5 (AMPC) says, we are "*…delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation"*! That is an awesome promise for those who **CHOOSE to BELIEVE** it. The true remnant has already been delivered from all judgments.



THE SPIRIT WITHOUT MEASURE

"*For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit*!" John 3:34 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant let us meditate on the powerful simplicity of this verse, *"……. God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure,* ***but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit***!" Say what? Do you mean that we have access to more than Elisha, who received a double portion of what Elijah had? YES, that is exactly what this says! We now have a much better dispensation than Elisha. I mean who wants only a "double-portion" when we can have His Spirit without end? "*For out of* ***His fullness*** *(abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift*." John 1:16 (AMPC) Yes, remnant, out of His fullness have we all received.

Remnant, there are so many out there that need to hear this: "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you* ***all things****, and* ***bring to your remembrance all*** *that I said to you*." John 14:26 (NASB) Does this scripture not further clarify that we have the Spirit without measure? It states right here that the Holy Spirit will teach us ALL things and bring ALL things to our remembrance. If we know **ALL** things, then how can there possibly be any boundaries? Let's throw another one out there. "*Now to Him who is able to do* ***exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us****,"* Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Wow! Exceedingly and abundantly above **ALL** that we could possibly ask or think according to the power that works in us! Remnant, remember this is that power source, "*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you……*" Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

"*Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me*?" Jeremiah 32:27 (NASB) Remember, He created the heavens and the earth - just think what He can do with YOU!



HIS WILL IS THAT YOU NEVER STOP GROWING

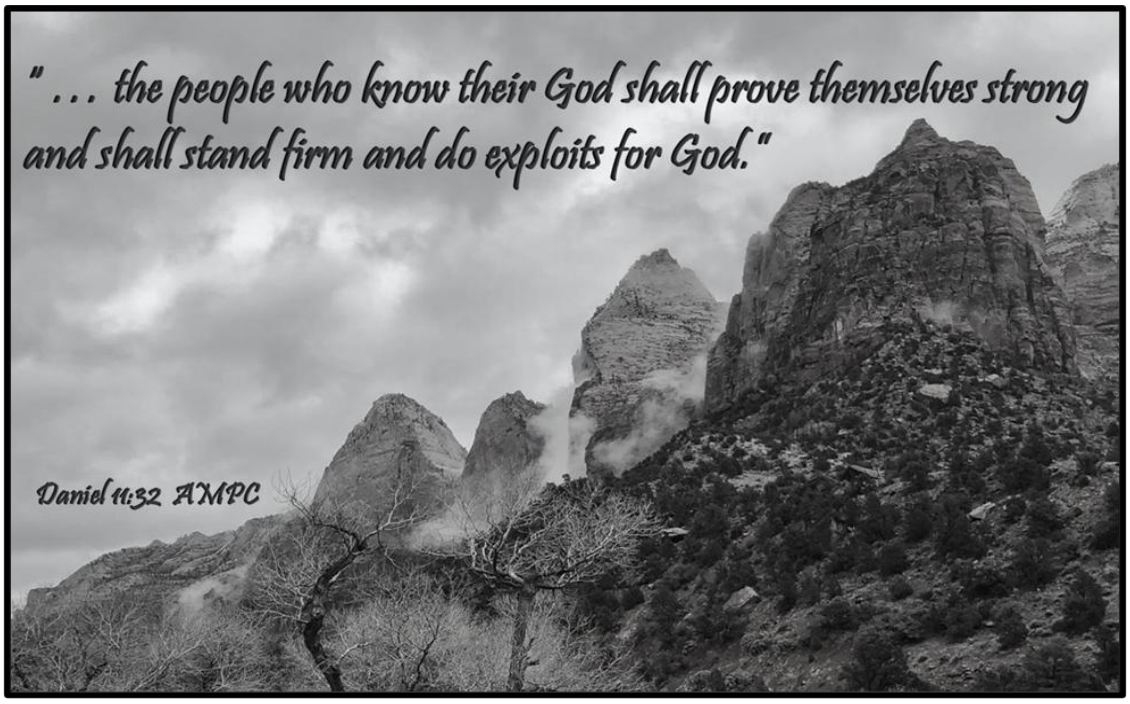
"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth..."
John 16:13 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is true that if we do not know what is available to us as believers, then we cannot receive what is available to us. Imagine this for a moment. What if you went to a restaurant for the first time and they had no menus? Well, how would you know what was available in order to make your decision? Many restaurants have extended items offered for the simple reason that we are all different. Some people choose food based on what they like to eat, while others may have certain restraints they choose to hold on to. The point here is that although receiving Christ is the most important decision a person can ever make, there are many continued depths in God that have been made available for us to take advantage of, but people are not even aware of them. Sadly, the truth is many churches never teach in such depths for fear of losing their congregations.

God's Word contains an innumerable list of spiritual heights which we can tap into, so that He may show Himself strong upon our behalf! The only requirement is to believe in His Word. However, how can we believe in a truth that we do not know we have access to? We cannot.

"…you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 (NKJV) When Jesus said that, He really meant it. What does this mean? The truth about what? His Word contains the truth about ALL THINGS. Freedom from what? His Word contains freedom from anything in which the lies of the enemy are holding us bondage. Too many people stop growing in the knowledge of the Word of God as soon as the "fire" of receiving Christ in their heart has been put out. However, the truth of the matter is that you are never supposed to lose that fire anyway!

In Ephesians it plainly states we are to *"… be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]."* Ephesians 5:1 (AMPC) Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that You remove any spiritual blinders from our eyes and give us boundless revelations through Your Word, so that we may receive all truth! Amen!



FULLY PERSUADED

*"…*ye *should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."*
Jude 1:3 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

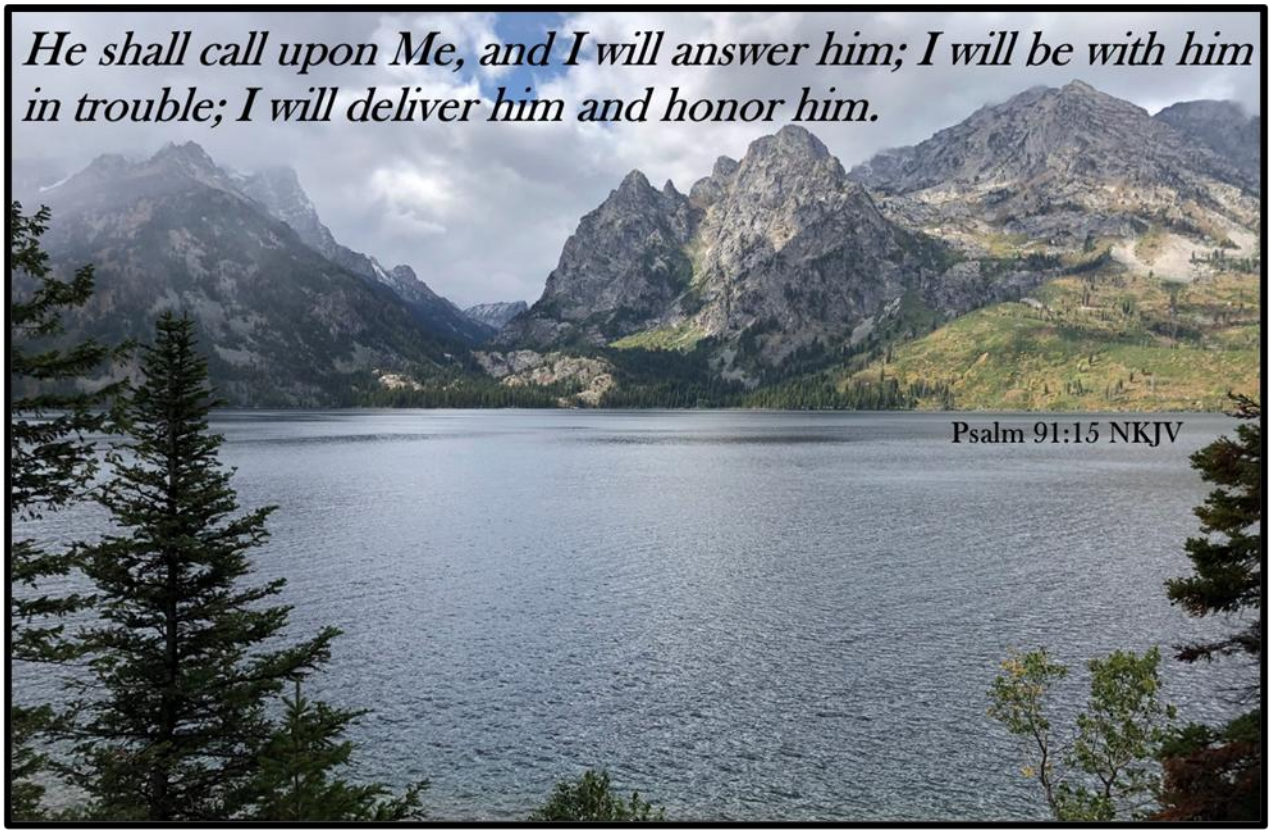
Remnant, it is a strong characteristic of the remnant to be contenders. *"Earnestly contend"* in the Greek is translated as *epagónizomai* (#1864 Strong's Concordance), which is contending in skill and commitment. To be a contender, we must use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God against the enemy, and thus it empowers us to clearly **oppose whatever is not of faith.**

In this next passage the disciples are having a conversation with Jesus about what a person must do to always do the works of God. *"They then said, "What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?]" Jesus replied," **This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger]***." John 6:28-29 (AMPC) We must believe! Believe on Jesus and stand on God's Word.

How about this famous proverb? *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*" Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV) Notice it does not say trust in the Lord with some of your heart. Yeah, when we lean to a carnal or natural understanding, we are robbing ourselves of God's perfect will, and we are not allowing Him to fully take control. It is like we are saying, "Ok God I will trust you, but if it is getting too hot in the kitchen, I am going to go get some take-out!" God is allowing the true remnant to be stretched during this time. Why? To prepare us for greater things! More miracles, more healings, more of His Spirit being poured out upon all flesh!

If it is getting too hot in your kitchen today, be challenged to let the heat be turned up, and stay in prayer and in God's Word. Having done all, stand and believe, for your testimony will be like unto the Hebrew children, "*… these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.*" Daniel 3:27 (NKJV)

Continue to contend!



HE IS TRYING TO ANSWER YOU

"…For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."
Matthew 6:8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, have you ever been around a toddler that was not your own, and despite all the communication that they made with you, you never could figure out what they wanted or needed? You tried food, toys, drinks, and everything you knew, and nothing worked. Then mom and dad showed up, and instantly they knew what that child wanted or needed. Those parents knew their child so well, inside and out.

The same holds true in our lives as adults. Unlike our earthly parents who potentially can fail, God will never fail. For though we are adults, God is still our Father, and we are still His children. You see, men try again and again to fix things in their lives, in their own ways, but despite all the trying, oftentimes nothing seems to fix our situations. *"… the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."* 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NKJV)

It is when we decide to cry out unto our Father, in the name of Jesus, that we begin to receive just what we need. *"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."* Psalm 50:15 (NKJV)

Let us be reminded that even if we have not yet called upon Him, He knows what we have need of, and He is trying to answer us. *"And it shall be that before they call I will answer..."* Isaiah 65:24 (AMPC) Do we hear Him or are we too busy letting men try to solve our problems with the best knowledge they have?

When we have needs of various sorts, man does not always know, nor does man always have the answers. However, rest assured God does, and He is already speaking to us, if we will quiet our spirits, and listen for His still small voice of comfort and wisdom.

"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand)."
Jeremiah 33:3 (AMPC)



GUARDING OUR HEARTS WITH ALL DILIGENCE

"*My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.*
Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:20-23 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we are at the checkout at the grocery store, as soon as we are done with our purchase do we not immediately put away our wallet? Likewise, we would never leave our car parked in a place in which it was not safe while we were away, nor would we ever leave our house for an extended period, without asking someone we trusted to check on it, right? That is just wisdom. Well what exactly is Proverbs 4:23 telling us? Let us look at this in the Amplified Classic. "*Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life*." Proverbs 4:23 (AMPC) This tells us that we are to guard our hearts, above all that we guard. Why is this so important? This is vital because our "hearts" are much more valuable and precious than anything in the natural realm; thus it is fitting that this goes hand in hand with the previous three verses in the opening of this nugget. We are to give attention to His words and incline our ears to hear what He says. We are not supposed to let His Word depart from our sight. We are to keep His sayings in the midst of our hearts.

When you meet a stranger, after talking to him for about 5 minutes you can often tell where his heart is. It could be wrapped up in sports, cars, Facebook, his job, and on and on. How is this so easy to tell? It is because it is what comes out of his heart- and because he has put it in his heart. The problem is that when storms come, the idols that he has put in his heart cannot help him. That is why it is so important to have God's Word in our hearts. When we have God's Word in our hearts, and spiritual pressure comes, we KNOW what to say to that "mountain." Therefore, we live an overcoming life because we *"…. shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*"! Matthew 4:4 (KJV) That is the only way to live.

If you want to be an overcomer in every situation, guard your heart with all you have and more than anything else you guard. If something is not in His Word…throw it out!



POSSESSING HIS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM

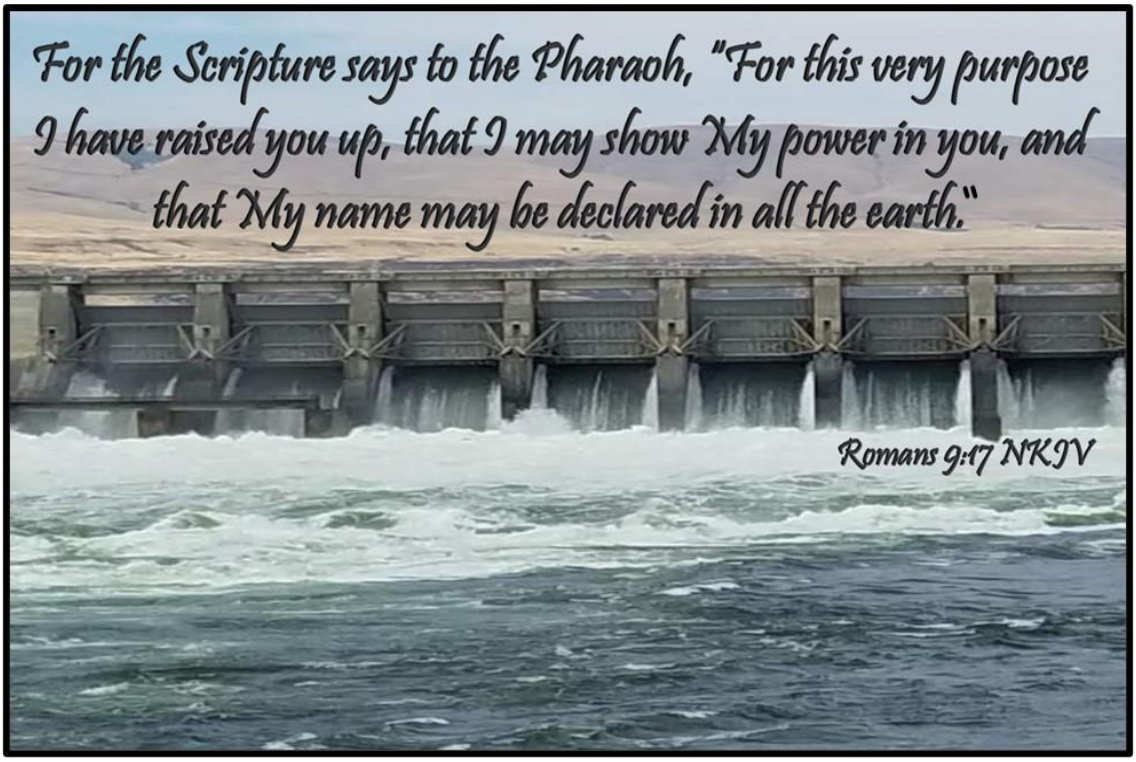
"….*The chastisement for our peace was upon Him*..." Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, do you ever find yourself "praying for peace"? The answer to perfect peace lies in God's perfect Word! "*You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So, trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages*]." Isaiah 26:3-4 (AMPC)

There are so many things that the enemy has put in our path daily to steal our peace, and God already had a plan in place for that. It is a way of escape for His remnant! When we have our minds stayed on God, it is He who guards us and keeps us in His perfect peace. Have you ever been in such a storm but so close to God that you almost felt guilty that you had no worry or fear? Everyone around you saw you go through something awful in the natural world, but somehow, they were more worried about "your problem" than you were! That is the supernatural peace that we are speaking of today! It is there that you truly know that you are "…in the place of God."

"*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* John 16:33 (NKJV) See Jesus, our Master, knew that we would be facing challenges to take away our peace and He encouraged us by saying this. Good news for the remnant born of God is: "*For whatsoever is born of God over cometh the world: and this is the victory that over cometh the world, even our faith*." 1 John 5:4 (KJV) Powerful, isn't it?

In conclusion, be "*casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you*." 1 Peter 5:7 (NASB) Today and every day, be still and know that He is God, and keep your mind stayed upon Him.



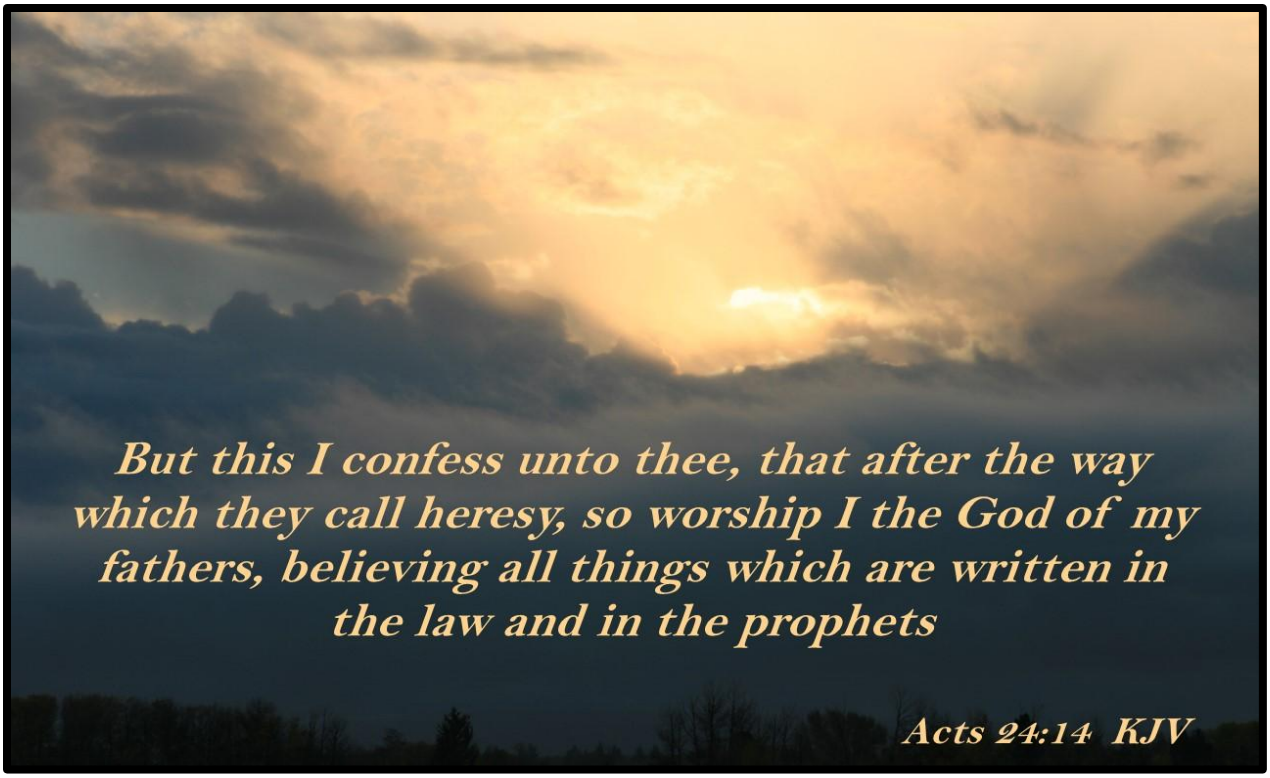
LET MY PEOPLE GO

"… Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go …"
Exodus 5:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, Ecclesiastes 3:15 declares history repeats itself. Through the scriptures (past, present, and future) we can receive the revelation we need, to enable us to continue in faith with nothing wavering, not being blown about like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind, for we know we are asking in accordance with His will. (James 1:6)

First, we must recognize Pharaoh (Egypt's king) was in complete objection to the Lord's demands. When Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh, *"Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go",* Exodus 5:1 (NKJV) Pharaoh's response was, *"Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."* Exodus 5:2 NKJV) Moses then declares this to Pharaoh: *"We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God as He will command us."* Exodus 8:27 (NKJV) To which Pharaoh responded, *"I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."* Exodus 8:28 (NKJV) Really? Who does this guy think he is? He obviously does not know the Lord, just like Exodus 5:2 just explained to us! Next, Moses and Aaron demand on the Lord's behalf, *"Let My people go, that they may serve Me."* Exodus 10:3 (NKJV) To which Pharaoh replied, *"Go, serve the Lord your God. Who are the ones that are going?"* Exodus 10:8 (NKJV) It was as if he was questioning if all these people belonged to the Lord. Moses then replied, *"We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go...".* In other words - all will go! To which Pharaoh replied, *"The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired."* Exodus 10:10-11 (NKJV) He was refusing to let the children and flocks go. Then Pharaoh replies, *"Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."* Exodus 10:24 (NKJV) To which Moses replies, *"Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind."* Exodus 10:26 (NKJV)

We know the rest of the story, and it went exactly according to God's demands - not Pharaoh's. Rest assured history will repeat again. Remember Pharaoh is only a title of an Egyptian ruler; it was not his name. Pharaoh is ever present today, but the remnant is openly declaring, "Let My People Go…" Amen!



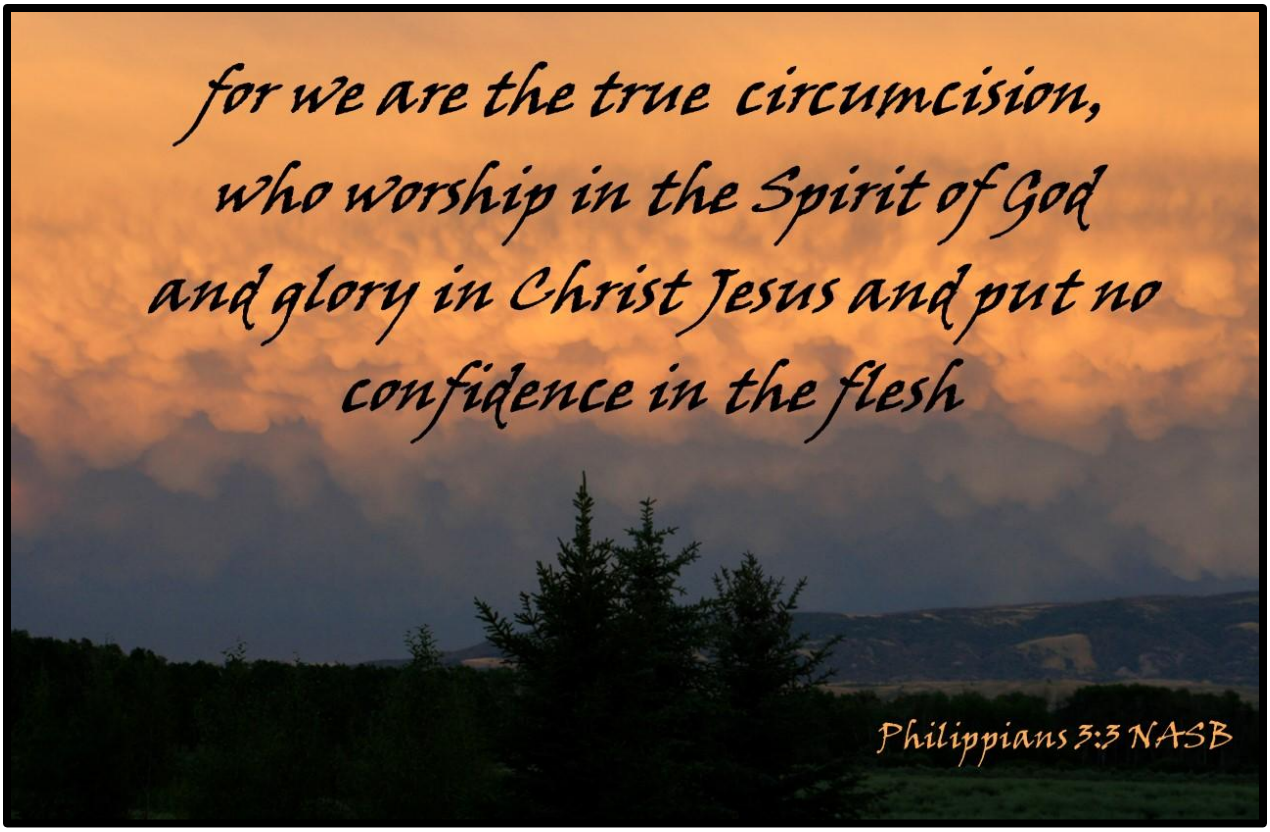
BELIEVING EVERY WORD IN GOD'S WORD-AND NOTHING ELSE

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;
for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."
Romans 8:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, according to the Word of God it is true that our natural mind is an enmity or hostile against God, so therefore believing in Him is against human nature. To grow in faith, and to believe God, it takes the Word of God. *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

We all grow up in different ways with different backgrounds. Some people refuse to believe that there is a God at all. Some believe that there are many gods but not in one true God. Some, although they believe in the one true God, refuse to believe that He can speak to us as human beings through His Word. Some believe that He has in fact spoken and that the Bible contains His Word, but they deny the whole Bible **IS** in fact His Word. Some still yet believe that the Bible is just an historical record of stories from days of old, declaring good morals, myths, and legends. Yet some receive it as written by men of God but not truly by God through man. A large portion of people receive the Bible as a salad bar, so-to-speak. They fill up on the things that taste good but leave anything that does not. Others receive it as inspired by the one true God, but they feel that no man was really ever meant to understand it; thus this belief relieves them from any type of studying, growth or responsibility as a believer.

However there is still **one group** that takes the Bible to the furthest extent that they can, with **no boundaries**. This is the remnant. We believe that God speaks to us through His Word, and we hold the Word of God precious. In reverential fear of God, we cannot pollute His Word with man's theologies, man's doctrines, or anything that would corrupt it. *"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto** these things, **God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book**: And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book**.*" Revelation 22:18-19 (KJV)



TRUE MEANING OF WORSHIPPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

"God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality)." John 4:24 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

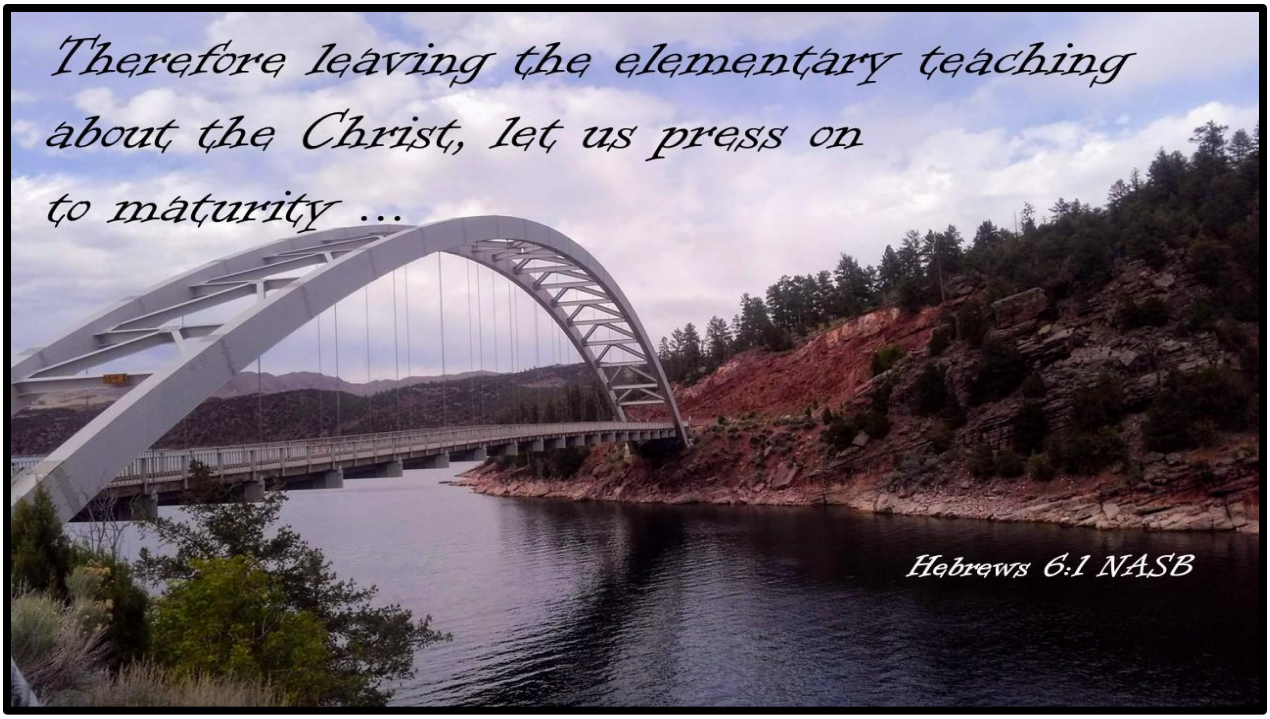
Remnant, so what does it truly mean to worship God in spirit and in truth? To worship Him in spirit and in truth requires a complete disconnect from all that we "know" or "think we know" in the flesh. This does not require music, any special lighting/mood setting, or any certain condition at all. What it does require is a heart free from all distraction, free from the cares of life, and a hungry, thirsty spirit which can only be filled with God. For God is Spirit, and He can only give what He is, though His Spirit is infinite.

Notice the scripture above says, *"…worship Him in spirit and in truth…"* You see the Word and the Spirit work together. *"For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure."* John 3:34 (NASB) Therefore, we see that when we speak the truth, which is the Word of God, this is worshipping Him in truth. In return God then gives His Spirit to those who speak His truth. He gives His Spirit WITHOUT MEASURE!

It need not matter if we are alone or in the presence of others; we can still worship God, but only in spirit and in truth. God will not accept any other form of worship. In addition, for a true believer worship is not conditional and dependent upon on our circumstances. A true believer worships God in spirit and in truth, no matter if they have received something they have been asking for or not. A true believer has a heart to worship God for Who He is, not just for what He can do.

"A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers." John 4:23 (AMPC)

We, as the remnant, worship God in spirit and in truth, and we are the ones whom God is seeking as His worshippers!



LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION

"and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him," Colossians 3:10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

In the process of putting off the old man and being washed by the Word of God, now we must begin to think about what we need to put on, right? *"**But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ** (the Messiah) and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts)."* Romans 13:14 (AMPC) As God's Word says, we must clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ! When we continue to read His Word, our spirit gains a new way of thinking. *"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you **put on the new man which was created according to God**, in true righteousness and holiness."* Ephesians 4:23-24 (NKJV) Things that we struggled with in the world no longer tend to be an issue. We gain a new thought process, a new way of life; thus it is a new birth, the birthing of new creation! Yes, when we receive Christ, we are a new creation; however, we must continue to be renewed in the Word of God for the new creation to be made manifest.

We see how this works in the natural when you go to work for a company. You are an employee for _____ company. You are just as much an employee your very first hour there as you are when you have fulfilled 10 years with them. However, after 10 years it has manifested in your life. You now know all the ins and outs of that job. You know what works and what does not. You conform your thought process to the perfect efficiency to be the absolute best that you can be for ____ company. Thus come raises, recognition, and even promotion. The same holds true when we serve God. However, unlike a job in the natural world, our service to God is never in vain. The raises, recognition, and rewards are priceless to a true believer! "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

***"… "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:31-32 (NKJV)**



ARE WE REGARDING HIS VOICE EVERY DAY?

"For God [does reveal His will; He] speaks not only once, but more than once, even though men do not regard it…." Job 33:14 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, over and over God is revealing His will to His people through many avenues. He uses dreams and visions, other people, nature, the Bible itself, and many other strategies. Yet still for whatever reason, many do not seem to regard His will. History, yet again, is repeating itself just as it was in the days of Jeremiah. *"O Lord [pleads Jeremiah in the name of the people], I know that [the determination of] the way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man [even in a strong man or in a man at his best] to direct his [own] steps."* Jeremiah 10:23 (AMPC)

No man, (even at his best), has ever been good at directing his own steps in accordance with God's perfect will. Therefore, it is essential not to trust in man for a breakthrough, for God wants us looking to Him, ALWAYS.

David was constantly reminded by God that the power belongs to Him. *"Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God;"* Psalm 62:11 (AMPC) The use of the words "once" and "twice" are only idioms for doing something repeatedly, like in Job. In David's case the tasks that God had assigned for him to do seemed far too large for him; thus, the constant reminder from God lingered over and over as God said, all power belongs to Me. Are we listening to God as He also is telling us over and over all power belongs to Me? When we hear and believe that we will accomplish what He has begun in us.

Father, in Jesus' name, let us be more aware of Your voice speaking to us today and directing our steps. Help us to acknowledge and look for Your leading each day and for the success of Your perfect will, as You work in our lives. Let us take heed to Your voice spoken through dreams and visions, other people, nature, Your Word, or any other avenue that You would choose to use. Then, Father, we ask You to help us to never quench Your Spirit moving upon us by rejecting what you have told us, whether directly or in ignorance. Amen



THE DISCIPLINED MIND

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in the original Greek the word "sound" here in 2 Timothy 1:7 is *sóphronismos* (Strong's #4995) and is defined as self-control, self-discipline, prudence. It is when we continue in God's Word that we are disciplined to be disciples of Jesus, for discipleship requires discipline.

Remnant, disciples of God's Word have been highly trained by His Spirit to discipline our minds to reject anything contrary to the truth of God's Word. This discipline paves a clear path for faith to freely travel. This discipline allows God to raise a standard against our adversaries. (Isaiah 59:19) This discipline allows us to be satisfied with long lives, as we continually witness His salvation. (Psalm 91:16) This discipline allows us to execute our spiritual weapons of warfare and cast down every imagination and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive that does not line up with His Word. Discipline demands every thought to be obedient to the mind of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5) Discipline demands that we look not at the things that we can see, (for we know that those things are all subject to change), rather, discipline allows our eyes to only behold the realm of the unseen, as we gaze with spiritual eyes. (2 Corinthians 4:18) In the craziness of this world, discipline enables us to set our minds upon things above and not on earthly things, for we have died to the natural realms, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:2-3) The only effective way to discipline our minds is to take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and use it against the enemy. (Ephesians 6:17)

Finally, discipline is the process of receiving God's engrafted Word completely, which is the only thing that can save our souls. (James 1:21) Discipline allows the God of peace to crush Satan under our feet shortly. (Romans 16:20) Discipline is choosing to believe God's Word over anything else. As part of His covenant, He is required to watch over His Word and ensure that it is fully performing in our lives, in this nation, and in this world! (Jeremiah 1:12)

FAITH REQUIRES DISCIPLINE



WE ARE HIS CHILDREN AND HEIRS TO ALL HIS PROMISES

"But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life." Romans 6:22 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

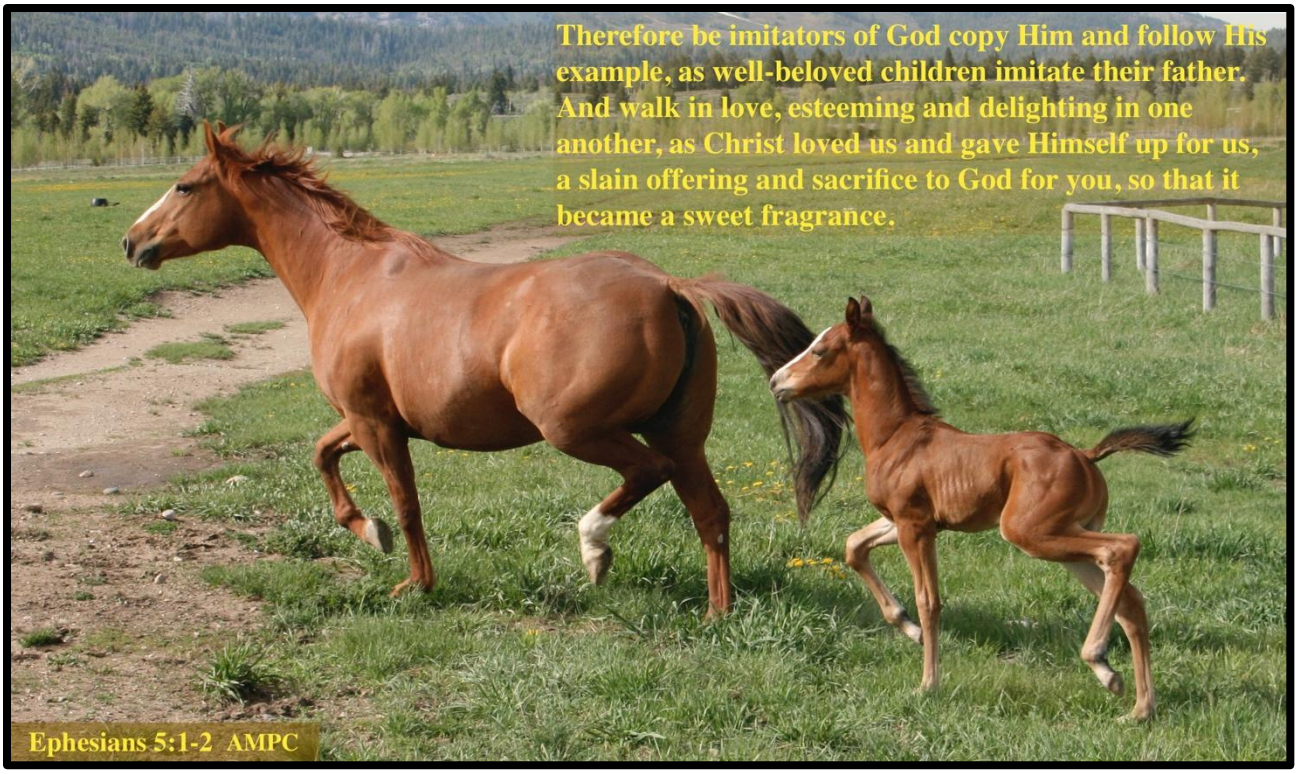
Remnant, we know there is not one demon that can possibly hold us captive once we have been set free from sin and have willingly become slaves of God. We rejoice today for we have been made free through the Son of God! *"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* John 8:36 (NKJV)

Yes, the Son has made us free, for the Son of God is the incarnate Word of God. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us…"* John 1:14 (NKJV) The Word is the truth that we shall know, and it is the truth which makes us free. When we know the truth, we know that we must be a doer of the truth also, to be made free. *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* John 8:32 (NKJV)

"For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic..." Galatians 4:22-24 (NKJV) These are symbolic of what? The two seeds! The wheat and the tares, the sheep and the goats, the carnal and the spiritual mind. Ultimately it is symbolic of the believers and the ones who only say they believe. If we continue reading here, we find out where we stand, as the remnant. *"Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise."* Galatians 4:28 (NKJV)

Children of what promise? All of them! Every promise that is contained in God's Word is available to all that have been made free by and through the Word of God, and we obtain them for we KNOW where we stand!

"For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death." Romans 8:2 (AMPC) Ultimately, unbelief is the root of sin, and what people do because of their unbelief are only attributes of sin. The wage of sin is death, but we have been made free from unbelief by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, for that is how our faith is increased!



"THEREFORE, BE IMITATORS OF GOD AS DEAR CHILDREN."

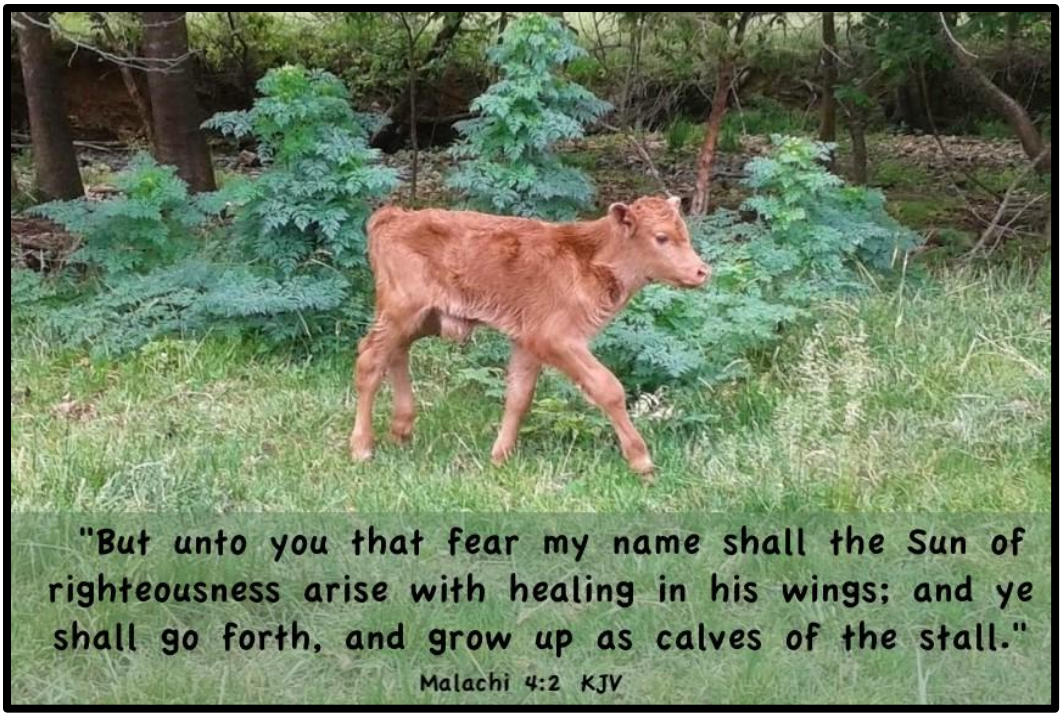
"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, by this time in life we are all mature enough in God to know that we all have a purpose and calling. We all know that God loves us and will never leave us. We all know that He has created us for such a time as this! Since we have all this knowledge, why is it that many times we seem to act so defeated? It is at those moments we MUST remember who we are; WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN! Just as an earthly dad is proud of his children and encourages his children, our heavenly Father loves us so much more and has given us so much more than an earthly dad could ever give us!

"…His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." 2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) Think about that for a moment. Yes, He has called us to do His perfect will, but also He has equipped us with His divine power to do so! He has also "*…given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world…"* 2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)

Jesus, the Son of God, was the first-born among many brethren (Romans 8:29), and we are those brethren. Jesus said, *"…All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."* Matthew 28:18 (AMPC) Then what do we read that He did when he sent out disciples? He told them, "*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Luke 10:19 (NKJV) Sounds like He gave that same authority unto us as well.

The next time we may be tempted to open our mouths and put God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10) to shame, may the Holy Spirit put a bridle on us that we only speak what He has said about us. Let us reflect on His sufficiency in us, which is His divine power through which we do all things He has commissioned us to do, knowing we have the victory!



GROWING UP IN HIS KNOWLEDGE

"For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue)." 2 Peter 1:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, oftentimes there is so much emphasis put on people asking Jesus to come into their lives. However, a hush seems to come over a congregation when the question is presented: "What's next?" Yes, the greatest miracle in life is when a person finally asks Jesus to come into his heart, but have we considered the reason being more than just salvation from eternal judgement in a place people call hell?

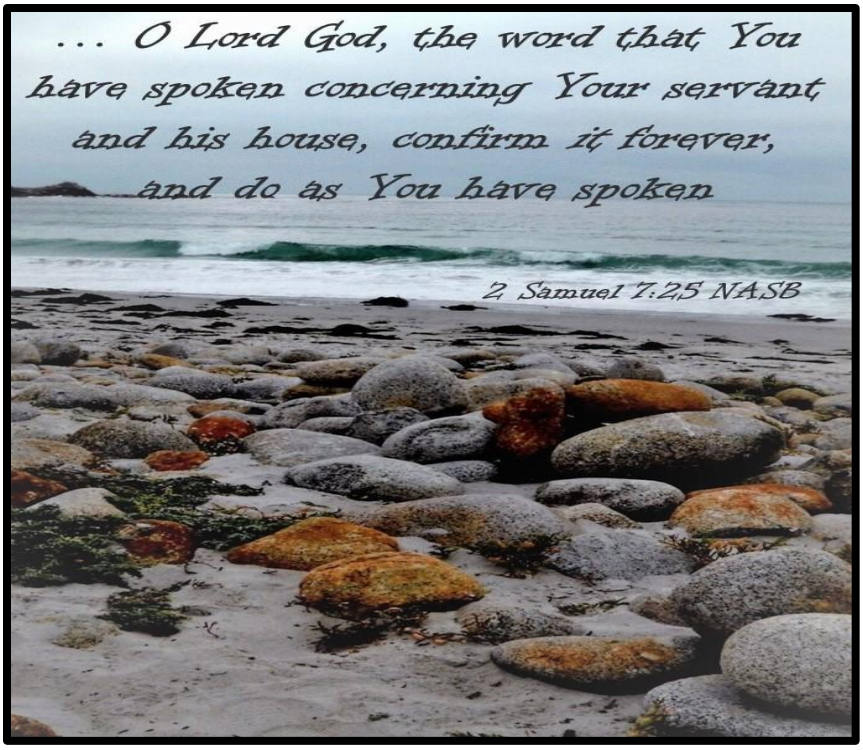
In simplicity, 2 Peter 1:3 (AMPC) clearly states that it is, through the full personal knowledge of Him that we have been given all things that are essential and appropriate to life and godliness! You see, if we choose not to strive for more knowledge of Him, then we will be left sitting in ignorance of many things that He has freely given to us which are essential and appropriate to life and godliness…in HIM!

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge…" Hosea 4:6 (AMPC) History is repeating itself in our day as many "Christians" remain in a path of destruction due to a level of knowledge which leaves them in ignorance (either willingly, or unwillingly) concerning all God's promises.

It is God *"who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* 1 Timothy 2:4 (NKJV) It is essential and appropriate for our lives and the lives of those around us that we not only ask Jesus to come into our lives, but… we seek to come to the knowledge of the truth! The word *knowledge* here in 1 Timothy 2:4 in the Greek is *epignōsis* (Strong's #1922) and means: recognition, i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement.

The remnants are not satisfied with a stagnant, complacent lifestyle. They abound in all truth and they have an ever-growing hunger, for a greater knowledge of His truth each day!

***"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ…"* 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)**



RECEIVING YOUR *RHÉMA* WORD

*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word** of God."*
Romans 10:17 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here in Romans 10:17 we must remember that ***word*** is not translated as *logos,* which means *the expression of a thought, a saying*. No, here ***word*** is translated as *rhema,* which is defined as *utterance (individually, collectively or specifically) on a particular matter or topic*.

This means an utterance encompassing the whole picture of what is being said, and it has a specific targeted audience, whether an individual or a group.

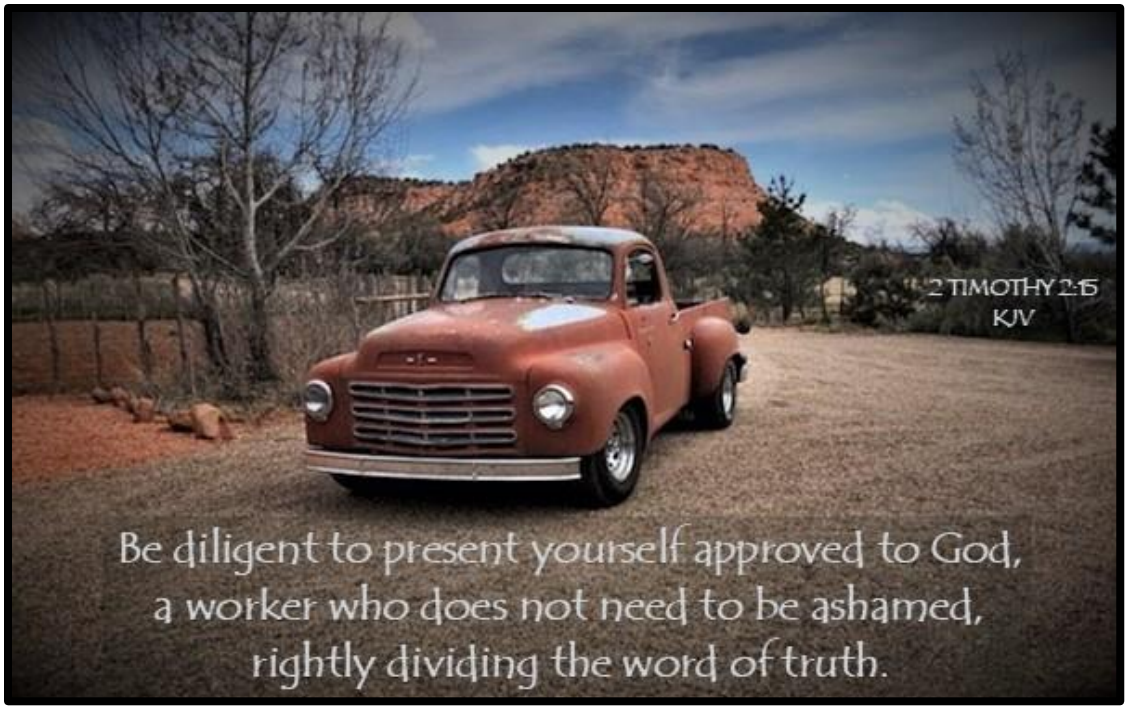
*"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your **word**." And the angel departed from her."* Luke 1:38 (NKJV) In this first example of scripture, we also must denote that the ***word*** that the angel of the Lord spoke to Mary was in fact *rhéma* as well. For the angel did not just come and speak one word to her, but as a matter of fact it was the whole message of what was about to happen. This *rhéma* became life unto Mary as she received it!

*"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The **words** that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."* John 6:63 (NKJV) Here again we see this example of **words** being *rhéma.* What is it that gives us life? What is it that increases our faith? What is it that births His Will in our lives? The answer to each of these questions is believing in **EVERY WORD** (or utterance targeted towards us, concerning certain topics) that is in God's Word.

*"…It has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every **word** that comes forth from the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4 (AMPC) Here again, *rhéma*!

Remnant, God is still speaking to His people in the form of *rhéma* words. It does not matter if you are young or old, educated or not, or even if you are male or female. Once we have come into the body, we are all one, and with God there is no respecter of persons.

Will you receive the *rhéma word* that He is speaking to you and allow His Words to bring life to you and all who are around you?



ONE MANUAL FOR THIS THING CALLED "LIFE"

"... I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;" Philippians 1:16 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when you obtain a new vehicle, and you want to know more about how it operates, what do you do? You go to the manufacturer's manual. In the manual there is only one way to change the oil, one way to fuel up, one way to shift gears, one way to operate controls, and so on. Operating your vehicle in any way outside of what is written in the manual is incorrect, and it could damage your vehicle and even shorten its life. The same holds true with Our Creator's manual, for it is true.

We know that we are the body of Christ, and we must all operate through the same instructions, the same manual. There is only **ONE** instruction manual, and it is to be held reverently, for it is God's Word! We are all held accountable to the same Word of God, and we all will be judged according to the true Word of God, and we cannot afford to be deceived. For what is true for some is true for all, and what is false for some is false for all, *"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace..."* 1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)

The true remnant knows that God's Word means what it says and says what it means, and there is no middle ground or compromising of the Word of God. The remnant also knows that the Word of God **MUST** be rightly divided and taught with all boldness and confidence, for God is with us! *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor..."* Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) Notice here in this scripture that God's Word says in the Amplified Bible Classic, "**THE GOSPEL,**" which is singular. What it does not say is "a gospel," such as "this is what we believe." Just like there is only *"one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all,"* Ephesians 4:5-6 (NKJV) there is only **ONE TRUE WORD OF GOD**.

The choice is up to you; however, the true remnant searches for truth and will NOT be deceived into a lie. We choose to believe a rightly divided truth and nothing less! We then stand in defense of the truth!



FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF OFFENSE

"He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends."
Proverbs 17:9 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there is a freedom that we can be walking in today that is not being taught in many congregations. You see, at some point in our walk with God, it is a vital necessity to be a doer of His Word, right? In this beginning scripture above it says, *"He who covers a transgression seeks love …"* The word *covers* here in the Hebrew is the word *kasha* (Strong's #3680) simply meaning to cover. When something is covered up, it is not seen, and it is no longer noticed, right? Well, this is an area of God's Word that many of us could benefit from practicing. We are talking about not being offended.

Paul gives us some weighty advice here, as he describes his walk with God and the necessary steps he had to take. *"Therefore I always exercise and discipline myself [mortifying my body, deadening my carnal affections, bodily appetites, and worldly desires, endeavoring in all respects] to have a clear (unshaken, blameless) conscience, void of offense toward God and toward men."* Acts 24:16 (AMPC) Did we catch that? You see, it was Paul's desire, as a man of God, to be void of offense towards God and man. However, this did require some dying to the flesh, i.e. letting go of his own thoughts feelings, desires, and so on. Paul also said, *"… I die daily."* 1 Corinthians 15:31 (KJV) He was expressing his spiritual death from the old man, which brings the birthing of the new man!

God's Word advises us to *"Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."* 1 Corinthians 10:32-33 (NKJV)

You see there is a freedom that we can walk in, where we have died to ourselves, and nothing offends us! This walk of totally covering the transgressions of others, just as if they had never done anything wrong, can only be done by renewing our minds by and through God's Word and becoming doers of His Word by practicing it.

When we allow ourselves to be offended, it causes us to stumble. However, we can walk in this freedom where nothing can cause us to stumble, in the name of Jesus, and through the power of God's Word!



POWERLESS FEAR

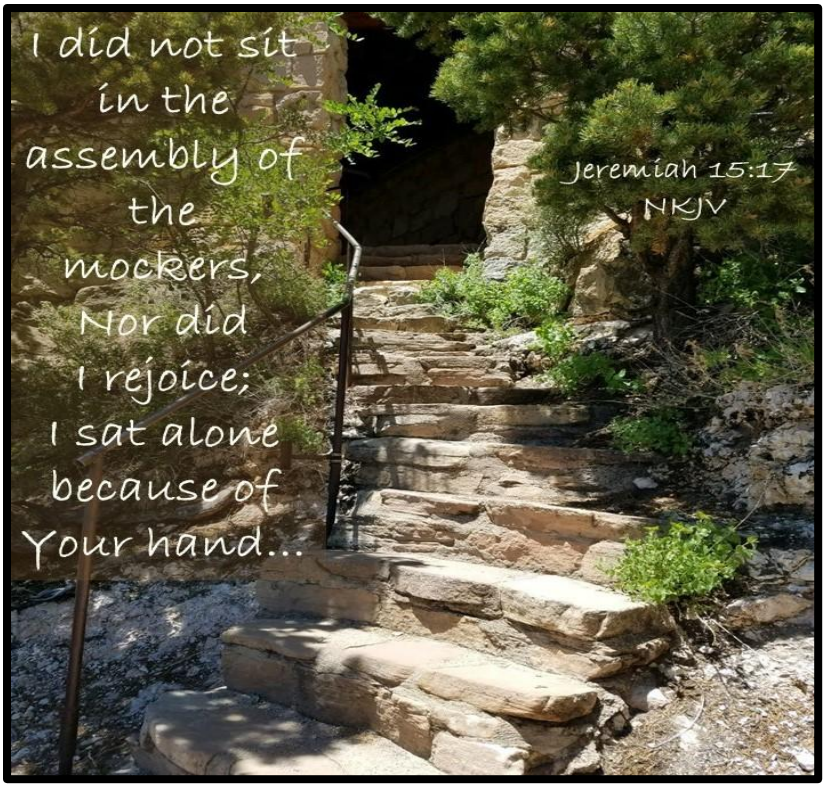
"There is no fear in love [dread does not /exist], but full-grown (complete, /perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]."
1 John 4:18 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we see many men and women alike requesting prayer for more faith, for they want to do what God is impressing upon them to do. However, fear of the unknown suddenly paralyzes them right in their tracks. We see that it is not just an issue of more faith that the person needs, but less fear. In the verse above the Amplified Classic makes it very clear that in perfect love, all fear dissipates! Even every trace of terror is gone! It is scripturally sound that if a person is constantly living in fear, the one area they need to focus on is their love walk.

How does someone become more perfected in their love walk, according to God's Word? *"But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly **in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity**)…"* 1 John 2:5 (AMPC) Here we see that it is when a person chooses to treasure God's Word and observe His Word entirely, that the love of God is truly perfected and reaches complete maturity. Then as 1 John 4:18 explains, *"… full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror!"*

Fear is disobedience to God's Word. For fear to completely disintegrate in our lives, we need to not only read His Word, not only memorize His Word, not only write it down, but we need to be a doer of His Word continually!

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 (NKJV) True, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. However, if one truly desires to live a completely fearless life, hearing the Word and being a doer of the Word totally cause all fear to melt away, leaving nothing but a pure, believing heart confessing, "Here I am God, send me! Fear is now powerless over me!"



SEPARATION IN WARFARE

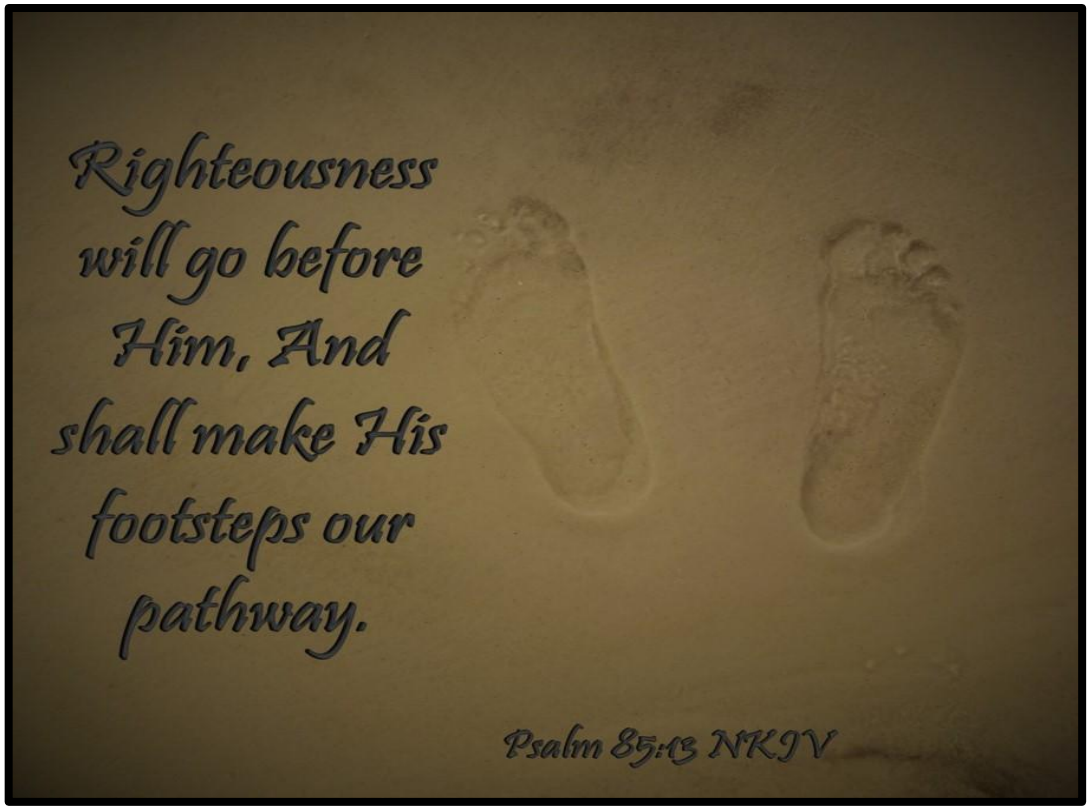
"All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:32 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Separation is necessary for successful spiritual warfare. As His Word says, there is a separation going on, a separation of the goats from the sheep, the wheat from the tares, the unbelievers from the believers! Yes, it still happens in the churches, just as Paul experienced here in Acts, right after many were filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. *"And he went into the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, persuading and arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God. But when some became more and more stubborn (hardened and unbelieving), discrediting and reviling and speaking evil of the Way [of the Lord] before the congregation, he separated himself from them, taking the disciples with him, and went on holding daily discussions…"* Acts 19:8-9 (AMPC) Please note that Paul continued teaching.

The remnant is under fire right now, as this separation is going on. It is happening in churches, families, schools, businesses, and everywhere! However, this is only a reminder that we must continue to fervently pray the Word of God, pray in the Holy Spirit, and not give up or give in, for when this happens, we are surely blessed! *"Blessed (happy—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition—and to be envied) are you when people despise (hate) you, and when they exclude and excommunicate you [as disreputable] and revile and denounce you and defame and cast out and spurn your name as evil (wicked) on account of the Son of Man."*
Luke 6:22 (AMPC)

Consider the description of our brother Paul, "*…a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) set apart to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of and from God,"*
Romans 1:1 (AMPC)

In Jesus' name, we too have been set apart and have been chosen to be an end-time warrior for God, standing in the gap, and making up the hedge! When all have forsaken you, for His name press in, for God is with you!



WALKING AS THE WORD WALKS

"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."
1 John 2:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, has anyone ever told you to "walk like this" (i.e., like their example)? Many times, in the natural, this occurs with children. Children watch others very closely and imitate the "walks" of others. What is interesting about this scripture above is that the word *walk* and *walked* here in the Greek are the same word, *peripateó*. *Peripateó* (Strong's #4043) meaning to walk. However, more specifically its usage is: I walk; I conduct my life; live. Therefore, we conclude, when this scripture is rightly divided, we can read it as we are to conduct our lives and live, just as He conducted His life and lived!

Remember when Jesus called His disciples and said, *"Come, follow Me…"*? There was certainly more to it than just following Him, for we all know that we can follow behind someone without walking as they walked or rather imitating them, right?

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:" 1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV) This word *follow* here in the Greek is *epakoloutheó* (Strong's #1872) and not only does it mean to follow after, but more specifically its usage is: I follow close after, accompany, dog; I imitate, pursue, am studious of. What is critical about this word *epakoloutheó* is that it is a verb, which we all know requires ACTION. When someone says, "walk like this," we are paying attention to how they move their entire body from their head to their toes; then we imitate them accordingly.

We when read God's Word through a Sonship Spirit, (i.e., *pneuma Christou*-knowing we are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ), then we see that we have been given both commands. We have been told to "Come and follow Jesus" and to "Walk as Jesus walked." You see, there are two seeds: the heavenly seed and the earthly seed. The earthly seed may follow Jesus (the Word of God), but the heavenly seed not only follows Jesus (the Word of God) but also walks just as He walked.

***"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* John 14:12 (NKJV)**



THE TRUE BODY CANNOT REJECT ITSELF

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually."
1 Corinthians 12:27 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, you cannot be rejected from the true Body of Christ <u>of which you are a member</u>. Let us look at this next scripture to receive a revelation of the importance of such an acceptance. *"So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and <u>individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another]</u>."* Romans 12:5 (AMPC)

Remnant, the true Body of Christ, though individual members, are still very much dependent upon one another. Take the scenario of opening a door, for instance. In the natural when you do a task this simple, some of the members you are using include your eyes, fingers, hands, wrist, arms, shoulders, and even muscles, exerting a force to push or pull. **Such a complexity of all working together in a beautiful harmony is the way God designed it.**

"And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (<u>act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]</u>. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]." Colossians 3:15 (AMPC)

Since the Body of Christ realizes the importance of each member, the true Body would be unfulfilled without all members; therefore, it would be against the will of God.

"And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty," 1 Corinthians 12:21-23 (NKJV)

We are all partakers together of His Body, and thus as His Body we are working together, edifying, and exhorting one another. Praise GOD!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

"Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." 1 Peter 5:9 NKJV Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we know, there are times in life in which we believe that God has directed us and shown us things, and despite obeying and acting on what God has shown us, we can be tempted to become discouraged if the outcome does not seem as we had expected.

Right after Elijah had called fire out of heaven, and using the power of God, he had put Baal's prophets to shame, Jezebel threatened to kill him. We then read that he went into the wilderness and told God, *"…It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"* 1 Kings 19:4 (NKJV)

There are some of us who are in that wilderness moment right now. God has shown us things and used us powerfully, but then a lie from the enemy has taken a deep root in us, and we are ready to give up. NEWSFLASH!!! This is exactly what the enemy wants you to believe.

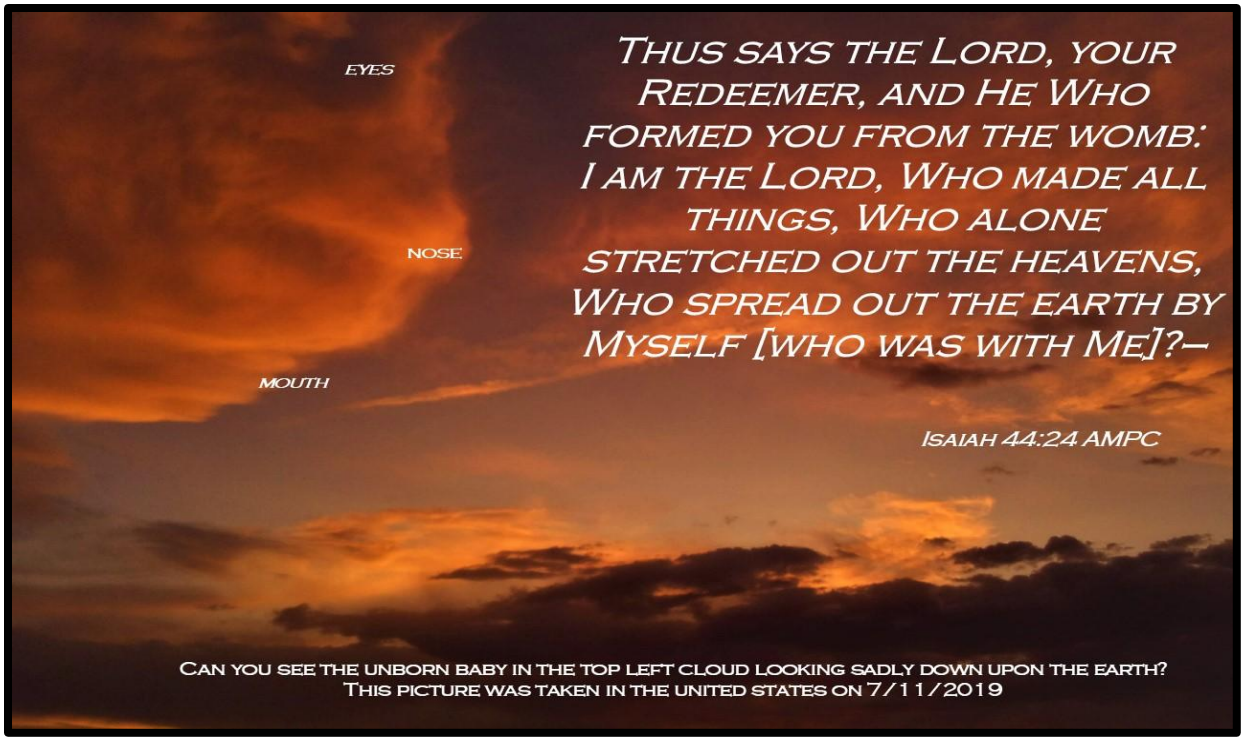
Welcome to spiritual warfare, something every believer who is doing anything for God will experience. The answer to this can be put in a remarkably simple mathematical formula as follows:

SUBMITTING TO GOD + RESISTING THE DEVIL = A FLEEING DEVIL (James 4:7)

This is even more defined as we look at key words in the Greek. The word ***submit*** here in the Greek is ***hupotassó*** (Strong's #5293), meaning to place or rank under, to subject, to obey.

The word ***resist*** here in the Greek is ***anthistémi*** (Strong's #436), meaning to set against, i.e., to withstand.

This is to say that when we walk in complete submission to God, we are obeying His Word fully, totally committing and subjecting ourselves to His plan. We also strongly come against the devil, holding our ground at all costs, refusing to give up, and using God's Word against him (just as Jesus did when He was tempted.) Then we KNOW that the devil MUST flee. HE MUST FLEE! Just like He asked Elijah, God is asking you right now, "What are you doing here?" Just as he told Elijah, He is now telling you to "Go!" You have spent far too long in the cave; it's time to put the devil on the run!



STANDING IN THE GAP FOR THE UNBORN

"But your eyes and your heart are only for your covetousness and dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, for oppression and doing violence." Jeremiah 22:17 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as the evil increases in this land, we must remember we are not left powerless. No, it is our responsibility to continue to stand in the gap and make up the hedge for the defenseless, those without a voice.

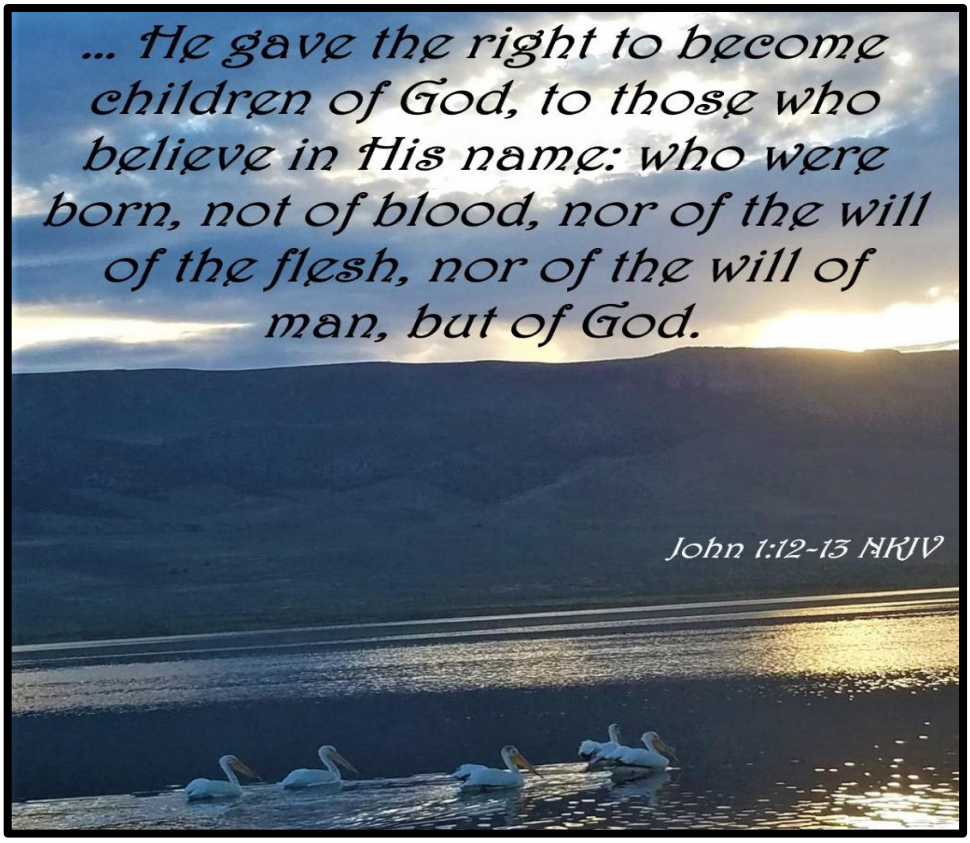
You see, the wisdom of man has different beliefs about when life begins, but we should always go to God's Word for the truth. In God's Word we find that we were approved before God even formed us in the womb! *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."* Jeremiah 1:5 (AMPC)

It even goes back farther than that. *"…just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,"* Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

Babies in the womb still have great potential. Remember what happened to John the Baptist? He was filled with the Holy Spirit while he was still in the womb! "*For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb."* Luke 1:15 (NASB)

Each one of us has been chosen before the foundation of the world, called, and named from the womb to speak up concerning the abominations with which satan has flooded this world! *"Listen to Me, you islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord has called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me."* Isaiah 49:1 (NASB)

Rest assured prayer changes things. As we pray, God's judgment is raining down upon these murderers who are calling evil good in our legal systems. *"For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes."* Jeremiah 16:17 (NKJV)



THOSE BORN OF THE SPIRIT HEAR THE SPIRIT AND FOLLOW

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."
John 10:27 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, once we become born of the Spirit, then we realize that we are being led by a different voice, the voice of the Spirit. When we can hear and be led by the Spirit of God, this is confirmation that we are sons of God! *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."* Romans 8:14 (NKJV)

"But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated." 1 Corinthians 2:14 (AMPC) Why is this? The answer is simple. *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* John 3:6 (KJV)

When someone is not born from above, by the Spirit, then they are born of the flesh, and they simply cannot receive the things of the Spirit. Remember what Jesus said? *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."* John 6:63 (NKJV) Therefore, the one who is born of the flesh cannot receive the words that are spoken by the Word (Jesus), for His words are Spirit.

It is surely sound wisdom for those who are born of the flesh that *"…they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us."* Acts 17:27 (AMPC) When we feel after Him, and we find Him, it is then that "*… in Him we live and move and have our being;"* Acts 17:28 (AMPC) We live in the Holy Spirit. We move in the Holy Spirit. Everything we do is governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit, and we remain in the perfect will of God!

***"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."* John 3:8 (NKJV)**



BEING ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

*"And He (*Jesus*) said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"* Luke 2:49 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

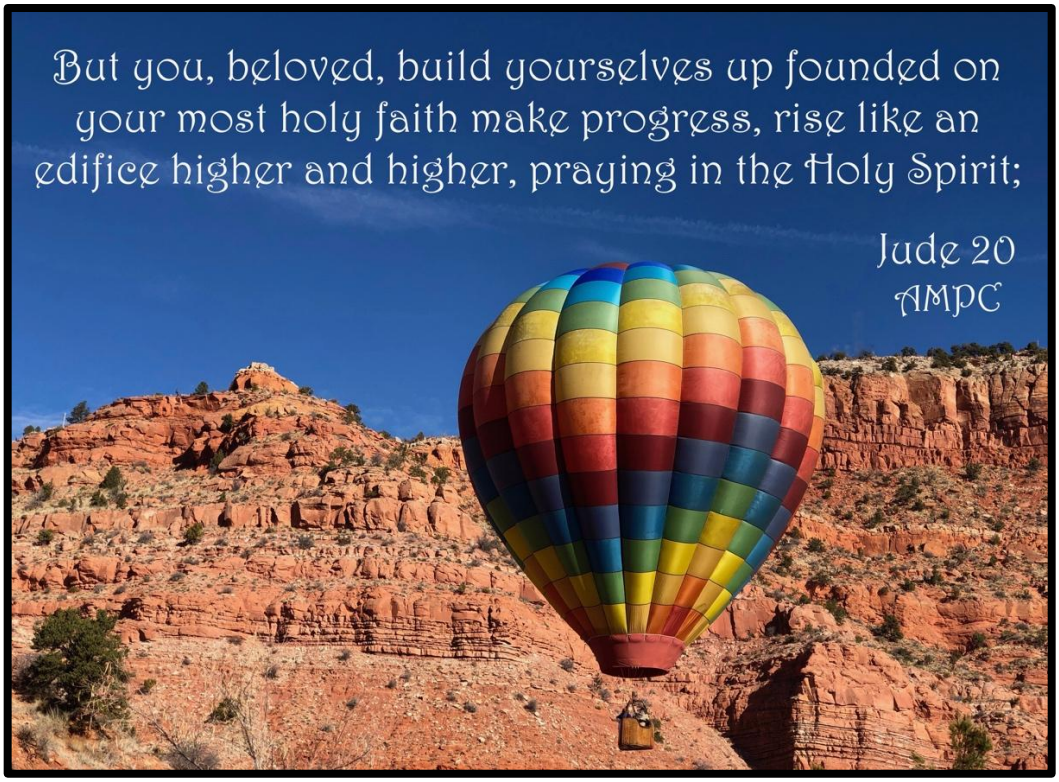
Remnant, we live in such a fast-paced microwave world that it is so easy to allow our minds to be filled with man's will and not our Father's will. Today we look at these scriptures for our learning.

Luke 19:12-14 records a portion of a powerful parable of a certain nobleman (symbolizing Jesus), who went into a far country (the world) to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. He then called ten of his servants (symbolic of the remnant) together, and he did two things; he gave them finances, and he gave them orders to occupy till he returned (some translations state "do business.")

As proper students of God's Word, we look to the Greek for a rightly divided meaning of this phrase, *"occupy till I come."* In the Greek this is *pragmateuomai* (Strong's #4231), and it is defined as: to busy oneself. Though this is the only time *pragmateuomai* appears in the New Testament, and because we have been born again of the incorruptible Word of God (1 Peter 1:23), we know that this is referring to being busy with the Father's business, not our own affairs, i.e., being fruitful. Jesus explains such a life when He says, *"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."* John 4:34 (NASB) Thus, *pragmateuomai* is the opposite of being fruitless.

Continuing in this parable, we see that it was not those ten servants, who are in this world but not of this world, (John 17:16) i.e., citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20). It was the citizens with their minds set against the Father's business, i.e., the ones from below and of the world (John 8:23). Their minds were so focused on their own affairs since they hated the nobleman, and they did not want him (symbolic of Jesus) to reign over them.

May we always be about the Father's business, using all He has given us through His Son Jesus (the Word of God) to finish His work until He returns. May we continue walking *"…worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."* Colossians 1:10 (NKJV) GLORY!



LET THE GOOD TONGUES ROLL

"For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]. 1 Corinthians 14:2 (AMPC) Pray before reading.

Remnant, it is a fact that some people really struggle with speaking in tongues when they begin to "think" with their mind. That is all because *"… the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."* Galatians 5:17 (NKJV) You see, just as 1 Corinthians 14:2 tells us, when we speak in tongues, we do not speak unto men but to God. The enemy immediately comes in and begins to tell us that this is not of God for whatever reason, and we need to stop. However, remember the Spirit of God is NOT going to fight against His Spirit being manifested in us! Therefore, if it cannot come from God, then there is only one other source it can come from - our adversary.

We must be reminded at times like this that the Spirit of God is dwelling in us! *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"* 1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV) Well, if His Spirit is in fact dwelling in us, **it is bound to manifest**!

For a moment let's reflect on a word of wisdom that Jesus told the scribes and the Pharisees. He said, *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good …"* Now think about this. When our hearts are right with God, then they will bring forth good things, right? Such things will be fruitful, things that will bring glory to Him, things that will produce His Kingdom to come and His will to be done in earth as it is in heaven, right? Therefore, Jesus would end His statement by saying, *"… out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."* Luke 6:45 (NKJV)

When we speak in tongues, it is the Spirit of God speaking out of the abundance of our hearts, and we are speaking to Him! No wonder satan will not allow tongues and the interpretation of tongues to manifest. However, God tells us specifically in His Word that we must *"…not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;"* 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (AMPC)



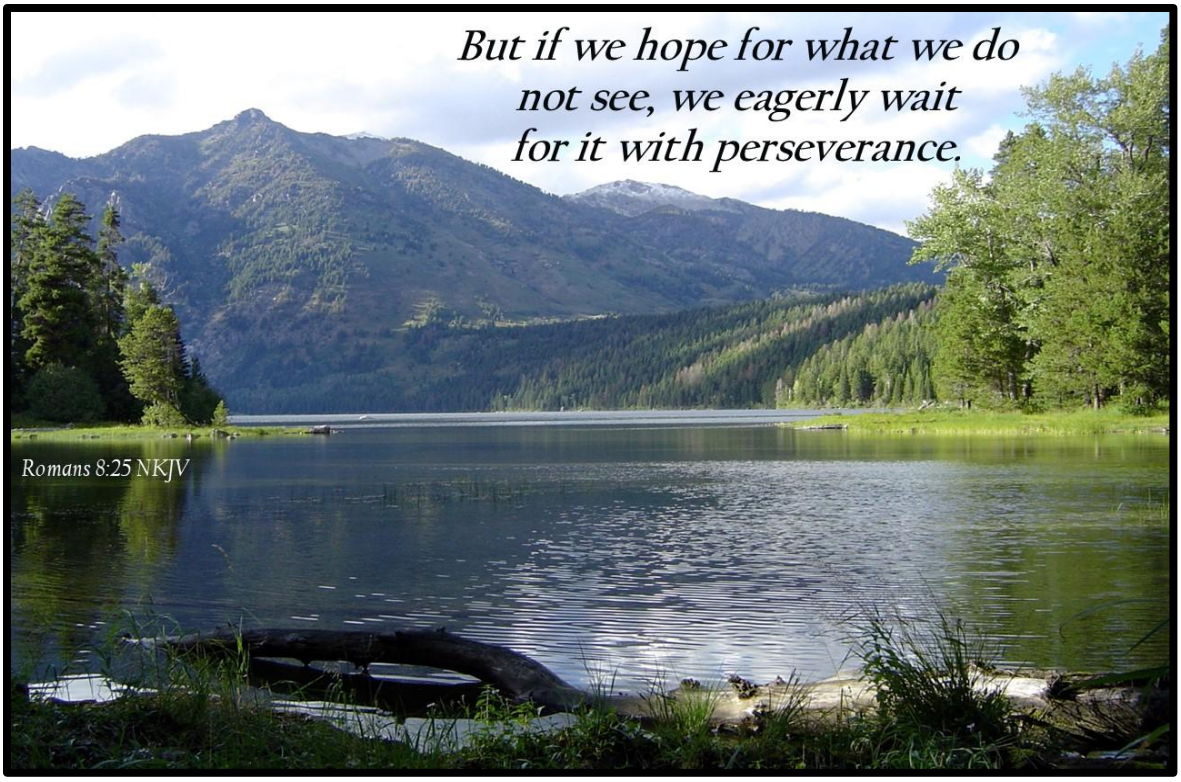
GOD HAS NOT SPOKEN IN SECRET

"I have not spoken in secret, in a corner of the land of darkness; I did not call the descendants of Jacob [to a fruitless service], saying, Seek Me for nothing [but I promised them a just reward]. I, the Lord, speak righteousness (the truth—trustworthy, straightforward correspondence between deeds and words); I declare things that are right." Isaiah 45:19 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant we plainly see here in Isaiah that God was not calling His people to seek Him in vain. No way! God has a strategy in place for His people seeking Him. If therefore He would command us to seek Him, then He surely would not hide Himself from us. Seeking God to some is like a mind-less rabbit trail. They seek Him and always find Him; however, when His answer is not exactly what their flesh desired to hear, they tend to depart from seeking Him. We can live without many things, but "things" cannot be compared to our Living God, whom we CANNOT live without. Therefore, we are to seek Him, not things.

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity…" Jeremiah 29:13-14 (NKJV) This scripture marks a vital point in a person's life, and we all must approach this honestly and ask ourselves, "Are we seeking Him with all of our heart?" When we are seeking Him with all our heart, we will surely find Him. We will know that it is Him, for when we are seeking Him with all our heart, we will have completely died to our "own thoughts, and ways," knowing that His wisdom is all that really matters. After all, one day we will all answer to Him individually. Therefore, we will have confidence and reassurance in that day, for we will know we have sought Him and found Him first in all matters, and His Words will have proceeded out of our mouths, not being void of power!

"…this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it." **Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (NKJV)**



DWELLING IN HIS HOPE

"Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue exulted exceedingly; moreover, my flesh also will dwell in hope [will encamp, pitch its tent, and dwell in hope…." Acts 2:26 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there are a couple different variations of the meaning of the word *hope* here in this verse. In general, it means to hope or expect, and it refers to something in the future, for we do not hope for things in the past. Hope is all future focused, and as believers, we always want to ensure that our hope for the future lines up with God's Word, right?

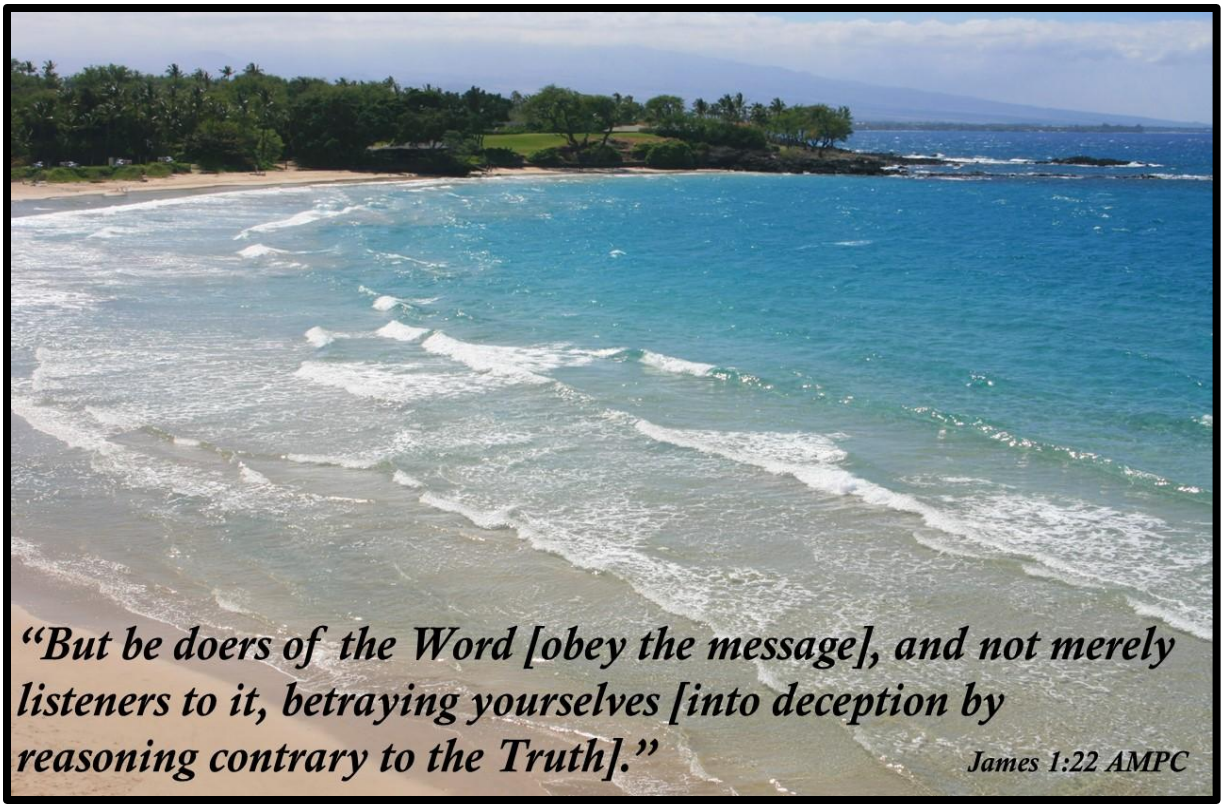
Many Christians in this world are hoping for that new car or new house or maybe a pay raise or even a spouse. Though it is God's will that we should walk in blessing and favor, that kind of hope is really not the kind of hope that God's Word intends for us to have, as we see in this next scripture. *"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?"* Romans 8:24 (NASB)

You see, God is Spirit, and everything that is of God is spiritual and unseen; therefore, God really wants us hoping in the future for what is unseen, the spiritual realm. Some of these examples include healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, peace, joy, and the saving of souls! To hope for the unseen things of God to manifest in the future is what God desires. When we begin to hope for that which is not seen, it brings life to our faith for those precious things of God's kingdom!

"For we, [not relying on the Law but] through the [Holy] Spirit's [help], ***by faith anticipate and wait for the blessing and good for which our righteousness and right standing with God [our conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action, causes us] to hope****."* Galatians 5:5 (AMPC)

Yes, it is by our righteousness and right standing with God that we have the faith to anticipate and wait for His spiritual blessings and unseen goodness!

"but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end." **Hebrews 3:6 (NASB)**



REASONING WITH GOD

"So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]. For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]."
Romans 8:4-6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, pause there for a moment and face a fact. Many believers always tend to "reason with God." For example, they may say something like this: "Well if God doesn't do this, then He's going to do that." They are reasoning with God; they are trying to figure out God and how He is going to bring it about. The truth is that sense and reasoning without the Holy Spirit bring about vain imaginations, which result in "plan A, plan B, plan C, etc." We are never to reason with what God has spoken.... period. It is also not up to us to figure out how brother so-and-so is going to finally receive salvation or when sister so-and-so is going to finally be free from her addictions. We are only required to believe Him at His Word.

Praying in the Spirit brings DEATH to the carnality of sense and reason.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) It is He that is always exceeding, but if we are reasoning, then reasoning is a realm of unbelief and carnal sense. In carnality, unless people can taste it, touch it, smell it, see it, or hear it, they simply cannot believe the Holy Spirit is really doing anything. However, "*…we walk by faith, not by sight*." 2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

Don't be trying to figure out the plan A, B, and C. Trust God's plan!



IN HIM YOU HAVE NO PAST

"…forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Philippians 3:13 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

The enemy likes to beat us up by bringing to our remembrance the things that we have done wrong in the past. Let's look at Paul, who wrote Philippians. Can you imagine what thoughts went through His mind? Maybe even thoughts like this: "You killed Stephen. You were raised a Pharisee of Pharisees. You are never going to fulfill God's call on your life." Paul even said, *"For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*" 1 Corinthians 15:9 (KJV)

What is in our past that the enemy is trying to use to keep us from going forward with God? Do we not remember, *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed?"* John 8:36 (KJV)

When the enemy tries to come to you and say, "Look what I have against you," you can immediately use God's Word to come back at him. For instance, how about using this: *"Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.*" Colossians 2:14 (AMPC) Dear friend, this is what God's Word says! **He has blotted them out, and they are gone forever, not only things from the past but even the more recent things we have done - all of them.**

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)Paul never stopped pressing towards that mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus that God had prepared for him. No matter what his past looked like, Paul was not in bondage to the past.

***"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* Romans 8:1 (NASB)**



ULTIMATE VICTORY

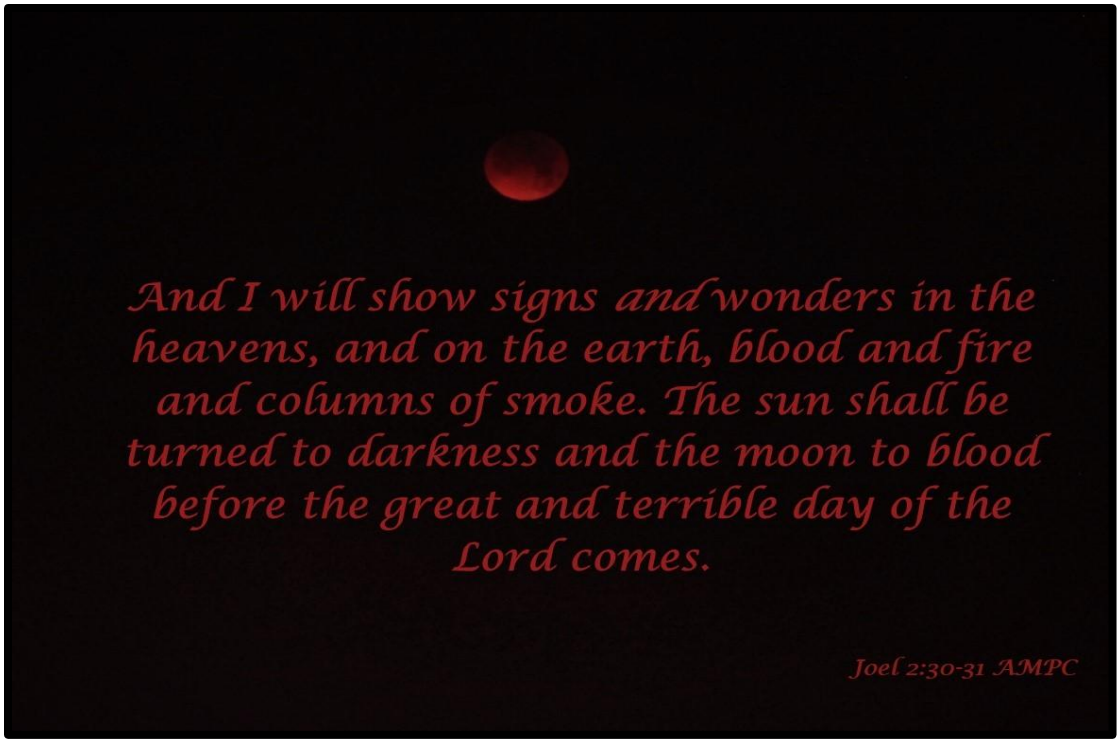
"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we begin to witness evil forces on the rise in every realm of this nation, it is vital that we keep ourselves focused on Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. Since God's Word was written "for our learning," let's open our eyes to the truth of what will happen when we continue to trust in God, disconnecting completely from carnal rescues that are limited to man and his wisdom and resources.

Today let us be reminded of a time when Sennacherib (king of Assyria) invaded Judah. It is even recorded that Sennacherib *"… thought to break into them for himself."* 2 Chronicles 32:1 (NASB) However, Hezekiah *"… appointed military officers over the people and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, "Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the One with us is greater than the one with him. With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah."* 2 Chronicles 32:6-8 (NASB) These people were instructed to be strong and have no fear of this king. Why? Because he was only a man attacking with man's intellect and man's strength; thus, he was no match for the ONE who was fighting their battles! Therefore, because these people believed the good report, they received the manifestation of their believing and *"… the Lord sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria..."* 2 Chronicles 32:21 (NASB) The trust of these people was not in Hezekiah; their trust was in God.

We will have the same results when we trust in God and believe the good report instead of trusting in "an arm of flesh." Wake up oh sleeper, for if you trust in God, *"… you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world."* 1 John 4:4 (AMPC)

"The enemy will not deceive him, Nor will the son of wickedness afflict him. "But I shall crush his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him." Psalm 89:22-23 (NASB)



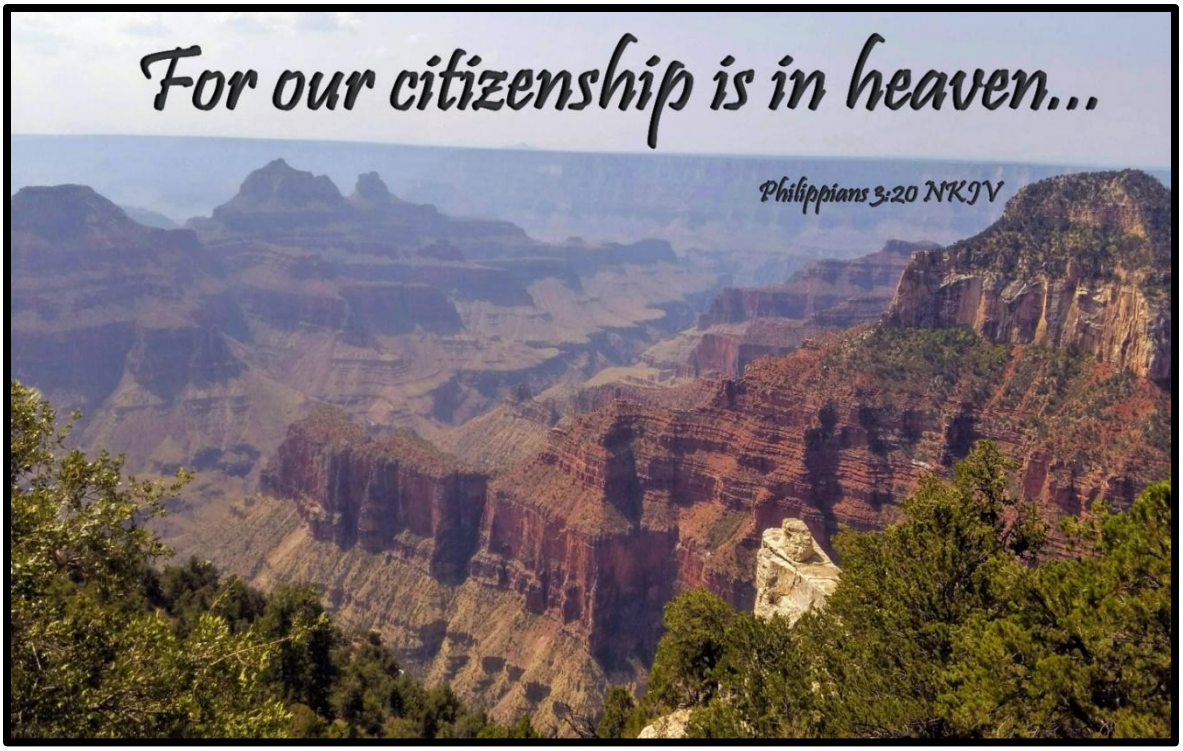
WE CAN DISCERN THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

"But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares...."
1 Timothy 4:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the focal point of this scripture here is that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us, and His voice comes in many different forms. We have heard people at one time or another say, "I can't hear from God" or "I am not hearing from God." There are certain times many of us feel this way, however, as we know, we cannot go by what we feel. Let this encourage you and remind you that even the unsaved and unrighteous can see and hear from God, so certainly the remnant can know and recognize the ways in which He is speaking to us. Sadly, some still do not believe it is from Him. *"And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come*." Joel 2:30-31 (KJV) That is obvious, huh? Or how about this one? *"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place*;" Matthew 24:6-7(AMPC) Please note, there are still many earthquakes that rarely make it to the news, but they still happen.

"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world…" Psalms 19:1-4 (NASB) Please notice that in those particular scriptures it states this happens "***Day to day***" and "***night to night***." Then it goes on to say, "***Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world…***" God is speaking to all, but some do not know what He is saying. We hear from God in many ways; the key is being in His Word and being sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

We all know that we cannot believe everything that we see and hear on the tv, internet, and so on and so forth. However, the true remnant **KNOWS** that God's Word is always true, and we can trust in it, if nothing else. Be encouraged to hearken unto His Word and His signs.



IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THINGS ABOVE

"*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God*." Colossians 3:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, having been born from above, by and through the Word of God, we have transformed and renewed our minds in the Word. We are now conformed to that spiritual realm, which is also above; thus, we seek that which is above. Our minds are no longer running astray with the cares of this life, but we rather choose to set our mind "*…on things above, not on things on the earth*." Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) Our minds are renewed to receive what is from above and to stay on what is from above because "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights*…" James 1:17 (NKJV)

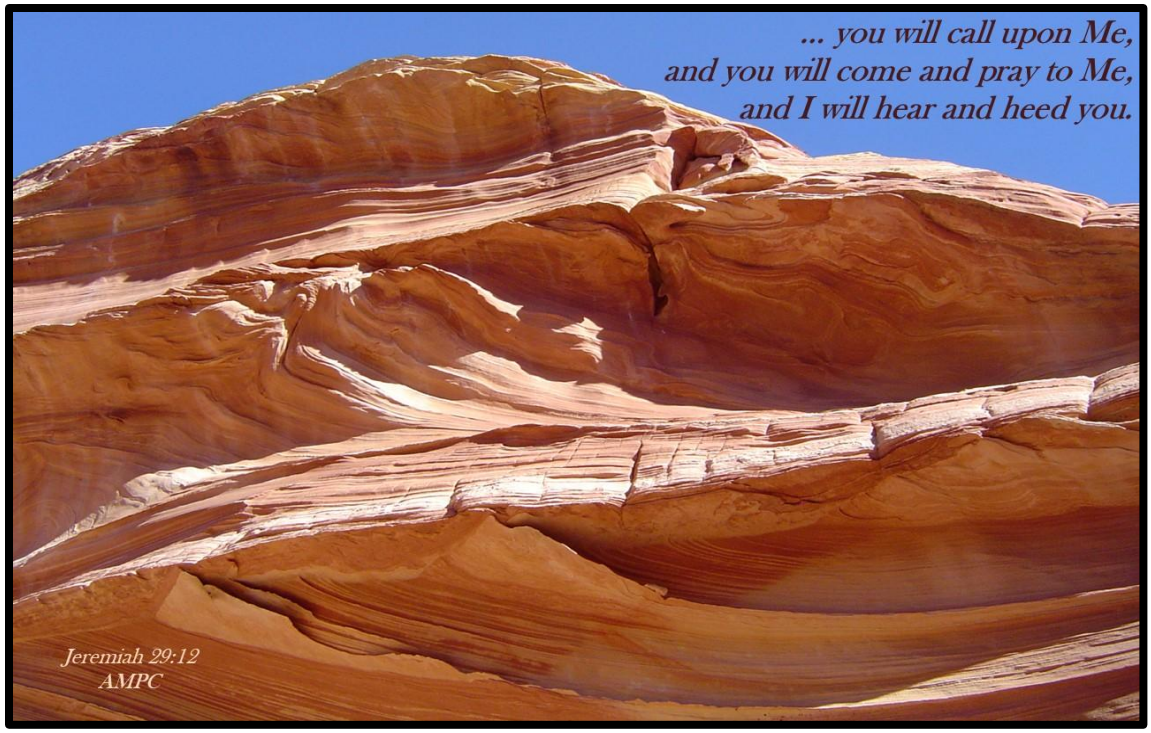
It therefore would not make any sense for us who are born from above to set our minds on what is below. Yes, the true remnant chooses not to meditate on the things of this natural corruptible realm, but rather we choose to seek wisdom that is from above, from where we were born. *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy*." James 3:17 (NKJV)

Since we keep our minds stayed in that heavenly spiritual realm, we can remain in life and peace. We can remain in the cleft of the rock when the storms come. "*You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You*." Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

WE HAVE A STEADFAST MIND FIXED UPON THINGS ABOVE, AND NOTHING CAN TOUCH US!

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philippians 4:8 (NASB)

WE ARE FROM ABOVE; THEREFORE, OUR MINDS ARE STAYED ON THAT WHICH IS ABOVE.



SEEKING AN ANSWER VERSES SEEKING TRUTH

"Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live."
Psalm 116:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

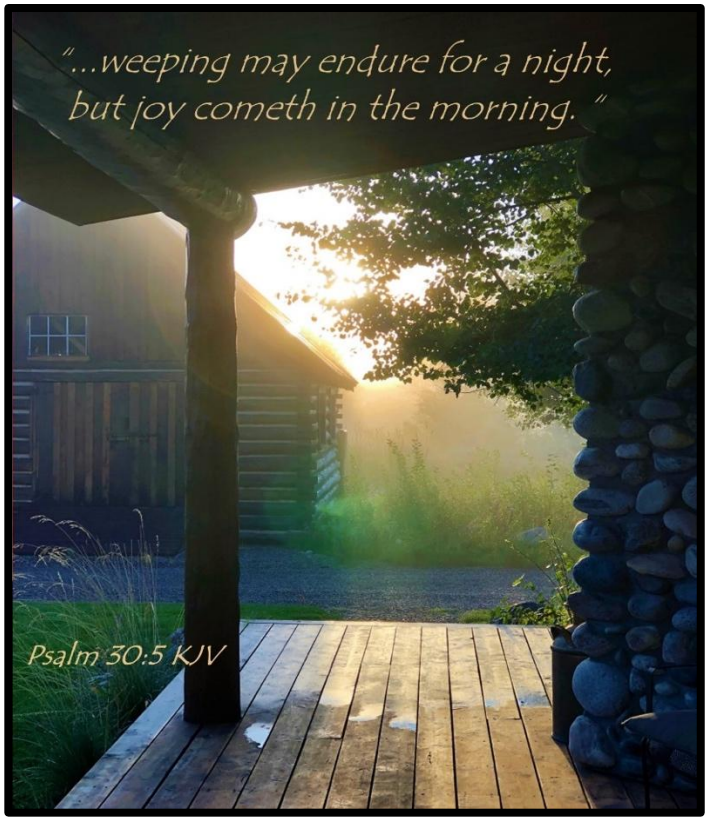
Remnant, David had a close relationship with God, and he **KNEW** that God was hearing his prayers and moving upon his behalf, so he made up his mind that as long as he lived, he would continue to call upon the Lord! God is faithful to the remnant who call upon His name continually.

Numerous times in God's Word it mentions to call upon Him. *"Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know'*." Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV) God's Word is always telling us to call upon Him for **ALL** answers. Why? Let's face it, in this day and age there is an answer for everything. We find answers online, in magazines, on TV, from professionals - the list is endless! However, our Abba Father has our best interests in mind, and His Word is TRUE! Are we just wanting an answer or are we wanting the truth? We can trust in His answer, for He will never lie.

In order to function as believers, we also must be calling on God, by praying His Word. We challenge you to go back and read the many examples in the Word of God where His remnant called upon Him and were delivered! Time will not permit here, but look at Jesus, David, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Paul, and many more. *"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him."* Psalm 91:15 (NKJV)

"For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NASB) When God has plans in mind for us, we **MUST** call upon Him for His strategies, and He will reveal them to us through His Holy Spirit. The strategies we need to use to bring forward His perfect plans! His plans for us are bigger than we could ever dream.

"Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call on God?" Job 27:10 (NKJV)
That is a good question for us today.



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

"…The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5:16 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we pray spiritual warfare prayers from the Word of God, we are continuing to break unwanted cycles of demonic attacks from the enemy that are running rampant across this nation today! We are doing this all in the name of Jesus, to which every demonic attack is subjected. Every attack is rendered helpless and harmless when we pray the Word of God in Jesus' name! Come on, God's Word says, *"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations And punishment on the peoples, To bind their kings with chains And their nobles with fetters of iron, To execute on them the judgment written …"* Psalm 149:6-9 (NKJV) God gave us His Word to pray and declare, and as we do that, it is God who is watching over His Word to perform it! The following prayer has been adapted from Psalm 43 (KJV/NASB).

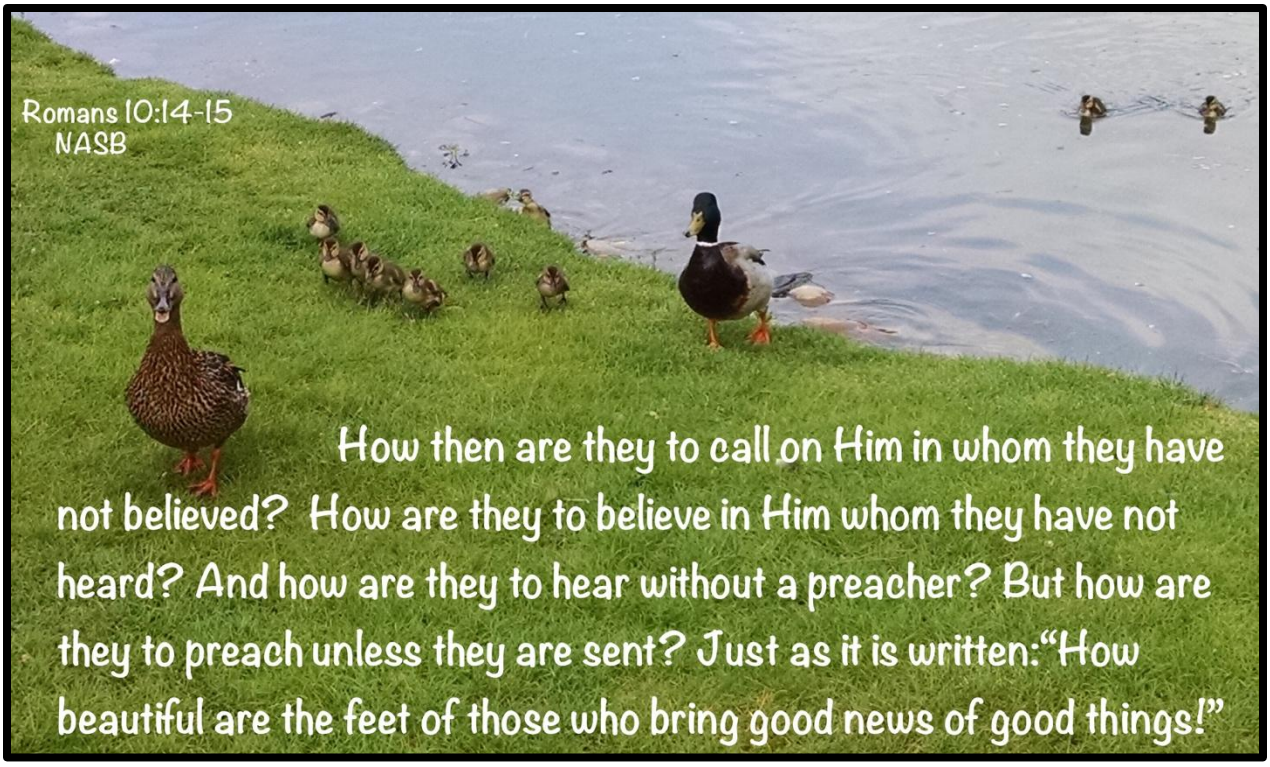
Father, in the name of Jesus, vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from deceitful and unjust men.

You are the God of my strength; why have You rejected me? You are the God of my strength, so why am I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

In Jesus' name, send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me. In Jesus' name let them bring me unto Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places.

I will go unto the altar of God, to God, for He is my exceeding joy; upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.

Why am I in despair? Why is my soul disturbed within me? In Jesus' name, my hope is in God, and I shall praise Him! He is the help of my countenance today and every day, and He is my God. Amen



WE SHOULD WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED (1 JOHN 2:6)

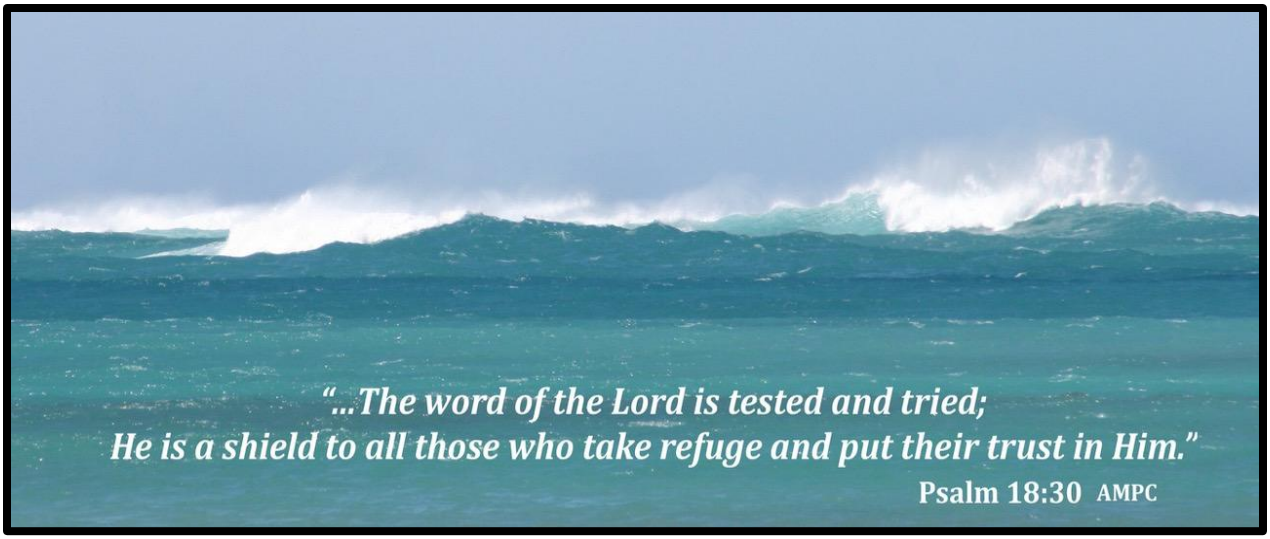
"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52:7 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when a verse is repeated over and over throughout the Bible, it is necessary that we give heed to it. Most of this verse is repeated in Nahum 1:15 and in Romans 10:15. Did you know that in Hebrew when words were repeated, it was their way of adding an exclamation point, highlighting, or underlining it to show its significance?

Now, knowing this, we go back to this verse in Isaiah. You see, the feet that are in reference here are feet meaning the WHOLE MESSENGER. Being a messenger of good tidings, publishing peace and salvation, and proclaiming God reigns was only partially fulfilled in John the Baptist and in Christ, who were both rejected; but God was not done. He sent Elijah and Elisha, and again they accomplished their part and were rejected, but God was not finished. He then sent Peter, James, John, and even Paul, who yet again accomplished their part, and were rejected; but God was still not finished.

You see Christ is our HEAD, and we are the Body of Christ; we are part of the MESSENGER, and we have been chosen for such as time as this. Many people talk about the "Great Heroes of the Bible," like it is past tense. Oh, but dear friend, we must remember that the Body of Christ (with Him as Head) is the greatest hero in the Bible, and we are still in the Bible days; we are just closer to the end, and time is short.

The Head of the Body (to which we belong) proclaimed: ***"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*** **Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV)**



TESTING AND HOLDING FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD

"Beloved, do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world."
1 John 4:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we are well into the last days, it is essential for every believer to exercise this scripture above as part of our daily walk. To exercise this scripture, we must fully understand the depth of it. You see the word *test* in this scripture in the Greek is *dokimázō* (Strong's #1381) and is defined as: to try (test) to show something is acceptable (real, approved); put to the test to reveal what is good (genuine).

There are always examples of how to exercise truths in the scriptures, so for our learning here, we look at Peter's example. *"… when the disciples saw Him* [Jesus] *walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."* Matthew 14:26-27 (NKJV)

Alright, we know this story and that when the disciples saw Jesus, they thought He was a ghost; all of them except Peter. It was at this very moment that Peter was in a valley of decision. You see, Peter had three choices. He could either **A**-side with the other disciples that Jesus was a ghost, **B**-accept what Jesus had just said, and take His instructions to be of good cheer, or **C**-test Jesus to see if that voice he heard was really from God. Should Peter have decided choice **A**, he would have indeed missed hearing the Word of God altogether. Peter still had too much doubt to accept the fact that it really was Jesus speaking to him. However, there was still something in him that just had to know the truth, so he tested that voice he heard by responding, "… *"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."* Matthew 14:28 (NKJV) Please notice Peter said "IF".

Before blowing off Jesus (the Word of God) altogether (like the other disciples had done), Peter made a wise decision to test Jesus to prove that He was in fact <u>acceptable (real, approved), and good (genuine)</u>. If it were not for Peter's boldness to test Jesus (the Word of God), then it would have never been revealed to the other disciples.

"But test and prove all things [<u>until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast</u>."
1 Thessalonians 5:21 (AMPC)



ALL CREATION SANCTIFIED BY GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many use this scripture as relating to food, however, this declares, *"…<u>everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude</u>…"* Every person, every creature, all creation. Then it goes on to say, *"…it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer."* Today let us be reminded that anything that has been created by God has the possibility of being sanctified by the Word of God and prayer. How about praying the Word of God? Perfect!

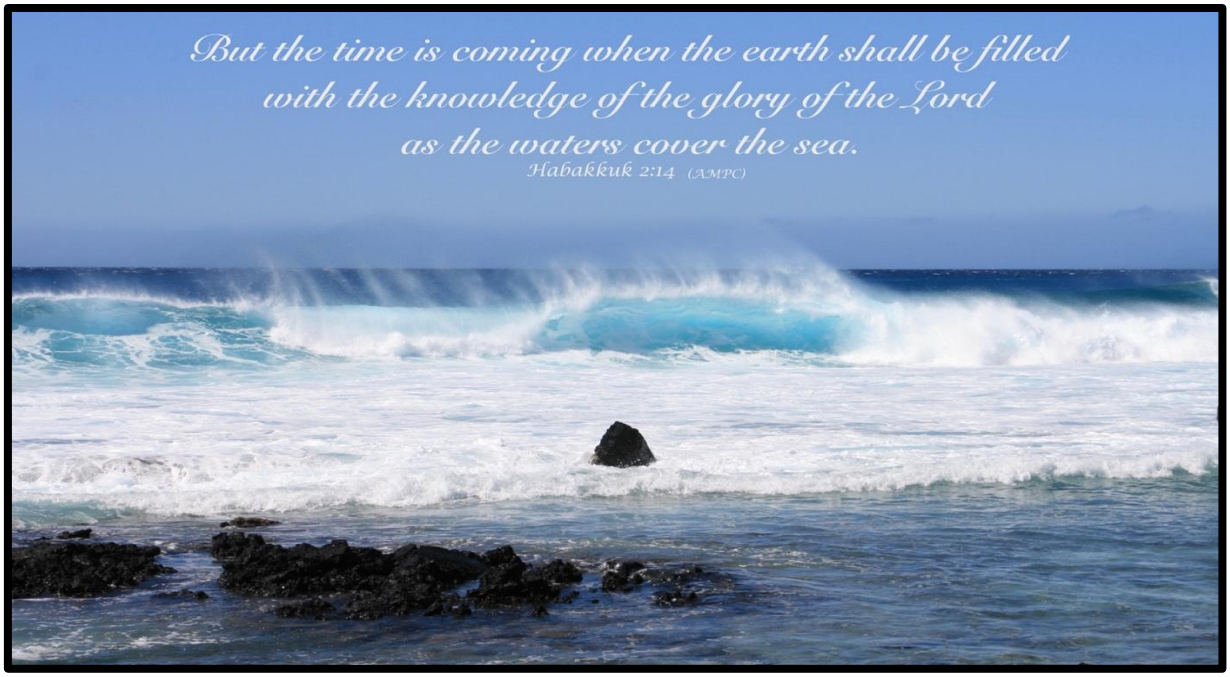
This is exactly what has been happening to us and has been since we made the decision to ask Jesus to come into our hearts. *"For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy."* Hebrews 10:14 (AMPC)

Yes, when we ask God to forgive us in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven, but He so desires for us to go further into sanctification. *"Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."* 1 Corinthians 6:11 (NASB)

Sanctification comes through the Word of God, as we learn from Jesus Himself. *"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."* John 17:17 (NASB) <u>True repentance happens when people are sanctified by and through the Word of God</u>. God's Word becomes so real to them that they can no longer stand to go along with the way things have always been. Through sanctification they desire something more.

Let us not forget the harvest that is currently among us, and let us not forget that everything created by God needs prayer and the Word of God.

"To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me." Acts 26:18 (AMPC)



WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?

"Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is."
1 John 3:2 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

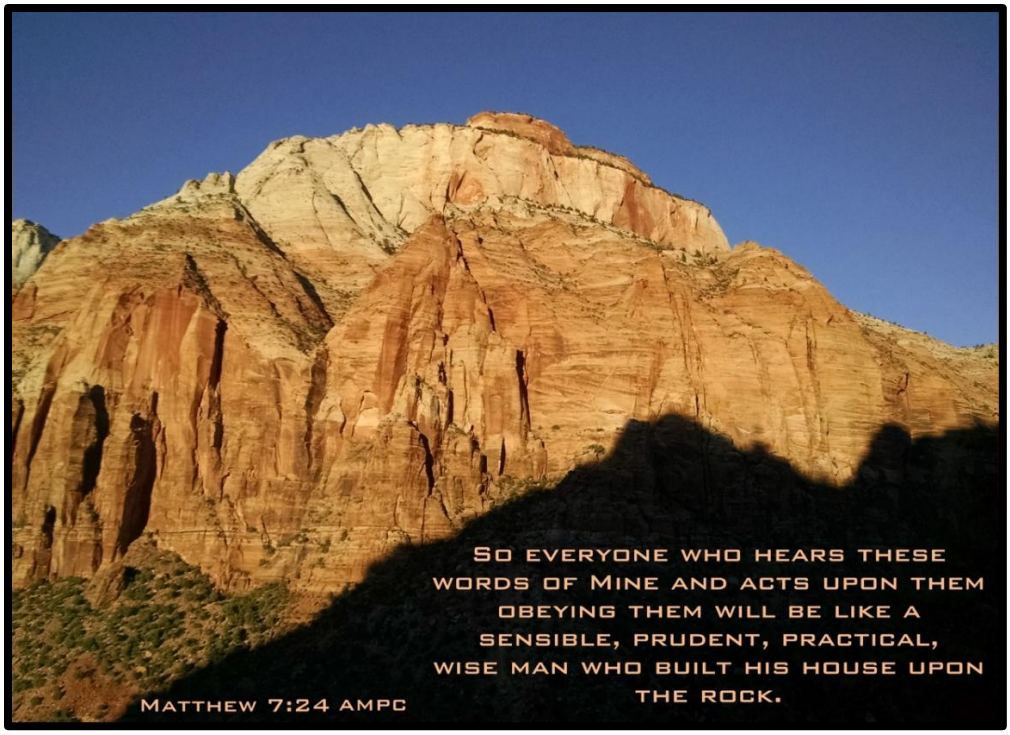
The remnant has a clear understanding that we can do the works of Jesus. When Jesus is manifested in us, we shall resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He really is, right? After all, He is our example, and we should follow in His footsteps.

"…He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed." 2 Thessalonians 1:10 (NKJV) **His glory is being revealed in His people even now!**

Many believers have a hard time with this verse and interpret *"that day"* as His physical coming will be the first *"day"* in which He will be glorified in His people. It does not say that at all; it merely says *"…He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints…"* Come on, can we not see His glory in miracles? When people get healed? When we have signs and wonders? Father, in Jesus' name, open our eyes so that we may see! It happens every day! **His glory is being poured out among His people**! Sure, His glory will be poured out in *"that day"* of His physical coming; however, it is in no way limited to that day. *"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."* Habakkuk 2:14 (KJV) There will be many people who miss Christ again, for His glory is being manifested in and through His people, and many chosen vessels are being rejected, just as Jesus was. Those who **KNOW GOD** will recognize His Son in manifestation through the body of Christ!

Jesus told the Father, *"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."* John 17:4 (NKJV) Now it has been appointed to us to allow His glory to be manifested in us, so we will finish what God has appointed us to do! **The choice is ours but remember this what all of creation has been groaning for.**

WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?



PRAYING HIS WORD - MANIFESTATION OF HIS WILL

"Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant we, as true believers, know this life that we live is not our own, for we have been bought with the price of the precious blood of Jesus. Therefore, being aware that it was the Holy Spirit which inspired the writings of the priceless Word of God, when we see a scripture like Colossians 4:2, we should carefully take notice and be prompted to act accordingly.

A believer is not just some title we have; it is who we are, believers in the truth of God's Word and His ways. The only way in which we can continue to live effectively for Him is to remain steadfast in our prayer life. Therefore, continuing to live in Him and in prayer go hand-in-hand. We cannot continue in His Word and His ways successfully without prayer, and we cannot pray successfully without continuing in His Word.

As believers, we are aware that there is a roaring lion roaming about seeking to destroy God's people and the completion of God's perfect will. (1 Peter 5:8) As believers, we know that we are not ignorant concerning satan's devices. (2 Corinthians 2:11) Finally, as believers, we have been brought into complete maturity through confidence in Him. *"… that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, <u>we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him</u>."* 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

Jesus told us, *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."* John 8:31 (NKJV) It stands as an absolute truth that if we genuinely want to see God's perfect will manifest in our lives and in this nation, we will continue to pray the Word of God. Remember, *"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [stands firm as the heavens]."* Psalm 119:89 (AMPC) His people will continue in His perfect will, as we continue to pray His flawless Word that is everlasting, and boundless!

"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—" Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)



DISCERNMENT - DO NOT LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; Whoever is discerning, let him know them…"
Hosea 14:9 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God's Word is always the best way to discern our walk and the spirits around us. Therefore, today we look at a familiar phrase in God's Word: *"by this we know."*

How can we discern if we truly know God? *"…**by this we know** that **we know Him**, if we keep His commandments."* 1 John 2:3 (NKJV)

How do we discern that we are in Him, and He is in us? *"But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. **By this we know** that **we are in Him**."* 1 John 2:5 (NKJV)

*"Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And **by this we know** that **He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us**."* 1 John 3:24 (NKJV)

*"…If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **By this we know** that **we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit**."* 1 John 4:12-13 (NKJV)

How do we discern if we are walking in love? *"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **By this we know** love, because He laid down His life for us. And **we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**."* 1 John 3:15-16 (NKJV)

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him. **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and follow His commandments.*** 1 John 5:1-2 (NASB)

How do we discern if we are walking in truth? *"…let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And **by this we know** that **we are of the truth**…"* 1 John 3:18-19 (NKJV)



PREPARATION IS KEY FOR SUCCESS

"For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come out into the open." Luke 8:17 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, over and over in God's Word we read of this promise. (Proverbs 26:26; Matthew 10:26; Mark 4:22; & Luke 12:2) Not only do we read that all hidden things will manifest, but we also see examples in God's Word of this happening as well. Therefore, since we have these promises, and it is certain that history will continue to repeat itself until the coming of Christ (Ecclesiastes 3:15), should we not only expect this to happen but also prepare for this to happen? Preparation is key for success.

Every believer who is standing on God's Word wants all the lies and paths of darkness exposed and brought to light; but then what? You see, if we have not made proper preparation for darkness to come to light, then we too could be overtaken by this devastation, right?

What is it that we need as these hidden agendas of darkness are being exposed? <u>We all need wisdom to deal with them</u>. As demonic agendas are being exposed and brought to light, we need to be in prayer that God will give us *"… the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I* (we) *should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary…"* Isaiah 50:4 (AMPC) There will be hurting people that had their faith in the wisdom of man, and when those wicked men's agendas are exposed, these people will need to turn somewhere; that is where we come in.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that as Your Word comes to pass and darkness is revealed, You would give us the ultimate gift of the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Your ways. Let the eyes of our understanding be enlightened to deal with these demonic forces with the same power and authority of Jesus! Let us know and recognize the hope of our purpose and call in these situations and reveal to us the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints! May our eyes be open to see the exceeding greatness of Your power as we believe Your Word! We thank You Father, in the name of Jesus, for Your wisdom and boldness to continue to develop in us and prepare us for these times of rejoicing set before us, as You show Yourself strong upon our behalf, and we see Your Kingdom come and Your perfect will done!



THE GOOD NEWS

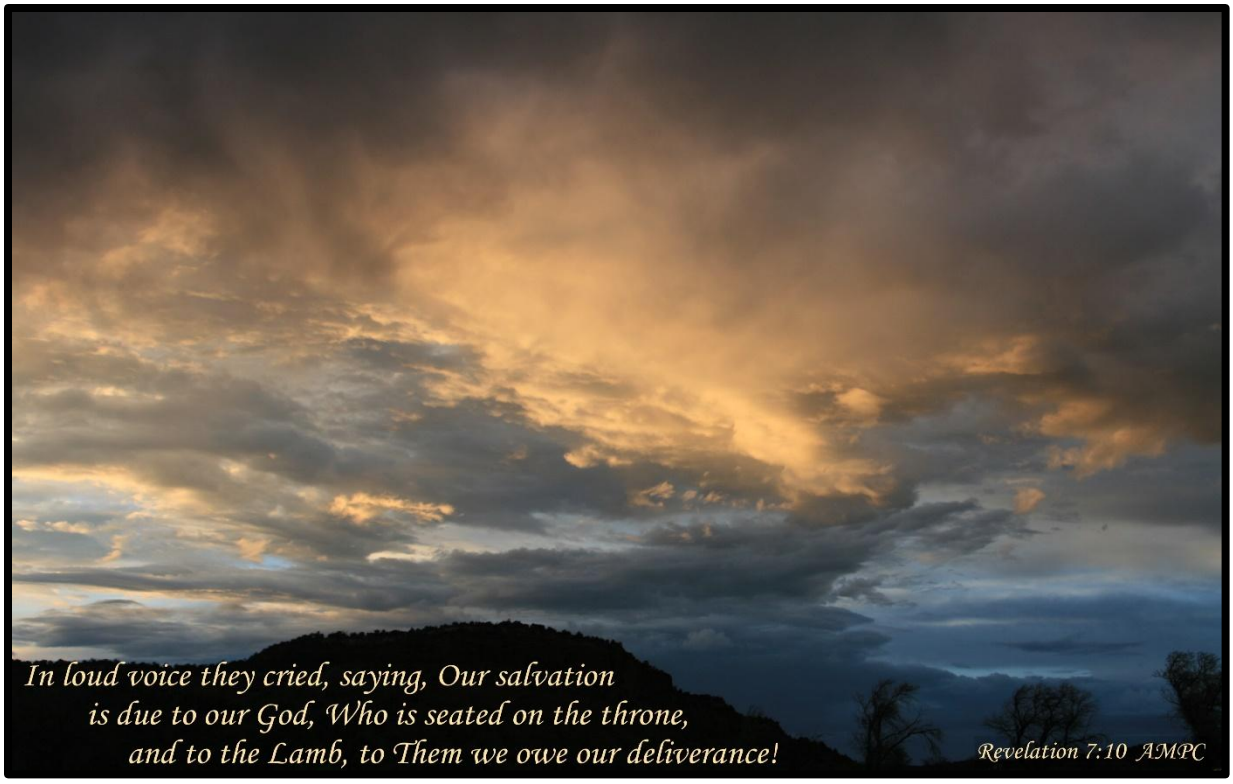
"*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end*." Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant no matter how far we have come, sometimes we just need to be reminded of God's plans and intentions, especially when the enemy is constantly screaming what is contrary to the Word of God.

It is God's desire that we keep looking forward and pressing on, even though we have trials, for we are being strengthened and stretched for the journey. Our perfecting in God's Word is a great asset to help others and a powerful tactic against the enemy. God wants you to see exactly what the enemy is trying to hide from you and what is truly happening in the realm of the spirit. Paul gives us wisdom here: "*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal*." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

The true remnant knows that staying in His Word and being led by the Holy Spirit are the road to freedom and renewal. We have a choice of what we believe when we face circumstances. The choice is completely ours; however, what we meditate upon creates our reaction to the circumstance. As the remnant, we stay in His Word, and we do not look back at the former or what always or usually happens.

"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;" Ok, stop here just a moment, and meditate on what Paul, the apostle, just said. He had not come to the completion of his goal yet. However, let's look at what he said he was doing, despite what was happening in the natural. "*but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" Philippians 3:13-14 (NASB) What has happened or usually happens becomes a thing of the past, when our mind is renewed in Him, and according to His Word.



NO PROMISE FROM "I AM" WILL BE LEFT UNDONE

"And God said to Moses, I Am Who I Am and What I Am, and I Will Be What I Will Be; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I Am has sent me to you!" Exodus 3:14 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what power and authority! Sometimes the straightforwardness of God's Word is so simple that it can be missed. We really need to put more pressure on His WORD for His promises to come to pass. HE is I AM - that is really all that needs to be said! Whatever we have need of - HE IS.

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses, "Says the LORD, "that I am God. Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?" Isaiah 43:10-13 (KJV)

Remnant, once you know what the truth is about your situation according to God's Word, you will then put pressure on His word and stand in it, refusing to believe anything that is contrary to HIS WORD.

Trust in Him. He has chosen us for such a time as this. He would not put us where we are and not provide all we need. NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!

He is our Abba Father! We stand in agreement on HIS PROMISES.

"*Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMPC)

He is the only true God, and there is no force that will ever have the power to overcome us when we stand and put pressure on His Word. Sometimes, we must forget about all that we have learned in order to fully trust in Him. He has knowledge and ways that we sometimes do not fully understand.



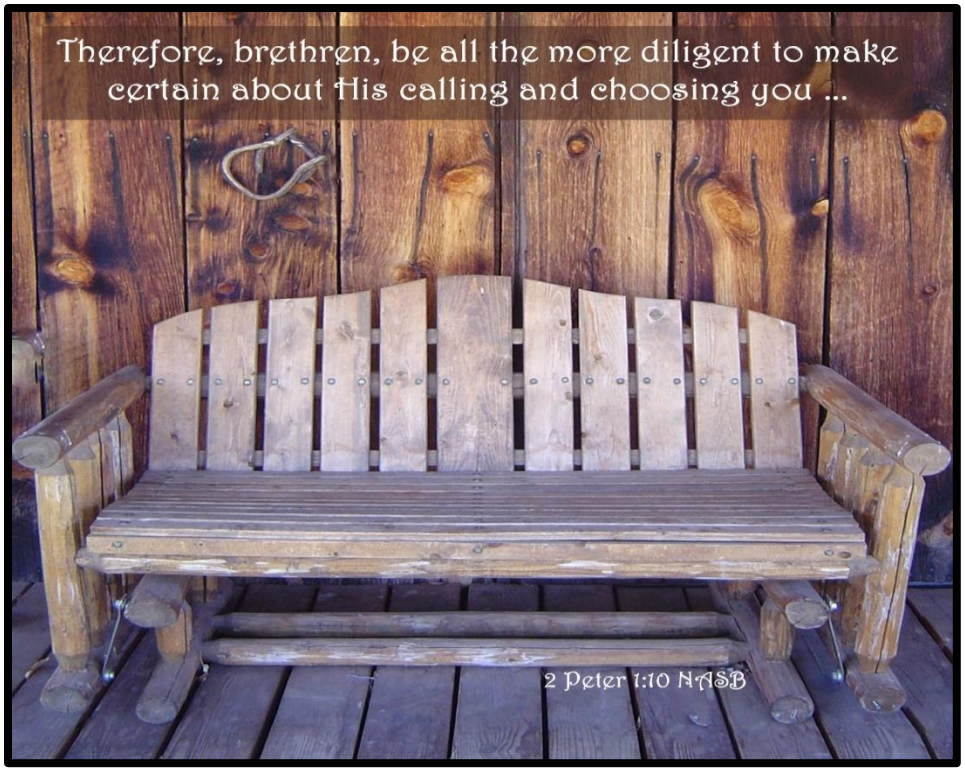
SUPERNATURAL DAYS OF THE REMNANT OF GOD

"I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one,
and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me."
John 17:23 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God has a body of people that are unified through the Word and through the Spirit. *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."* 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV) Even though the remnant seems to be scattered throughout the earth, everyone has a part. "*from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love*." Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

We all have different occupations in the natural, and the remnant is scattered abroad. For example, recently there was a testimony from a man who was in a satanic hard rock band, and he had some carpenters come and work on his home. This man struggled with panic attacks, and the carpenters asked him if he wanted prayer. To make a long story short, this man at first resisted, but after a while he gave in. He let the carpenters pray for him, **and God healed him, just the way he was.** This later led to this man coming to Christ. These carpenters were "sent"and anointed by God, and doing just what God had called them to do, they are part of the remnant. This man now has a powerful testimony through which many have come to Christ; however, we must realize that it was God working through these carpenters, **and the carpenters being obedient to what the voice of God called them to do**, that resulted in this life-changing experience! AWESOME!

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering,
forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;"
Ephesians 4:1-4 (KJV)



LIFE OUTSIDE OF THE COMFORT ZONE

"*not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*"
Romans 12:11(KJV) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant we have all felt a pressure in our spirit man to do certain things, so boldly righteous. Then we let the enemy suppress that feeling back down, oftentimes for the simple reason that it was out of our comfort zone. For some this happens regularly, however for others not so much. Let us all be reminded that even if what God is instructing us to do does not really seem attainable, we must be obedient and do it GOD'S WAY. Each of us has our own individual part in the body of Christ that God has put us here to fulfill. Since we have His Word, we have everything we need to do what He has called us here to do.

The goal of each of our hearts is to hear, "…*Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord*." Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

Remember that we are not on this planet for ourselves but rather for what God has commissioned us to do. "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, <u>which are God's</u>*." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV) We are His own, not our own, created for His purposes, not our own, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus, and nothing that we could give of ourselves!

In this natural realm in which we live, when we purchase something (i.e., clothes, food, transportation, etc.), it is most likely going to be used for a purpose, right? Therefore, why would God purchase us, and then not intend to use us for a purpose, His purpose? We must remain obedient.

"Be on your guard [constantly alert] and watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man [already] going on a journey; when he leaves home, ***he puts his servants in charge, each with his particular task, and he gives orders to the doorkeeper to be constantly alert and on the watch***." Mark 13:33-34 (AMPC)



A TIME TO HEAL; ECCLESIASTES 3:3

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, whether an illness is physical, mental, emotional, financial, or most of all spiritual…YOU CAN BE WHOLE THROUGH GOD'S WORD!

Sometimes God's Word gives us guidance to use something in the natural for healing, such as this verse: *"…Let them take a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover."* Isaiah 38:21 (NKJV) This is still healing, though it may not be instantaneous.

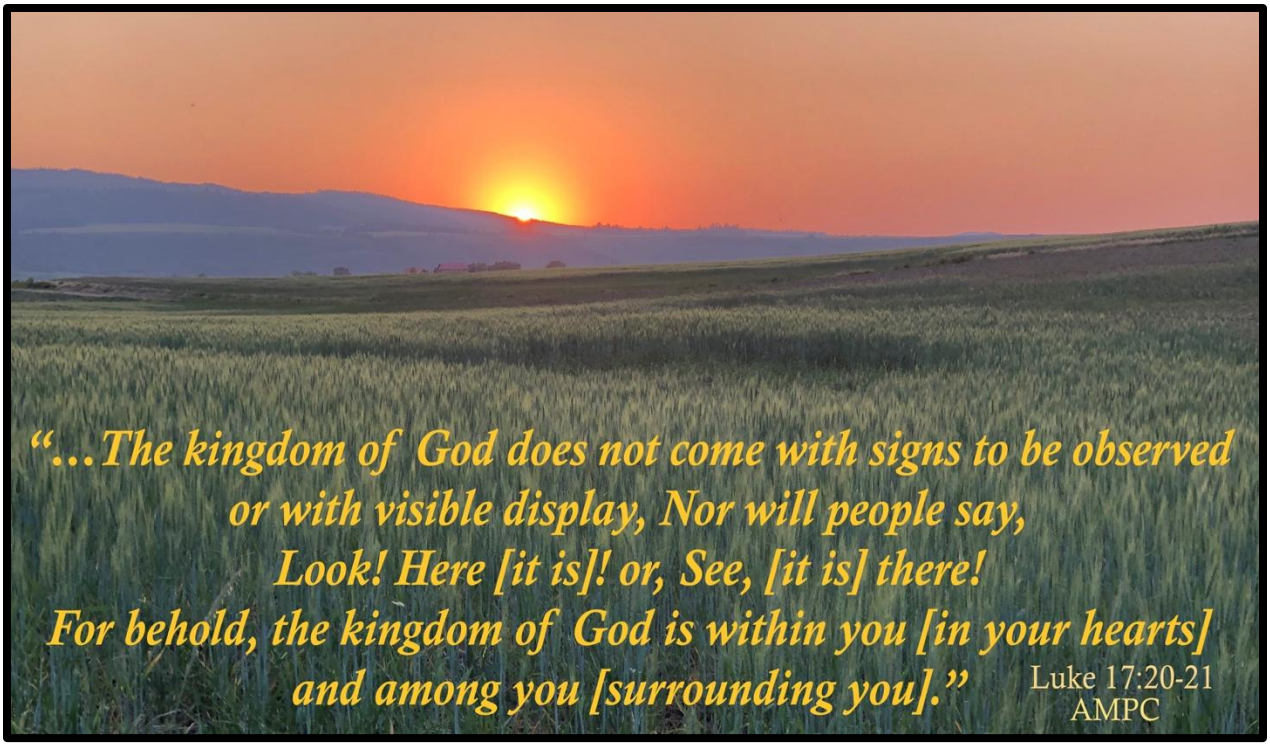
Now, we must take responsibility for many factors that can contribute to our healing. While there is not enough room to expound here today, know for a fact God's Word says, *"He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds."* Psalm 147:3 (NKJV)

God knows that in addition to good health spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally, we all need finances to not only supply our needs but also to establish HIS COVENANT. Therefore, we can pray, *"And you* (we*) shall remember the Lord your (*our*) God, for it is He who gives you (*us*) power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant…."* Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

We must even realize that what comes out of our mouths can be healing to us as well. *"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones."* Proverbs 16:24 (NKJV)

The bottom line is God's remnant is blessed, and sickness and disease at any level (physical, mental, emotional, financial, and spiritual) are NOT the will of God, nor does God inflict it upon us as punishment; for we are children of the light, and He wants to use us. Therefore, He wants us to walk in DIVINE HEALTH to be used properly! The scriptures for healing are almost endless. We challenge you to find some today, and stand believing for YOUR TIME TO HEAL!

"He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit and destruction."
Psalm 107:20 (AMPC)



WE PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FROM OUR HEARTS

"But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever." Daniel 7:18 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we know, God's kingdom is not seen; however, His kingdom has been given to us, and we are possessing it!

Upon departing from the crowds after exercising His dominion and setting many people free, Jesus said unto those who desired for Him to stay, *"…I must preach the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God to the other cities [and towns] also, for I was sent for this [purpose]."* Luke 4:43 (AMPC)

Think about this for a moment. Jesus could not have preached the good news of the gospel of the kingdom of God, if He first did not possess it. *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."* Luke 6:45 (KJV)

The kingdom of God continually flows from the abundance of our hearts! We too, like Jesus, possess the kingdom of God within us, and we all have a responsibility to preach the gospel of the good news of the kingdom of God.

It is very sad, however true, that there will be many "Christians" who will never possess the Kingdom of God for this reason: *"…We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."* Acts 14:22 (NKJV)

With each new revelation we receive, we endure further tribulations for the sake of the kingdom of God, which is in our heart. While we do not wear a title of a "Christian," we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and do possess the kingdom of God in our hearts. It is who we are. It remains that His saints (the remnant) shall take His kingdom, and not only take it but possess it for ever and ever!

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." **Matthew 6:10 (KJV)**



THE ENEMY WILL NOT STEAL MY MIRACLE

"… For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction]..."
Romans 13:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

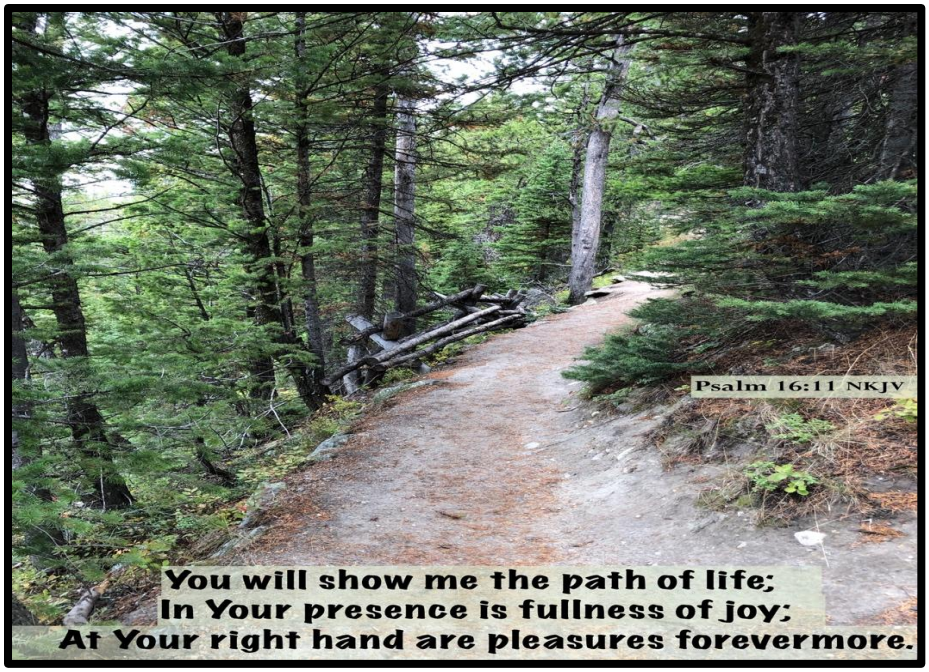
Remnant, as Romans 13:1 clearly states it is God who ultimately has all authority. Now before we go any further, we must continue with this understanding; we receive the fulfillment of the promises of God's Word when we take our responsibility of the covenant for which the promise was made. We cannot expect to get the promise of God "IF" we are not doing the "IF" that is required of us. Since that now has been made clear, we can move on.

Many people talk about "taking back what the devil has stolen" from them. Well, the truth of the matter is, as the remnant of God, we should not allow Him to steal anything in the first place. Think about it this way. When something is stolen from someone, it is taken without permission. However, on the flip side, sometimes we are not guarding what we have by failing to close spiritual breaches, where the enemy can creep in and gain access. This is a daily walk, and we must have that mentality of confessing and praying God's Word over all we have (spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental health, finances, etc.) as a protection barrier and to keep our tongues from anything contrary. If we do not do this, then we are in fact being ignorant of satan's devices. Moving on to authority.

How did Jesus handle demons? We read in Mark, *"… the demons begged Him* [Jesus], *saying, Send us to 0the hogs, that we may go into them! So He gave them permission. …"* Mark 5:12-13 (AMPC) Why did He have to give them permission? It is because they knew Jesus was in authority! Jesus said, *"… All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."* Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) He knew He was in authority now because He also tells us, *"Everything that the Father has is Mine…"* John 16:15 (AMPC) Remember all authority belongs to God, and everything that the Father has is His, including authority!

Now for our conclusion, just who is in authority now? To answer that we finish John 16:15. Jesus said,
"… That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you." John 16:15 (AMPC)

AUTHORITY FROM GOD; AUTHORITY FROM JESUS; IT ALL NOW BELONGS TO US!
IT IS UP TO US TO GIVE PERMISSION OR NOT.



HIS WAY WILL ALWAYS BE THE RIGHT WAY

"And <u>He led them forth by the right way</u>, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place."
Psalm 107:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in this life ultimately, we have two options: the right way, or the wrong way. Psalm 107:7 is referring to the children of Israel and how God led them. You see, when we allow Him to do the leading, the way is always right. It is called the right way as opposed to the wrong way because it is His way!

There are some misunderstandings among believers about "His way." His way is not always the shortest or even sometimes the most obvious way. His way will certainly put man out of his own "comfort zone." His way is not always the most pleasant way either - <u>but only for a moment</u>.

As we read in God's Word from Genesis to Revelation, we see how His way is a way of trials. Concerning the children of Israel we read, *"… you shall remember that <u>the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness</u>, <u>to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years."</u>* Deuteronomy 8:2-4 (NKJV)

However, His way is always the way of safety, the way of grace and favor, the way of divine provision and miraculous supplies! When we seek His perfect way in every circumstance, it is like we are saying, "Ok God, I am no longer willing to be in charge anymore. I want nothing less than Your perfect will for my life and the lives of all who are around me. I am done being disappointed in all my decisions made without Your wisdom. You are going to oversee my destiny from this point on. You are responsible for me, as I am Your child. I fully submit all that I am - spirit, soul, and body - to You. I refuse to turn back and be governed by my flesh. Here I am as Your vessel; use me as You see fit. I choose the right way from now on, and I trust You fully with everything!"

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not to your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)



WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS FROM YOU - INTIMACY

"Today, if you will hear His voice…" Hebrews 3:15 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God spoke to Elijah through a whirlwind. God spoke to many people through angels, some through dreams, and He even spoke to Balaam through a donkey! It is God's desire to have intimacy with us, so that we may come to revelations by and through Him.

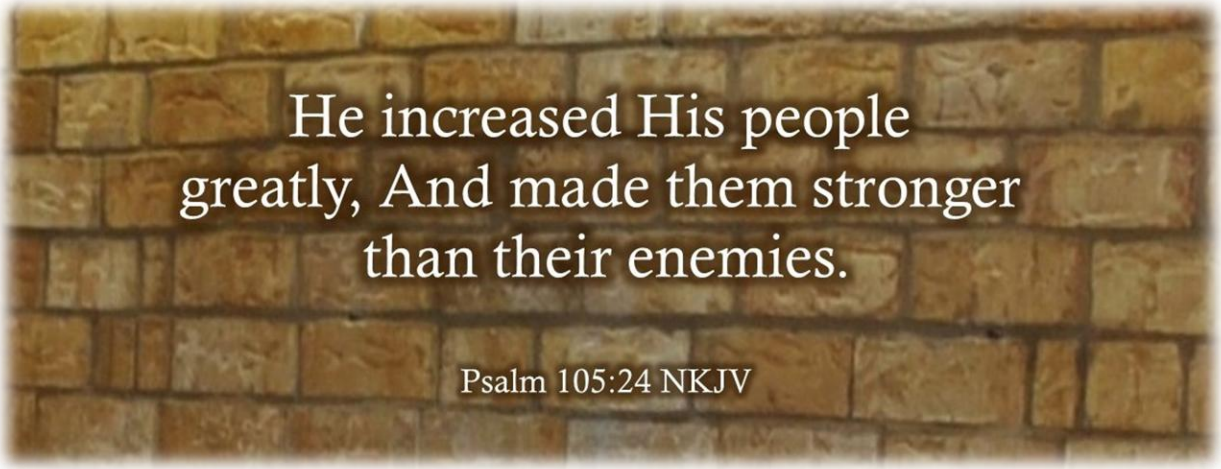
Think about Jeremiah, Isaiah, Peter, and other writers of God's Word. How were they inspired? *"For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], <u>but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit</u>."* 2 Peter 1:21 (AMPC) Yes, it took the Spirit of God moving on these men to put God's Word in writing for our learning.

Now, what kind of a life did the writers of the Word of God lead? Let's look at Jeremiah, for instance. He said, *"I sat not in the assembly of those who make merry, nor did I rejoice; <u>I sat alone because Your [powerful] hand was upon me</u>, for You had filled me with indignation."* Jeremiah 15:17 (AMPC) You can rest assured that Jeremiah had his intimacy with the Father as he sat alone. What did Elijah tell the people? *"…I alone am left a prophet of the Lord …"* 1 Kings 18:22 (NKJV) How did Peter receive his powerful vision? *"… Peter went up on the housetop to pray…"* Acts 10:9 (NKJV) Peter was alone, and he was in prayer! Noah also had his time alone with the Father, and it was surely to his benefit for He knew the plans that God had, and he was able to save his family!

Alone, <u>but are we really</u>? We are not alone at all. When we come into our prayer closet, the wilderness, or wherever our place of solitude is, we are close to God, who is all knowing, all powerful, and He so desires to let us in on His secrets. *"Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."* Amos 3:7 (NKJV)

God certainly knows our situations better than we do, and He desperately wants to have that intimacy with us to comfort us, to guide and to instruct us!

"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand)."
Jeremiah 33:3 (AMPC)



OVERCOMERS UNITE

"He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne."
Revelation 3:21 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

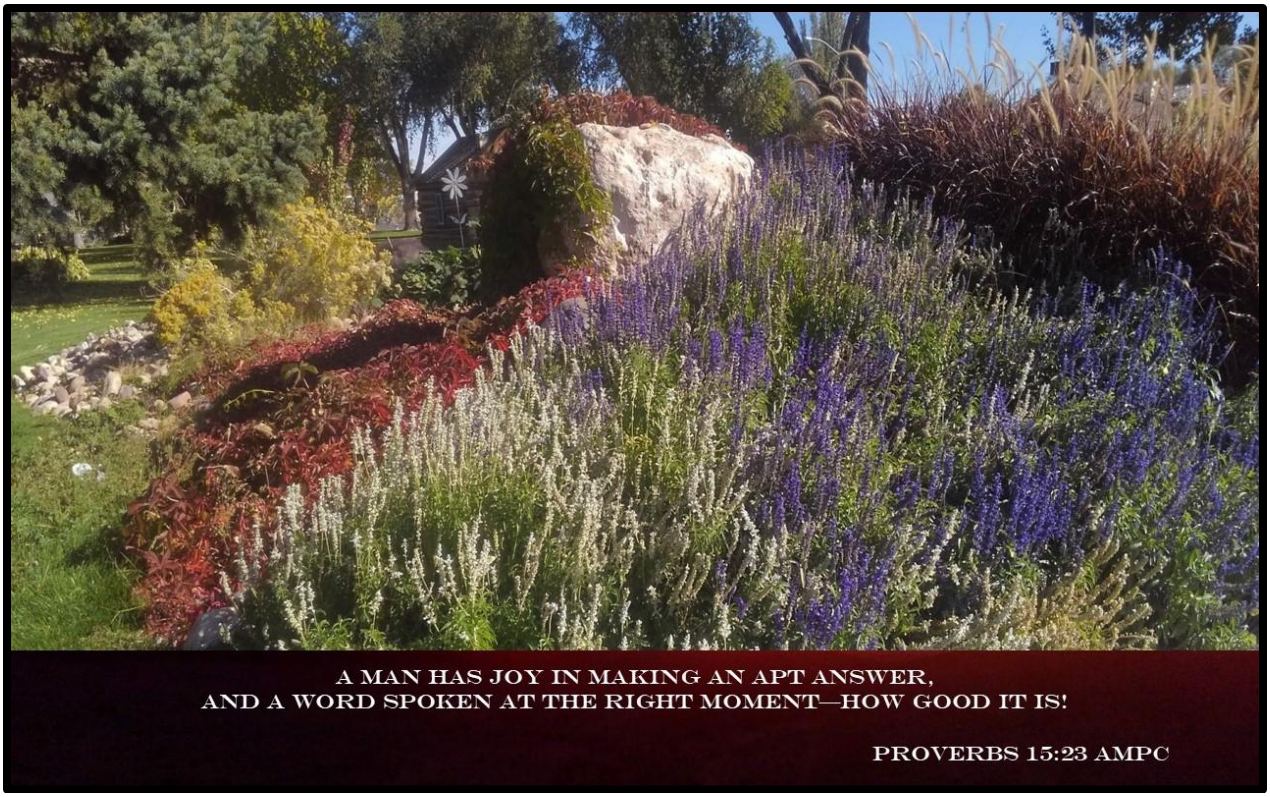
Remnant, many lives have been damaged or crippled by bad things that have happened. Ultimately unbelief, which is sin, is always at the root of every bad thing. We each have been harmed to some degree by the results of our own unbelief or someone else's unbelief. It is only when we view our problem as a challenge Jesus came to help us with that we can overcome!

Think of it this way. A bricklayer can lay one brick in a few seconds; however, it takes much longer to lay an entire brick wall. This can only be accomplished one brick at a time. If many bricklayers are working on the wall simultaneously, the wall is built much faster. Now think about it this way. If it is possible for one person to overcome through the Word of God, then it is possible for the world to overcome through faith in God's Word, right?

In reading the New Testament we can plainly see that overcoming is one of the chief teachings. Yet overcoming has not been fully understood or applied in past generations. For the most part, overcoming has pertained only to areas of personal sin. However, once we receive revelation of the "kingdom at hand," it is then that our overcoming begins to take on a much broader scope. Picture it this way. The "kingdom at hand" mindset is like the entire remnant building the walls brick by brick!

Jesus has not only provided the potential for us to overcome personal sin, but He has also provided a way for our overcoming to influence our communities, the nations, and eventually the world! Through the power of uniting, we can make a difference by and through the Word of God, brick by brick! Together we are the kingdom of God, and we reign upon the earth! *"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."* Revelation 5:10 (NASB)

"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."
Revelation 21:7 (NKJV)



DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF GOD

"*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing*."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

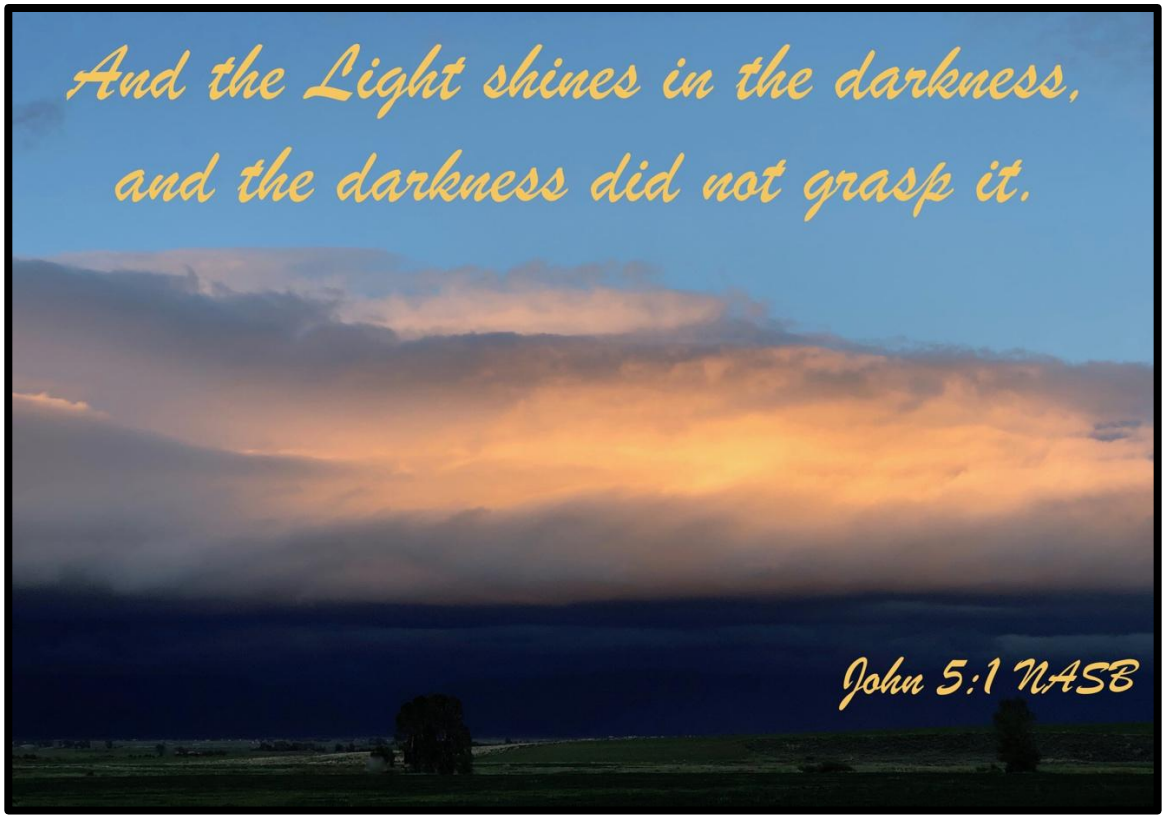
Remnant, when we were babies, we had to begin eating food at different levels. The same is true with spiritual infancy; we who are spiritually mature are sent to help those who are still in infancy.

"We who are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings and the frailties and the tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good and for his true welfare, to edify him [to strengthen him and build him up spiritually]. ***For Christ did not please Himself [gave no thought to His own interests]****; but, as it is written, The reproaches and abuses of those who reproached and abused you fell on Me*." Romans 15:1-3 (AMPC)

Oftentimes when a person is in spiritual infancy, he is praying and asking God to send someone to speak to him. We must be ready to be that "someone" for whom he is waiting. God will give us the words to speak. "*The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away*." Isaiah 50:4-5 (NKJV)

We as believers are to demonstrate the love of God to others, for we were shown that love as well. "*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" Romans 5:6-8 (NKJV)

In conclusion, "*And let us <u>consider one another</u> in order to stir up love and good works*." Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)



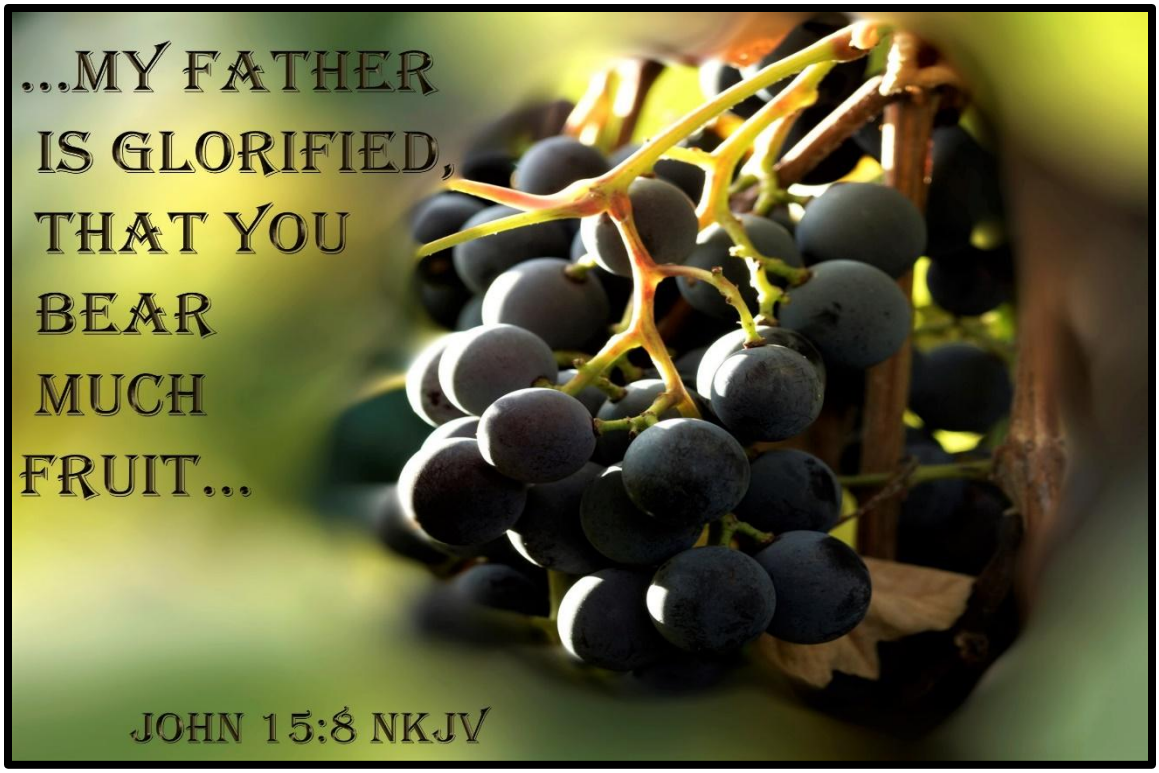
OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MAY SEE

"*For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity. And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apron like girdles."*
Genesis 3:5-7 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we see here in Genesis that Adam and Eve *"ate."* That is, they partook of the wrong tree, which was the serpent's (satan's) dominion, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now they could no longer partake of the "Tree of Life," which was the tree of eternal life in the garden, from which they had previously partaken. They could no longer see as they did previously. Why? It was because the god of this world had blinded their eyes to the truth, (2 Corinthians 4:4) and they chose to believe satan's twisted lie that when they ate of this tree, their eyes would be opened. They would be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity. This choice was a direct disobedience to God.

When they disobeyed God, they fell (moved) from the supernatural spiritual realm in which they had been dwelling, despite still being in the natural realm. They were no longer eternal spiritual beings capable of living forever. Instead, they became mortal beings, subjected to death. Their spiritual eyes became physical eyes, and they looked for the first time into the physical realm in which they would now live. This is the same realm we live in today. No longer did they see one another clothed with supernatural spiritual light; having lost that covering, they saw one another in the natural realm, the physical realm: naked. It was their natural eyes that were opened.

You see previously, from the garden of God, Adam and Eve could not see beyond the spiritual realm into the natural realm. Their eyes could only see things in the spirit. Is it possible for physical beings such as we are to see into that supernatural spiritual realm once again? Absolutely! Such instances are recorded in the Old and the New Testaments for our learning, and God is the same yesterday, today and forever!



FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that <u>you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding</u>; <u>that you may walk worthy of the Lord</u>, <u>fully pleasing Him</u>, <u>being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God</u>;" Colossians 1:9-10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

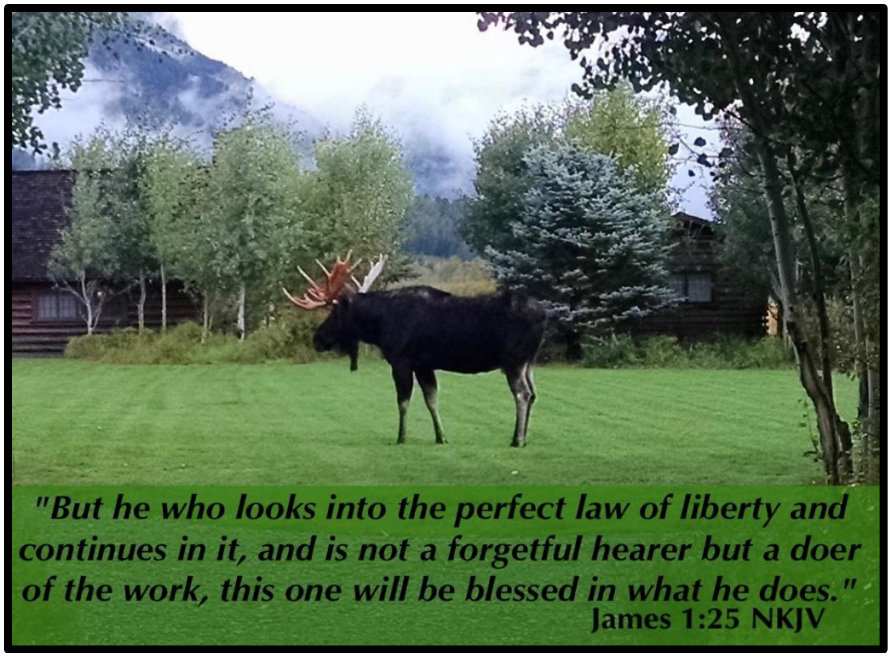
Remnant, since we know we have been chosen for such a time as this, we must remember that we are not here just by chance. No, there is something incredibly special about this generation, and we have been chosen to go and bear the fruit fitted <u>for this season</u> and to keep bearing that fruit! The only way in which we can be effective in bearing fruit fit for this season is to develop a strategy.

Paul reveals to us this unfailing prayer strategy here in Colossians. Remember, he prays first that we would "… *<u>be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding</u>…"* Next, Paul prays that we would *"… <u>walk worthy of the Lord</u>…"* Then, the prayer is that we would be *"…<u>fully pleasing Him</u>…"* In conclusion, we see how all of this results in us "… *<u>being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God</u>."*

Should we begin to think we can produce fruit fit for the Master Gardener with our own abilities and good works, then prayers of deliverance are necessary, so that we can be released from all fleshly, self-righteous natures.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) It is only through God and His grace abounding toward us that we will ALWAYS have ALL sufficiency in ALL things, resulting in <u>His fruitfulness</u> and <u>His good works</u>. His Word says:

***"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], <u>that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide]</u>..."* John 15:16 (AMPC)**



PRACTICING HIS WORD ENABLES US TO RECEIVE HIS PEACE

"And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."
1 Thessalonians 5:23 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, notice this scripture begins with "and." Therefore, we conclude that it must connect with what it follows. Many quote this verse and make it sound like God is going to supernaturally do this without any effort on our part. Yes, He can; however, let's look at our responsibilities in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 to get a clear view of the whole promise. For the sake of space, we will keep with KJV.

"Rejoice evermore." Yes, to have this peace we must continually rejoice!

"Pray without ceasing." Praying His Word is a necessity to gain peace, for when we pray His Word, it is His Will. His Will, equals His peace.

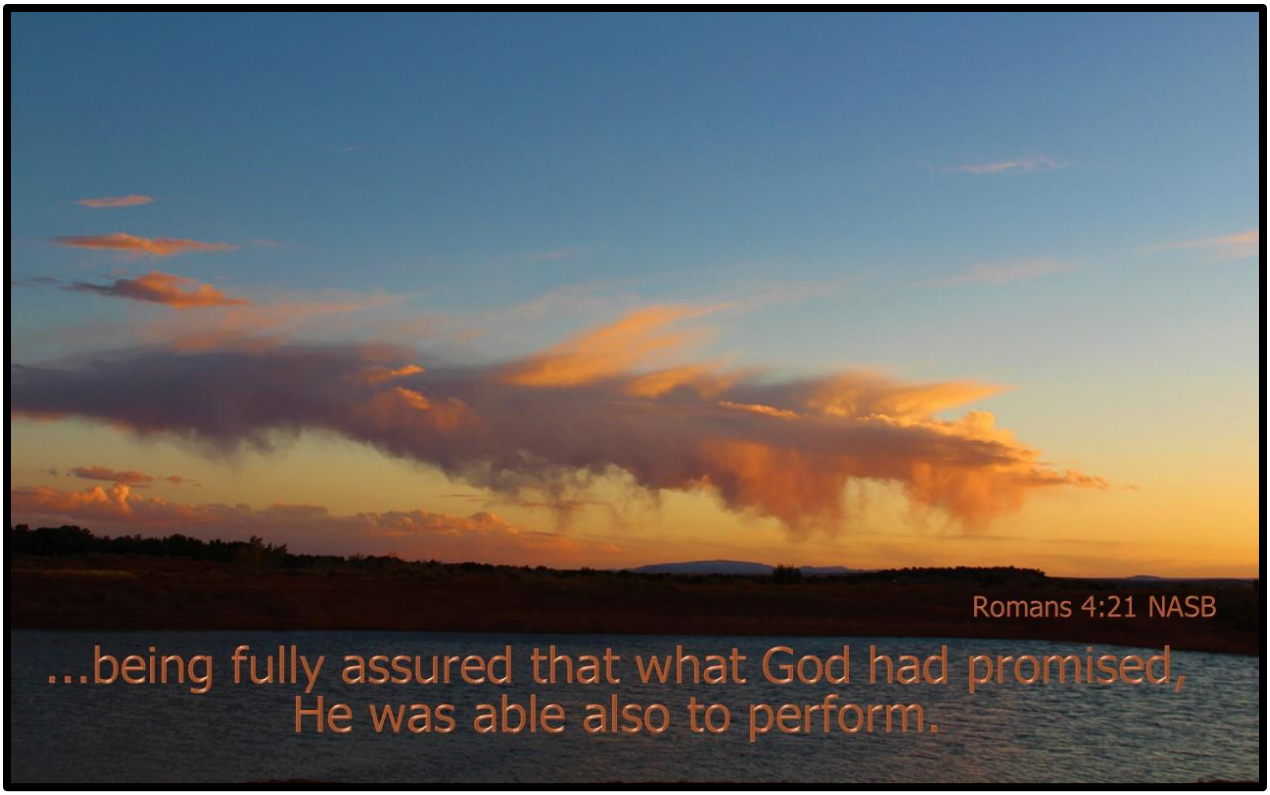
"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Giving thanks to God in every situation is our acknowledging that we know He is in control and meeting all our needs, for we look through eyes of faith. We fully trust God.

"Quench not the Spirit." This is so vital in receiving peace. We must not allow anything or anyone to suppress the Holy Spirit working in us.

"Despise not prophesyings." The AMPC says, *"…do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning."* Whether God is speaking directly to us or through others, we must give heed to what He speaks. However, we must make sure it is Him.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Through the Holy Spirit we discern what is of God, and we fully discard anything else.

"Abstain from all appearance of evil." Separate from all that is not of God. Through being a doer of God's Word, we are sanctified and set apart to receive the blessing of His peace. Praise God in Jesus' name!



WE HOPE FOR THAT WHICH IS NOT SEEN

"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." Hebrews 11:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

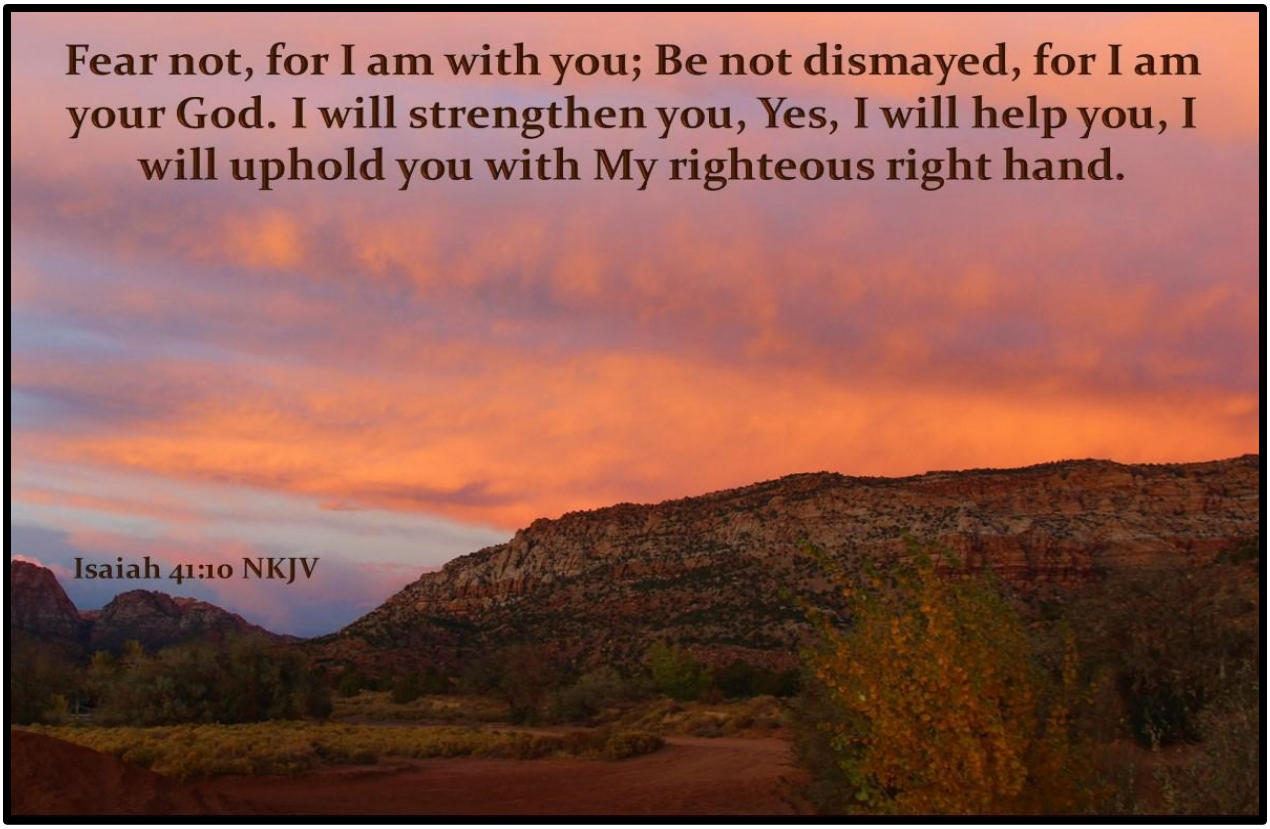
Remnant, as the verse above clearly indicates, faith is based on the unseen. We learn in verse three that *"…what we see was not made out of things which are visible."* Hebrews 11:3 (AMPC) We must remember that, as we keep our minds upon the Word of God, the focus of our heart remains to hope for that which is not seen, as this next verse specifies. *"For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <u>But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance</u>"* Romans 8:24-25 (NKJV)

Think about this for a moment. Jesus said, *"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give."* Matthew 10:7-8 (NASB) Can we see healing? Can we see life going back into a dead corpse? Can we see a cleansing taking place in a leprous person? Can we see demons leave? Most of the time the answer to each of these questions is no. (Though that is most certainly not the case always, as we see deeper into the spiritual realm.) We can, however, see the manifestation of each of these after they take place.

If you go back and study the signs of a believer in Mark 16:17-18, you will find that none of these signs of a believer are visible, although their manifestations can be seen. These all come from what is invisible, i.e. the Holy Spirit.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

Father in the name of Jesus, as we continue in Your Word, open the eyes of our understanding, give us wisdom, and train us to live by faith in Your Word every day.



STRENGTHENED INWARDLY

"So you, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found only] in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

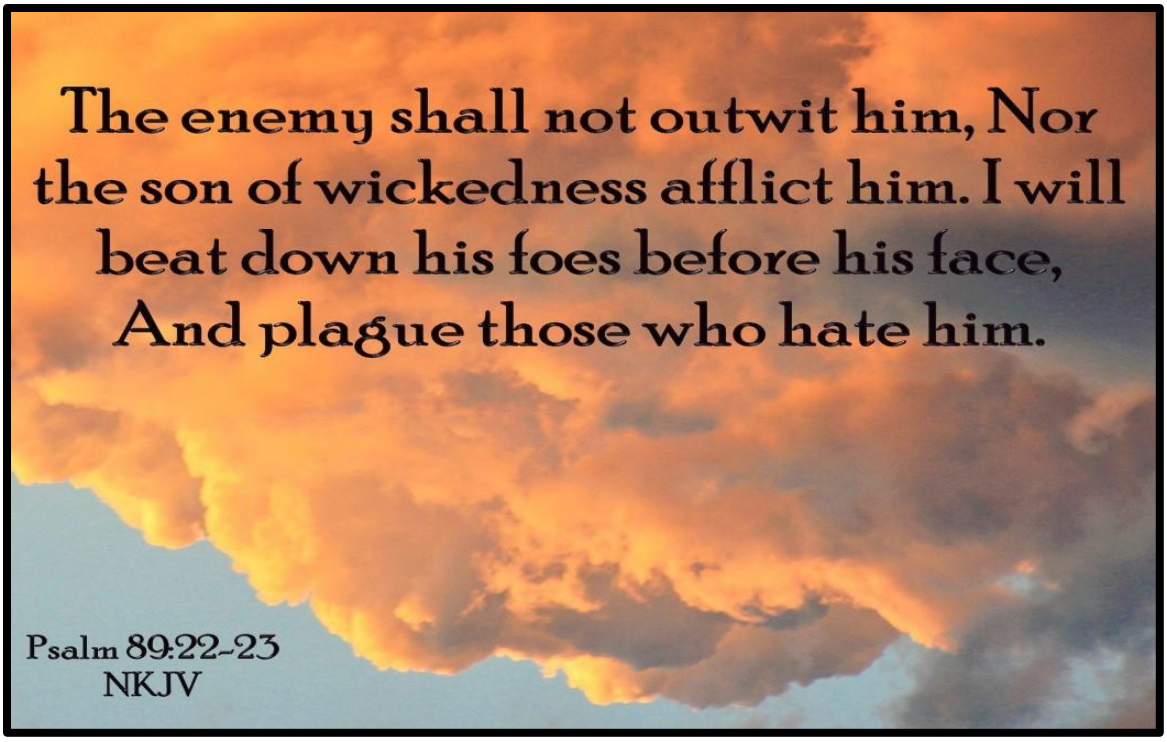
Remnant, our strength to fight and persevere during a battle must come from a supernatural strength from within. This supernatural force simply cannot be found in this world. This power cannot be seen. This power to strengthen us in battle manifests only through our union and communion with Him. We are empowered through this union and communion. Thus, we receive all the strength needed, which is limitless!

"No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God" Romans 4:20 (AMPC) Notice here concerning Abraham, there was nothing that could cause him to doubt or question the promises that God had made to him. What exactly caused him to be fully persuaded of these promises? The scripture says, *"…he grew strong and was empowered by faith* ***as he gave praise and glory to God****."*

We see then that Abraham was in union and communion with God by giving Him praise and glory, and this is how he obtained the faith to bring life to the promises that God had given him.

"*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NKJV) We see clearly here in 1 Thessalonians that all of the instructions given are actually different avenues that we can pursue to have union and communion with Him, which results in the ability to receive His strength to run the race and to obtain the prize, just like Abraham and many others.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." Ephesians 6:10 (NASB)



A POWER WHICH NO FOE CAN WITHSTAND

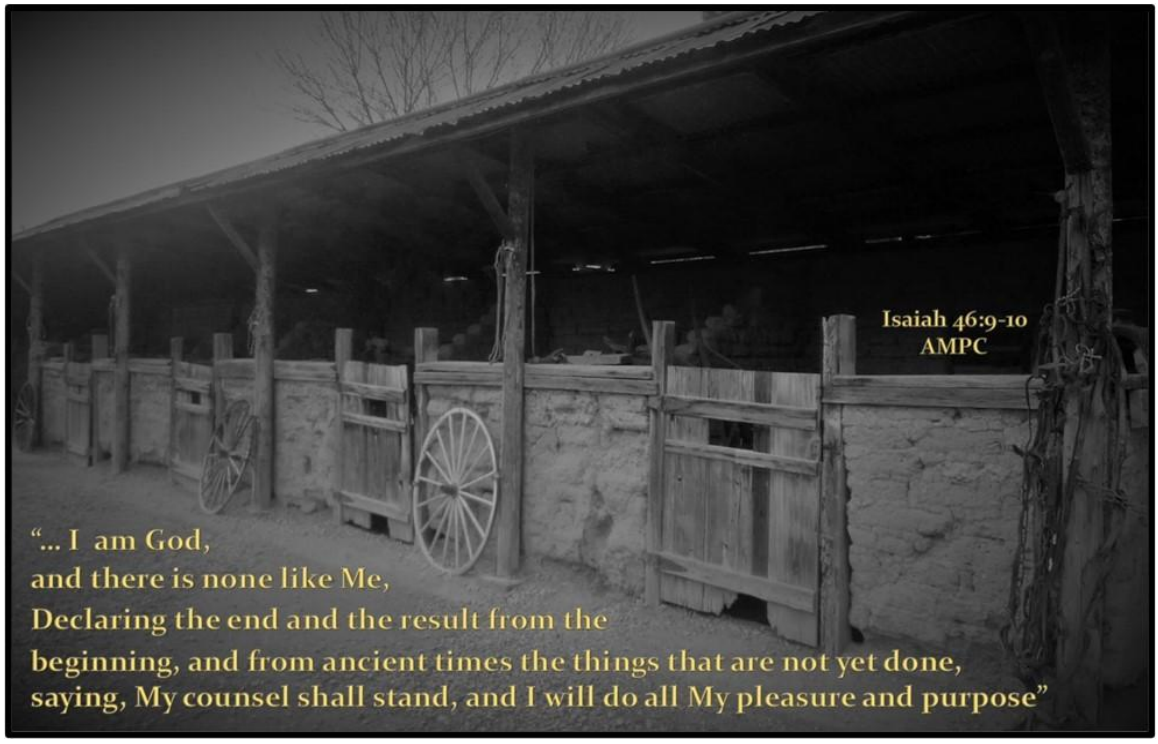
"… If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as the coming of the Lord is nearing, we feel an excitement and anticipation for the future, as the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ unfolds. As we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all truth, we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is His Spirit working in us and through us. It is by and through His Spirit that no foe will be able to stand before us. There is an anointing upon His people that He will show openly. This anointing is part of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, which is covering the earth as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

This same anointing was what Jesus was speaking of in Matthew 12:28, when He said, *"But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."* Matthew 12:28 (NASB) There was no other power than that power of the MOST HIGH working through Him to cast out demons; therefore, the Spirit of God had most certainly come upon them, as the scripture reads.

Every eye shall see this power that no foe can endure. The same power that rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego while in the fiery furnace! The same power that split the Red Sea wide open for the children of Israel to cross over freely! The same power that decreased Gideon's army to only 300 yet brought them to total victory! The same power that authorized ONE angel to slay 185,000 Assyrian foes in ONE night! The power that kept the ravenous lions from devouring Daniel! The same power that sent the angel to Peter and broke him out of prison! The same power that destroyed satan, who had the power over death, and the same power that raised Lazarus out of his grave clothes when his mortal body was already decaying!

Yes, my friend we need to be reminded of this power that no foe can withstand. For it is this power that is working in and through His people. Did He not say He would show Himself strong on behalf of His people who know Him? Well, if we know Him, we know the infinite power that He only possesses! It is that same power that He has clothed us with for such a time as this! Glory! It is like He is telling us this again today: "*… blessed, praised, and glorified be God Most High, Who has given your foes into your hand!…"* Genesis 14:20 (AMPC)



MAN MAKES PLANS; THE FINAL ANSWER IS DETERMINED BY GOD

"The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord."
Proverbs 16:1 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know it is in God's Word that we should *"…bless, and curse not."* Romans 12:14 (KJV) Yes, this scripture was written specifically concerning those who persecute us; however, it is not God's will for curses to come out of our mouths, for our words carry tremendous power. Moving along in Proverbs 16, we read that though a man may make plans and arrange things in his own heart, it is God Who truly has the final say.

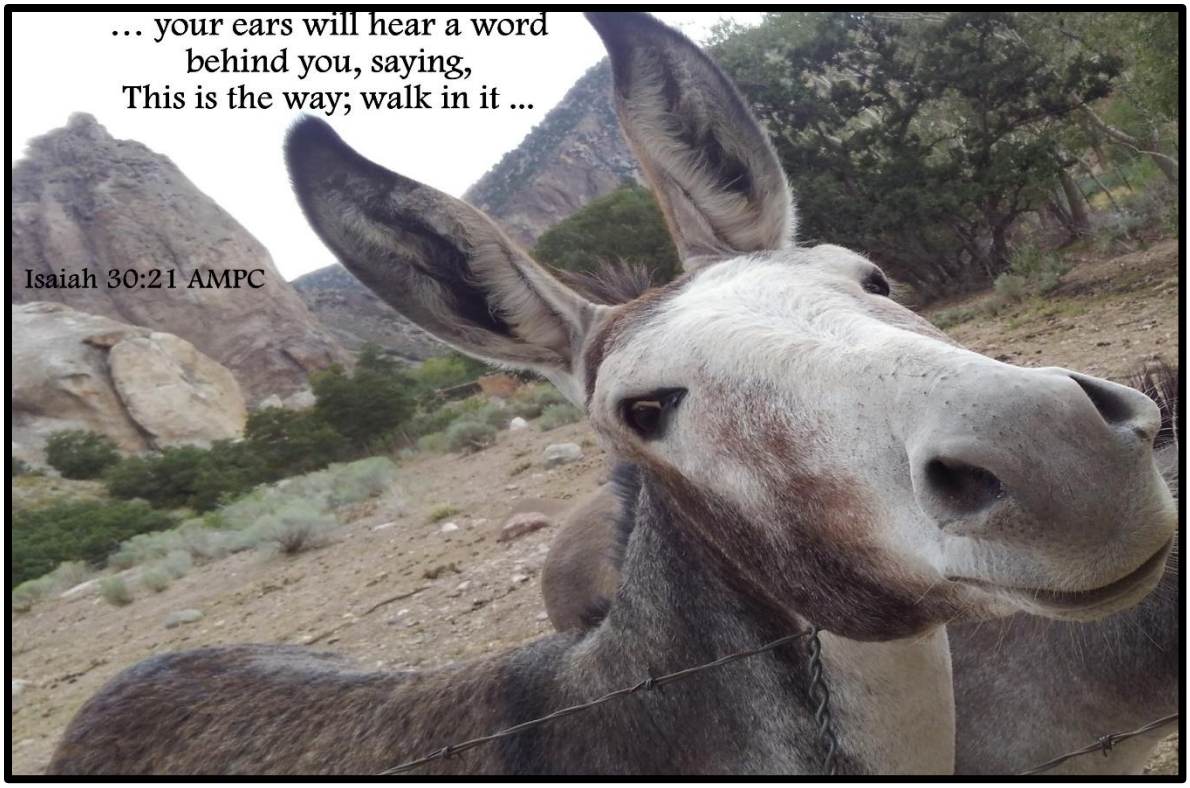
For a prime example we have the story of Balak and Balaam in the book of Numbers. Having read this story, we know that Balak had hired Balaam to curse his enemies, which were the children of Israel. Balak attempted to get Balaam to curse the children of Israel three times. Each time we read that the Spirit of the Lord moved upon Balaam and the words given from God to the children of Israel through Balaam were blessings rather than curses. (Numbers 23:5; 23:16; 24:2)

It may have looked like this scheme was going to prevail when Balak had made plans in his own heart, but God had the last say. Therefore, we read further that Balak was angered at Balaam's obedience to God and said, *"…I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times."* Numbers 24:10 (KJV)

Balaam's replied, *"…Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad* ***of mine own mind****; but what the Lords saith, that will I speak?"* Numbers 24:12-13 (KJV)

In the natural it appeared that Balaam was "on the job" and that the gates and plans of hell conjured in man's heart would be the destiny for the children of Israel; however, if they had God's blessing, they could not be cursed, and therefore God had the final say.

Balak, *"… hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing."* Nehemiah 13:2 (NASB)



HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR….

"Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet;
and I heard Him who spoke to me." Ezekiel 2:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, over and over in Revelation we hear the familiar phrase, "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches…"* If there has ever been a more exceedingly important time to hear what the Spirit is saying unto the churches, is it not now? Do we not yet understand that not only are we in the fulfillment of the "bible days," but we are in the midst of the last book being fulfilled! We most certainly need to know what the Spirit is saying to the churches, and then obey accordingly.

The Holy Spirit is speaking right now to all that have physical ears; however, they are not hearing spiritually. *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."* Romans 8:6 (KJV)

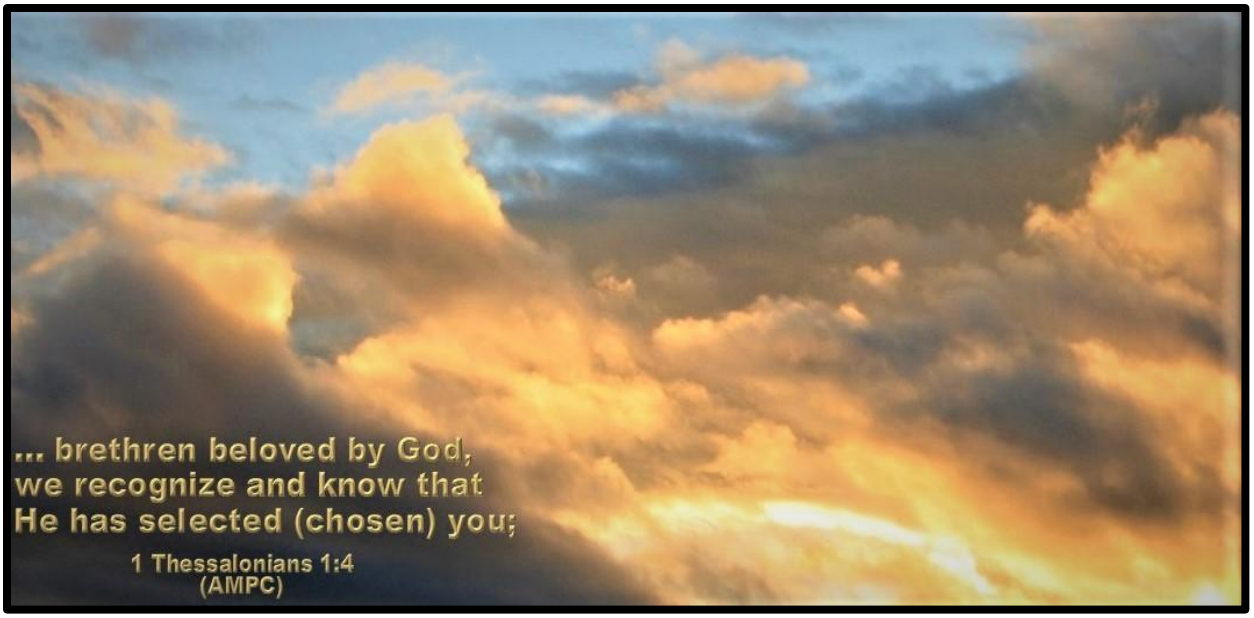
Then we also have the group of people that are hearing the Holy Spirit but have discounted it to maybe a pizza dream, *déjà vu,* or something of that nature, because they still have unbelief and their hearts are hardened. What does God's Word say? *"…Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* Hebrews 4:7 (KJV)

Does God's Word not say the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth and show us things to come? (John 16:13) Is it not written that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and bring the Word to our remembrance? (John 14:26) It is openly declared that with this anointing from the Holy Spirit, we can know all things! (1 John 2:20)

With all the lies and deception that we witness constantly in this corrupted world, our spirit man is starving for truth.

"Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue." Psalm 120:2 (KJV)

Like Ezekiel, the true remnant hears what the Holy Spirit is saying and acts on it, fulfilling our part in the book of Revelation.



PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING PART 1

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling…"
Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is high time God's people receive the revelation of this exciting journey in which we have been called to take our part in the body of Christ. This word *heavenly* from Hebrews 3:1 is *epouranios* (Strong's #2032) in the Greek, and it is defined as heavenly, celestial, in the heavenly sphere, the sphere of spiritual activities; met: divine, spiritual. Therefore, we see that this calling, which we should so carefully embrace every day, is divine, and from above. God has called us to partner with Him in this heavenly calling! The only good and perfect gifts for our lives come from above. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights…"* James 1:17 (NKJV) These are the gifts we should desire!

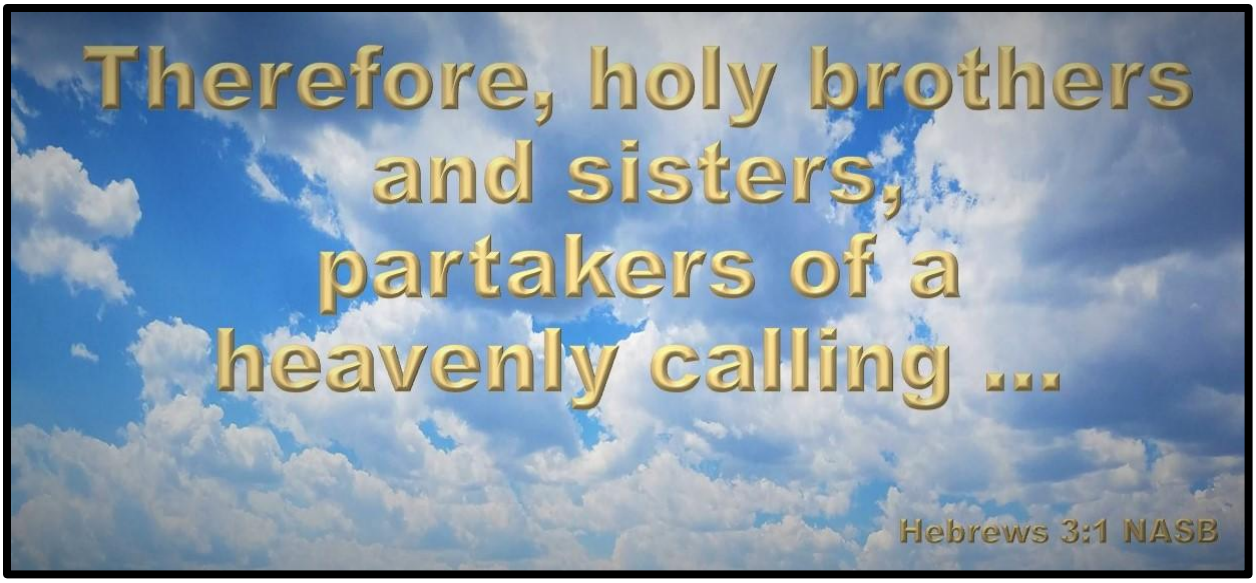
John said, *"…A man can receive nothing [he can claim nothing, he can take unto himself nothing] except as it has been granted to him from heaven. [A man must be content to receive the gift which is given him from heaven; there is no other source.]"* John 3:27 (AMPC) Nothing else on this earth can ever be comparable with this heavenly source!

We see this heavenly placement for us in many places in God's Word. *"You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your companions."* Hebrews 1:9 (NASB)

This heavenly calling is given to all those whom God declares worthy of it! This calling is from above, and God Himself has commanded it to be given to us; therefore, it is fit for us to obtain the blessings promised to us as we partake in this divine opportunity!

It is the heavenly seed that will stop at nothing in the fulfillment of this calling. It is time to come up higher! This scripture is the confession of the remnant:

***"I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward."* Philippians 3:14 (AMPC)**



PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING PART 2

"May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!" Ephesians 1:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

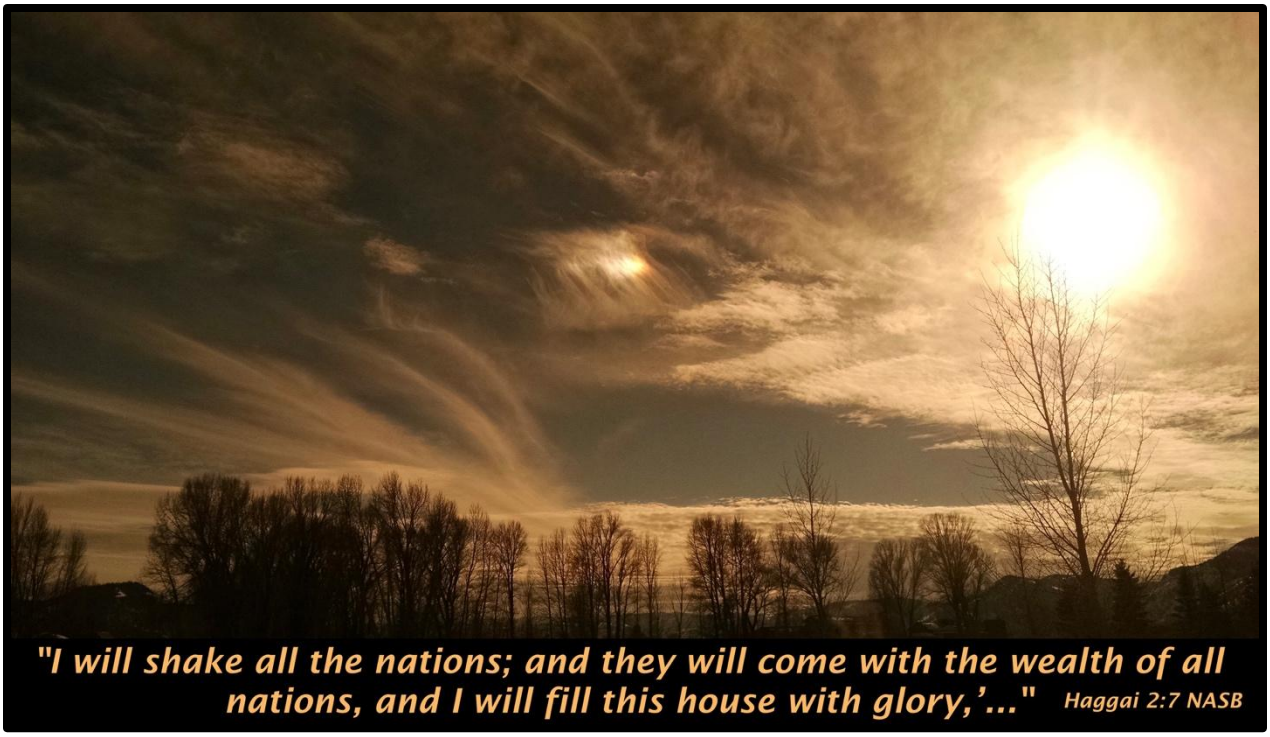
Since we have been called to be partakers of this heavenly calling, we must realize that because the calling is DIVINE in nature, we naturally would need to be divinely equipped for such a calling. The ONLY way in which we can be divinely equipped is if it comes from a heavenly source! Here in Ephesians 1:3 we see that He (the Equipper) HAS ALREADY BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY REALM! There is no waiting around for this!

In addition to being blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm, check out this divine equipping as well! *"And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19 (AMPC) This means God will not only supply, but liberally supply, every need we should have, and this allows us to be confidently used by Him with great assurance, since the only thing God cannot do is lie!

We see further in Ephesians that part of this divine equipping is that "*… the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,"* Ephesians 3:10 (NKJV)

Why is it so necessary that we desire to be divinely equipped for such a time as this? It is in order *"that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him."* Ephesians 1:10 (NKJV)

Part of the Lord's prayer says, *"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."* Matthew 6:10 (KJV) IT IS COMING TO PASS! God needs vessels, and He will divinely equip anyone who believes.



ATTENTION: HIS SHEKINAH GLORY IS COMING

"Surely <u>His salvation is near to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, [and is ready to be appropriated]</u> that <u>[the manifest presence of God, His] glory may tabernacle and abide in our land</u>." Psalm 85:9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), however today let's dissect just how wise it is to have a reverential fear towards God.

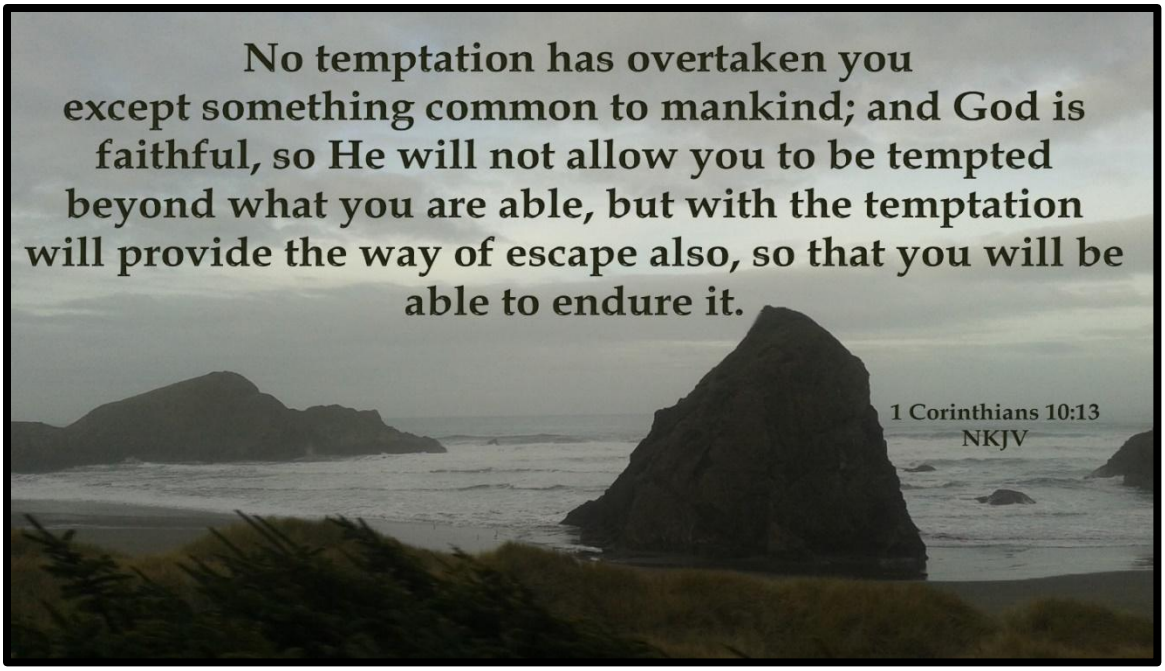
We see in this first verse above that in connection with His salvation, <u>those who fear Him will experience the manifest presence of God</u>, and <u>His glory will tabernacle and abide in our land</u>! This is speaking of His Shekinah glory, and it is certainly something to be passionate about!

To get a better idea of what His Shekinah glory looks like, we read on in Psalm 85. *"<u>Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yes, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall make His footsteps our pathway</u>."* Psalms 85:10-13 (NKJV)

True believers expect His glory is not only coming to our land but **<u>will abide in our land</u>**. No one can explain what is in the heart of a true believer better than the Word of God. *"But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is <u>to abide</u>."* 2 Peter 3:13 (AMPC)

As 2 Peter says, this is something that God has already promised us, and all who have a reverential fear towards God will receive this, for God is NOT slack concerning His promises but is faithful upon His deliverance.

"but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord—" Numbers 14:21 (KJV)



THE POWER OF FAITH

"Take [with me] your share of the hardships and suffering [which you are called to endure] as a good (first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, today we focus on faith in full maturity. You know the kind of faith Abraham possessed as he was *"Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised."* Romans 4:21 (AMPC)

You see, trials come and go, but faith perseveres through all trials. The true remnant embraces trials, for we know they are present to *"…bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience."* James 1:3 (AMPC)

Even under immense struggles and temptations to fear, faith is a super victorious conqueror! Faith's attitude is this: *"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]."* Philippians 4:13 (AMPC)

Faith knows that when the enemy comes in, just get ready because something awesome is about to happen! *"…When the enemy shall come in, like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives]."* Isaiah 59:19 (AMPC)

Faith's priority is to obey God's Word, for it is by hearing God's Word that faith was conceived and brought to life in the first place! *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (KJV)

Faith does not only consist of understanding, nor is it based exclusively on words; rather, faith is demonstrated outright according to all the promises of God's Word, for faith is the evidence of what is not seen.

Faith believes all God's promises and acts on them. Now, aren't you glad that YOU TOO possess this faith like your father Abraham?



REFINED FAITH

"Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see." Revelation 3:18 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what exactly is this gold, refined and tested by fire, which we are being counseled to purchase? It is our faith, our ability to fully trust and rely on Him! There is a realm that God wants us to remain tapped into, where we walk in faith always, with all spiritual cataracts of unbelief removed from our eyes. It is a refined faith that is much more precious than refined gold, the kind of faith that removes all carnality from us and strips from us all the natural thoughts of the flesh.

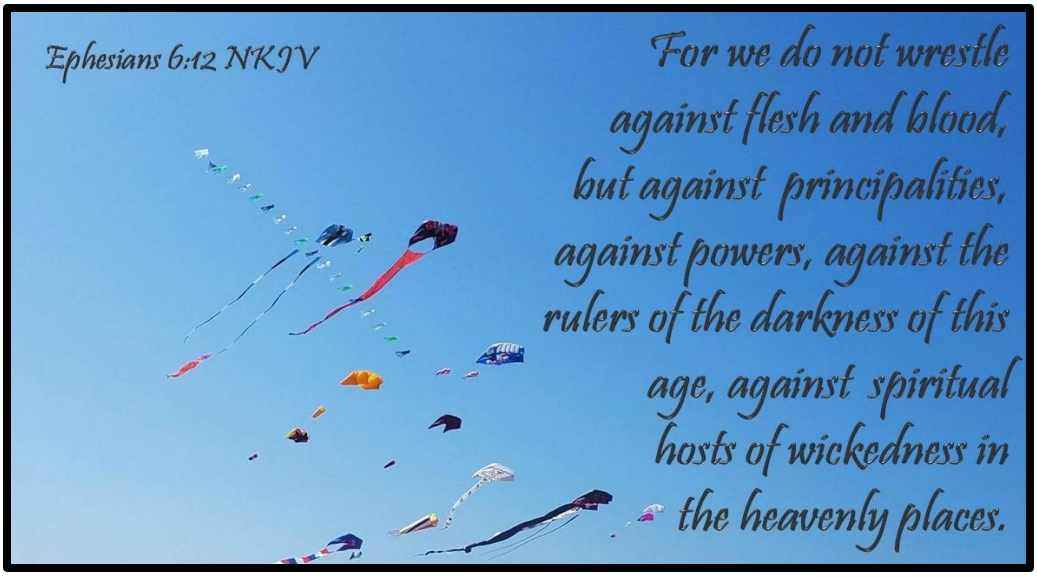
"*…the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*" 1 Peter 1:7 (NKJV)

As we venture into this next verse, we will see that God has a remnant, and we are that remnant! We are the third left in the land that have been refined in our faith, have come through the fire victoriously, and have already overcome every agent of the antichrist, because greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!

"*And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one–third shall be left in it: I will bring the one–third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God*.'" Zechariah 13:8-9 (NKJV)

Thus, here is the remnant's prophecy: "*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death*". Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

It is by hearing the Word of God that our faith increases. It is by stepping out in that faith that we are tried, refined, and come to spiritual maturity!



WRESTLING WITH PRINCIPALITIES

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
Matthew 16:19 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

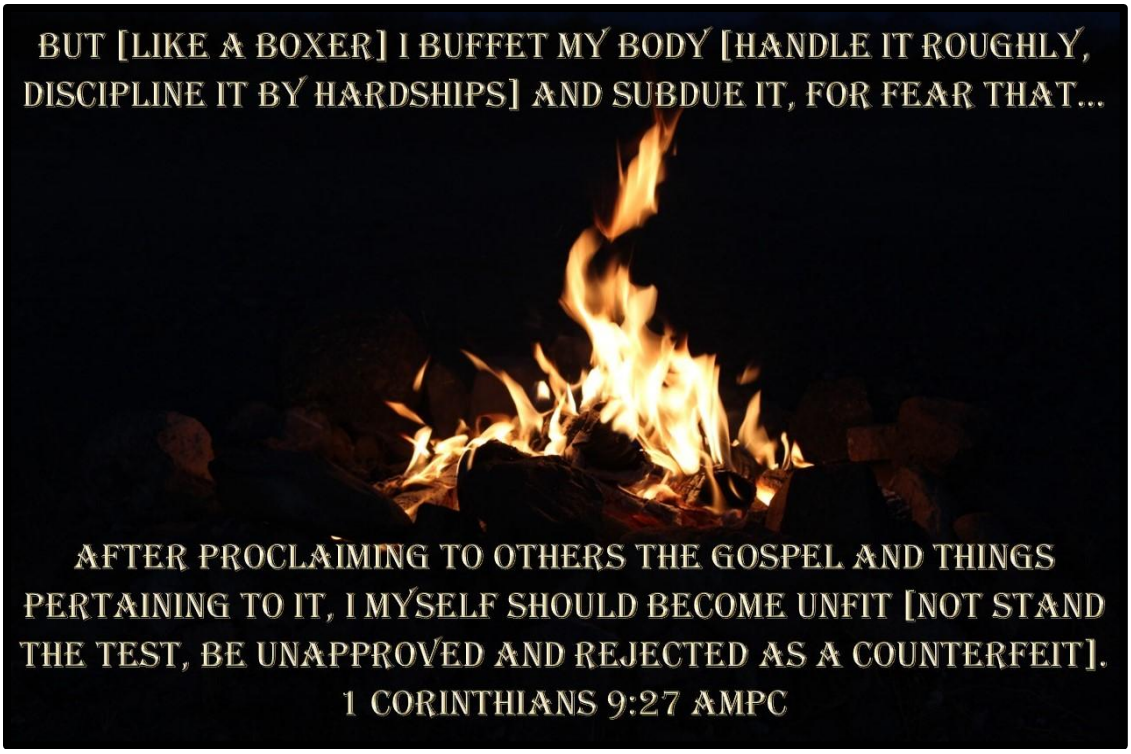
Remnant, we are wrestling. We are wrestling each day! Wrestling takes every bit of spiritual energy we have. There is something going on spiritually. We are wrestling with the devil, and he does not want us to ever be conformed into the image of God's Son. He invented "religion" to keep people in that bondage. That is why Jesus said, *"… for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."* Matthew 23:15 (KJV) The enemy could not beat the church, so, he joined it. The church is the enemy's playground and where he really works. He does not want anybody to grow and progress. Rather, he wants people to oppress and regress.

"Therefore put on God's complete armor," (<u>you must do this</u>) *"that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].* Ephesians 6:13 (AMPC)

We have a warning here in 1 Peter. *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."* 1 Peter 5:6-10 (NKJV) Pretty awesome!

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7 (NKJV) Do you know what that word flee means? In the Greek, the word <u>flee</u> here is *pheugó* Strong's #5343, and it means to flee, escape, shun. The Thayer's Greek Lexicon takes this a bit further and defines flee in this verse as "with a genitive of the person inspiring fear or threatening danger." Essentially it means the devil will run with terror! Isn't that amazing?

<u>Sometimes we forget how much dominion and power God has given us. Isn't it about time to resist the devil and tell him, "Get behind us, satan"? In Jesus' name, satan, get behind our nation, our schools, our churches, our families, our world leadership, and our lives! Amen!</u>



WE ARE MASTERED BY NOTHING, SAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

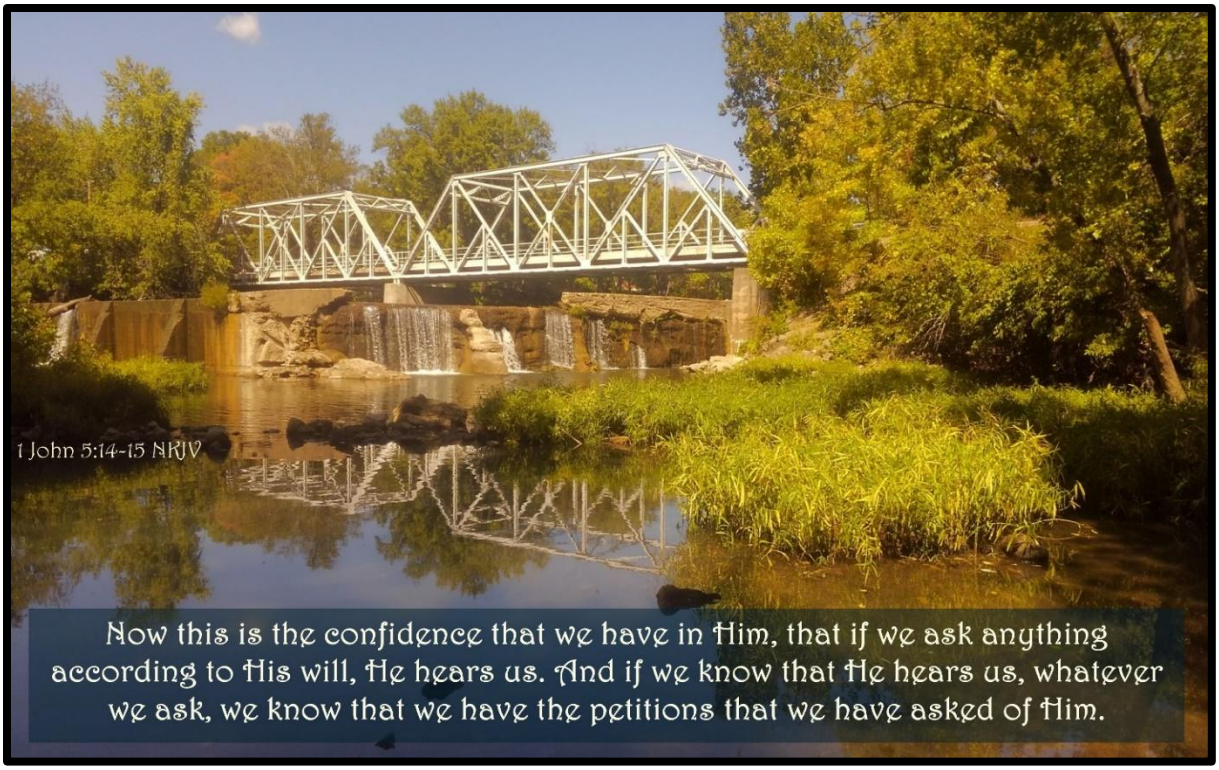
"*All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything*." 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this scripture is engraved in our hearts. Should we allow ourselves to become mastered by something in this world then we are not truly allowing ourselves to fully trust and rely on God. We belong to Him! "*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own*?" 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB) If you want to master and overcome the world, instead of being mastered and overcome by the world, the first step is renewing your mind through the Word of God. "*And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind …*" Ephesians 4:23 (AMPC) Note the importance of the word *constantly*.

Remember, "*…the person who is united to the Lord* ***becomes one spirit with Him***." 1 Corinthians 6:17 (AMPC) Therefore being "*one spirit with Him*" we operate with the same conquering power that Jesus operated in, that enabled Him to conquer the world! "*…In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.*]" John 16:33 (AMPC)

God purchased us with the price of His Son Jesus, and we have the power to overcome anything because we have been made **super-victorious** through His Son! Fear will not master us. Anger will not master us. Depression will not master us. Confusion will not master us. Gluttony will not master us. Pride will not master us. Idleness will not master us. No work or power of darkness will master us, for we are in one spirit with God, and we operate by and through His Holy Spirit, for we stand on His Word, and are renewed daily by His promises.

"*Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*" 2 Corinthians 6:16 (NASB)



THE FATHER KNOWS BEST

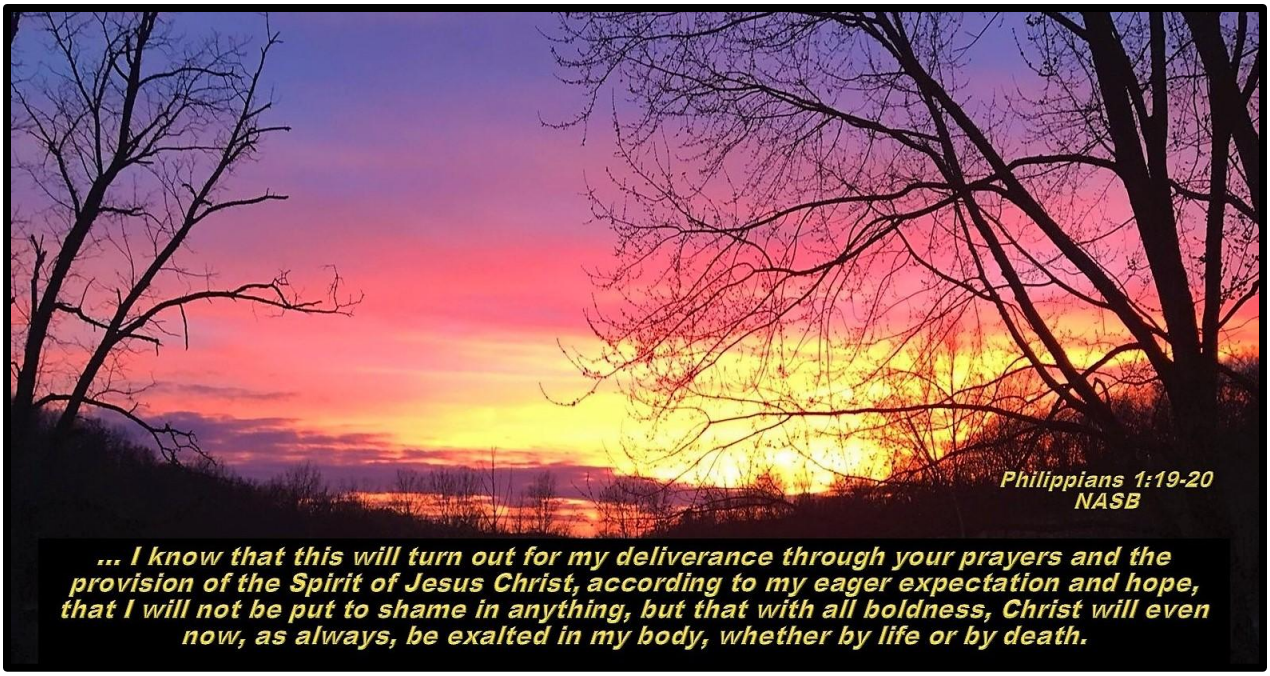
"… You do not have, because you do not ask. [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures." James 4:2-3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, repeatedly we have heard, "You have not because you ask not." What does this type of teaching do? This type of teaching causes people to begin to ask, right? However, for many Christians it has proved to be a downward spiral, resulting in disappointment and failure. To a new believer it can be very frustrating knowing that God cannot lie, however their prayers may seem to go "unanswered." While we know that it does take faith to bring forth God's promises, there are still many prayers that are not lining up with God's perfect will, for people are asking with their own agendas and selfish motives. Come on, is this person that you are in a relationship with really the one who God wants you to be with? What about that car or property that "you" want to purchase? Are those things going to somehow further the kingdom of God? Or will it bring you into bondage by being in the wrong place, at the wrong time, and quite possibly in a mountain of debt?

Paul told the Colossians that he had *"… not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things—"* Colossians 1:9 (AMPC) This type of prayer takes "self" completely out of the picture. This is praying with a renewed mind fully submitting yourself to God.

Many times in our lives we are the ones that the new believer is coming to, and they are requesting us to pray that this or that will work out for them. The first question that should be answered without a doubt is, "What does God want for them?" We must acknowledge God in all our ways; therefore, He can direct our paths according to His perfect will. (Proverbs 3:6)

"… The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." **James 5:16 (AMPC)**



SERVICE WITHOUT FEAR

"Just as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient times—Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us; To show mercy to our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to our father Abraham, To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,"
Luke 1:70-74 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have been promised deliverance from all the works of darkness for a purpose. This purpose is that we may serve God without fear! How can we serve Him with no fear? It is because we believe His Word over the lies of satan, which only produce an evil heart of unbelief! It is true that *"[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,"* Colossians 1:13 (AMPC)

Acts 26:18 says, *"To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness …"* Praise God that our eyes have truly been opened to the power of satan's deception, which results in unbelief! But then where have our eyes been turned to? They have been turned *"… to light …"* Yes, we have most certainly been delivered, *"… from the power of Satan …"* This has already happened! And where have we been delivered unto? We have been delivered *"... to God …"* We now come to the grand finale of this powerful verse: *"… so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me."* Acts 26:18 (AMPC) Oh wow! Praise God! The Father has forgiven us of all previous unbelief, as sin does NOT have dominion over us, and now we have a portion among all who are consecrated and purified by faith in Jesus, the Word of God!

Having already been delivered from the schemes of our enemies, we stand with all boldness knowing that it was God who has already warned our enemies, *"Saying, Touch not My anointed, and do My prophets no harm."* Psalm 105:15 (AMPC) It was God who assured us that *"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord."* Isaiah 54:17 (NASB) Praise God that we serve Him in faith and without fear!



DESIGNATED FOR DELIVERANCE

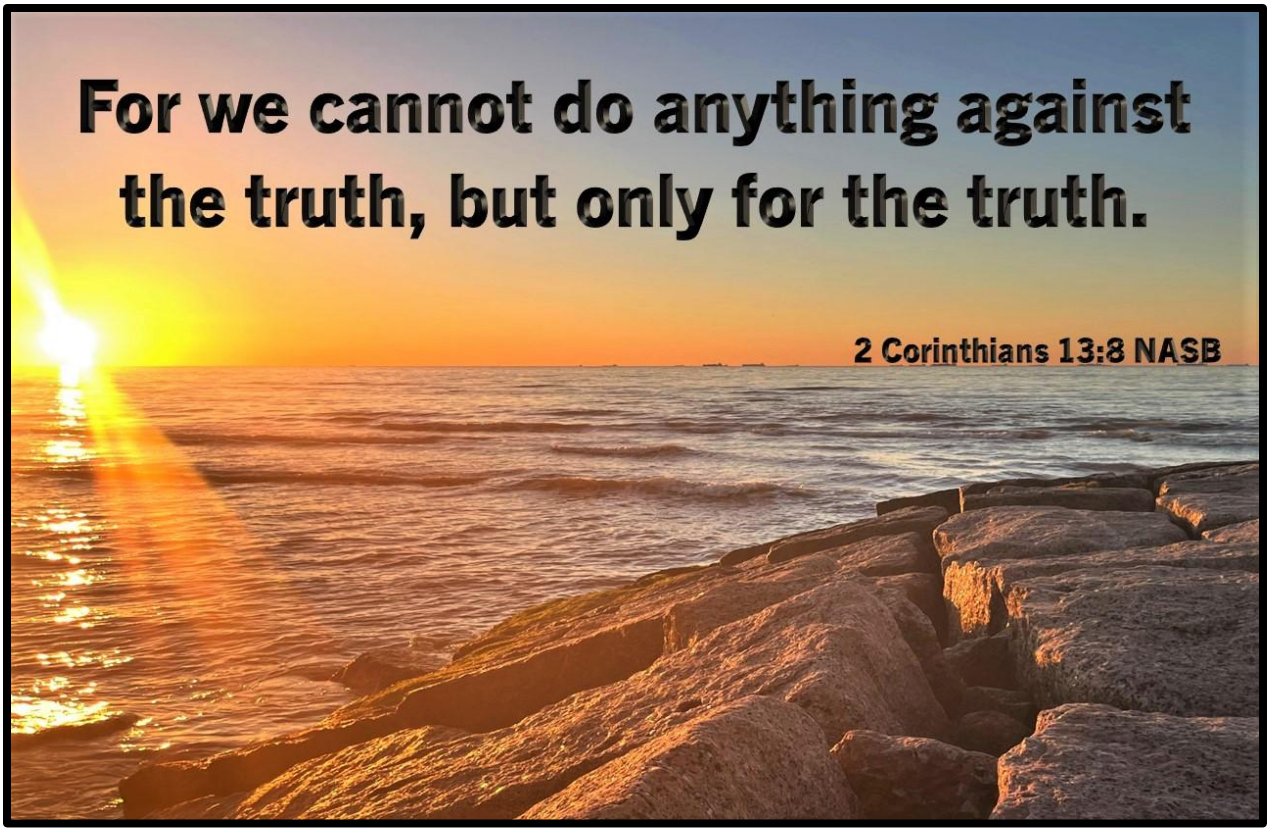
"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all [else]; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand." John 10:28-29 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, concerning your loved ones, God's Word makes it very clear that when you *"… Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ [give yourself up to Him, take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping] and <u>you will be saved</u>…"* However, what follows is even more of a miracle! *"…. [and this applies both to] you <u>and your household as well</u>."* Acts 16:31 (AMPC)

There is a lot of teaching going around the churches that people who have not received the Word cannot experience salvation. Well, what is salvation? In Acts 16:31 the word *salvation* is *sṓzō* (Strong's #4982) meaning to deliver <u>out of danger</u> and <u>into safety</u>; used principally of God rescuing believers from the penalty and power of sin – and into His provisions (safety). The application of *sṓzō* here is not only applied to eternal life in the future but also to the eternal life that has ALREADY begun.

Think about this for a moment. Have you ever prayed for a lost friend or family member in a situation where they needed a supernatural breakthrough, whether it be protection, healing, a legal issue or whatever, and God intervened? This is *sṓzō. Sṓzō* is a promise to us that when we BELIEVE in the Word of God and rely on it, not only are we entitled to it (*sṓzō*), but our entire household is entitled to *sṓzō*! This is the truth of the matter. God cannot lie. Be it far from us to think that a person cannot receive *sṓzō* because of this or that. God is faithful <u>AFTER we have done what He has told us to do</u>.

We must remember from the beginning scripture that the Word of God (Jesus) said He is the ONE who gives eternal life, and not only is no one able to snatch us or our loved ones out of His hands, <u>BUT no one can snatch us or our loved ones out of His Father's hand either</u>! Praise God for His promises, and may He forgive us, in the name of Jesus, for any unbelief that we may have had concerning our loved ones and their entitlement to complete *sṓzō!*



WHAT WE CAN DO THAT GIVES GOD THE GREATEST JOY!

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in **truth**."*
3 John 1:4 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

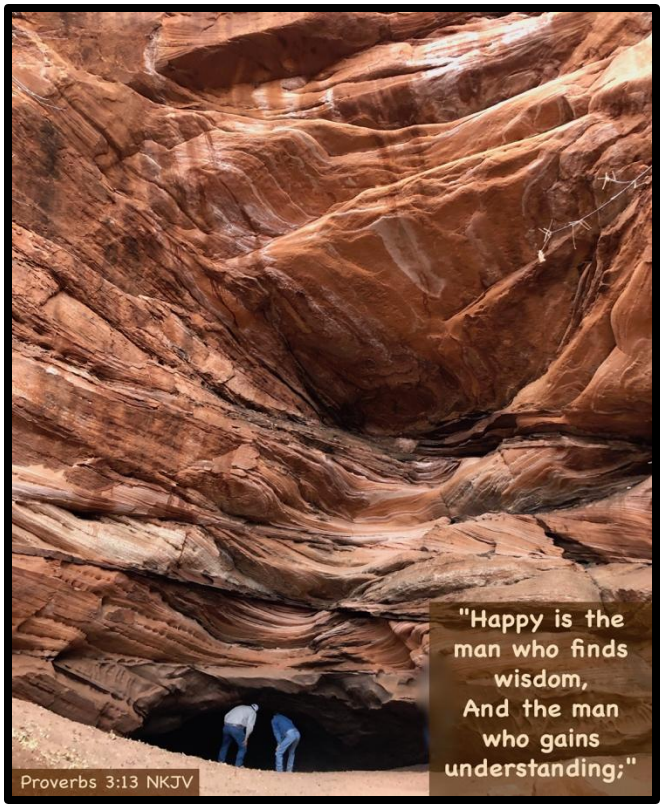
Remnant, since it truly is God's greatest joy to hear that His children walk in truth, then we must certainly remember that *"The entirety of Your word is truth…"* Psalm 119:160 (NKJV)

In 3 John 1:4 the word ***truth*** in the Greek is ***alétheia*** (Strongs #225) meaning not merely truth as spoken: truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness. Did we catch that? **This truth includes Divine truth revealed to man**!

Divine truth can only come from a Divine source. When Paul was reproving the Galatians, how did he describe the truth that he had received? He told them, *"For I want you to know, brethren, that the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard]."* Galatians 1:11 (AMPC) You see, Paul was attempting to bring the Galatians into a deeper knowledge of the truth that was flowing from none other than Jesus, a Divine source. Many of these people were caught up in various religious upbringings, just like our day, and Paul too had been raised in religion. (Philippians 3:5; Acts 23:6)

Paul had been raised in the religious doctrines and commandments of men, and we see that before he had his encounter with Jesus in Acts 9, those religious upbringings did not benefit him. In fact, they were in direct opposition to the Holy Spirit, which is Divine and flowed heavily from Stephen, as Paul was *"…personally standing by and consenting and approving and guarding the garments of those who slew him."* Acts 22:20 (AMPC)

However, something grabbed ahold of Paul, for he had Divine truth revealed to him. As he explained it to the Galatians, *"For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."* Galatians 1:12 (AMPC) We should always be willing to receive Divine revelation from Him and walk in it to continually please the Father!



WISDOM AND REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

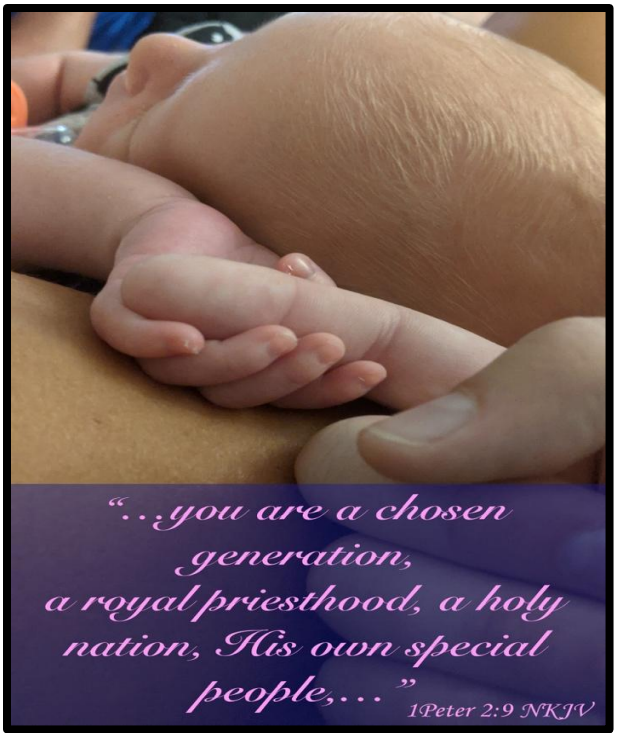
"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Luke 21:15 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Jesus spoke in this verse above, and we can receive it today by believing His Word. *"Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, If you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful, and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures,"* Proverbs 2:3-4 (AMPC) See what it is saying here? We must cry out and seek for such wisdom, just as we would for hidden treasures. After all, this wisdom is more valuable than any material item. Moving on, *"Then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God. For the Lord gives skillful and godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him); He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,"* Proverbs 2:5-7 (AMPC) God has special revelation knowledge reserved for those who will seek after and desire it. Obviously, if you are seeking for such revelations, then you are righteous and in right standing with Him.

When we seek for and receive wisdom from above, there is not one adversary that will dare be able to stand against us. This, of course, is not to say that we will not be shunned or rejected for the truth, just like our joint-heir Jesus was. We are to follow in the same footsteps. Chances are if you are reading this, it has already happened to you. That is just another confirmation that you belong to the remnant!

Remnant, we urge you to continue seeking for deeper depths and higher heights in revelation knowledge.

Our prayer for you today comes from Colossians 1:9 (AMPC) *"For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things —"*



HAND PICKED BY ABBA FATHER

"…Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine." Isaiah 43:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as the scripture clearly states, God has called us. He hand-picked us, as through adoption. Hence, we call Him "Abba Father."

Consider this. When a business is looking for the next employee, they choose him according to what he has to offer for that specific position. Each one has different strengths, abilities, and wisdom that qualifies them for that position above another person. The same holds true in the spiritual realm with God, though with God there is *"no respect of persons*." (Romans 2:11) We are who God says we are, not who man says that we are.

"[For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago]." 2 Timothy 1:9 (AMPC) This is not something that God needs the help of man to do. NO! The scripture says, "*For it is He] Who delivered and saved us*..." This is past tense. When did He do this? He did it *"…before the world began*." This tells us He didn't need any help from man.

In this heavenly spiritual realm it is God who does the choosing; it is Abba Father who does the ordaining. Why? Because we are the instrument, or tool rather, that He has chosen for His specific tasks. His kingdom come, and His perfect will be done. Just as the instrument or tool must be first formed and fitted for the job it must do, our Heavenly Father must also form and fit us for what He has called us to do. Yes, we may feel inadequate and out of our comfort zone to do what He has called us to do, but He sees and knows our potential more than we see or know ourselves! If He has called us to do it, there is no one to stop us but our own flesh! No matter where we are, God can use us if we stay in His Word and let Him do the leading.

WHEN WE LET HIM LEAD US, NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE!



CARING ENOUGH TO FIGHT FOR OTHERS

"*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor*"
Romans 12:10 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here is another simple reminder from the Word of God, as we are facing strong spiritual warfare. Sometimes it can be so easy to be caught up in the chaos that is happening in our own little world with our homes, spouses, children, jobs, finances, and so on. However, we must remember that while it is ok to pray for those things in our own lives, it is much better for us to prefer other's needs before ourselves. Look at the example that Aaron and Hur give us here in Exodus.

"So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. ***And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun***." Exodus 17:10-12 (NKJV) Aaron and Hur knew it would take the body coming together to have victory. Though Joshua was obedient, and though Moses was strong, they could not do it without the support of the rest of the body.

As the body of Christ, we are to prefer one another over ourselves. That is how we become spiritually mature. A true believer can pray diligently with their whole heart for someone else, even while satan is attempting to have a "heyday" in their own lives. "*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all* ***perseverance and supplication for all saints***" Ephesians 6:18 (KJV)

It takes our own selfishness out of the picture when we pray for others; however, as we see here it still is for our good. "*…and pray one for another, <u>that ye may be healed</u>. <u>The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much</u>*." James 5:16 (KJV)

We know it is all about seeking His Kingdom first and His righteousness. Remnant, let us all continue to be more like Aaron and Hur and hold up someone's hands today as they are in battle!



THE RENEWED MIND BUILDS UP

"He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love." 1 John 4:8 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have heard many teachings on what the renewed mind does not look like, so how about taking the scriptures to see what it does look like?

The renewed mind is set on building the body, not tearing it down. It has the heart of Christ, and it loves the body of Christ more than its own life. The renewed mind will not be critical of God's people, for its motive is love. No, the renewed mind is far more concerned about people being set free from bondages that have held them captive for years. The renewed mind does not associate itself with the spirits who delight in stirring up strife. *"Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases."* Proverbs 26:20 (NKJV) The renewed mind does not pay attention to what the talebearers say and will not allow their flesh to participate in such. "*He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips*" Proverbs 20:19 (NKJV) Flattering lips do not move a renewed mind; however, God's Word does. The renewed mind does not listen to gossip, nor is it a part of it; rather, the renewed mind is a doer of the Word of God. *"to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men."* Titus 3:2 (NKJV)

The renewed mind fears God (not man); therefore, it is full of all wisdom. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*..." Proverbs 9:10 (KJV) The renewed mind never repays someone for their faults. *"Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest and proper and noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone*." Romans 12:17 (AMPC) The renewed mind seeks to be at peace and unity with all. *"If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*" Romans 12:18 (AMPC) The renewed mind knows that as God was longsuffering toward us, we too should be longsuffering toward others. *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*." 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)



STATE OF EMERGENCY - PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

"O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water." Psalm 63:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there are promises that remain in God's Word for all of us who hunger for more of Him. Due to the state of emergency in the churches/religions and in the world, we have become grieved because of the fearful conditions existing among God's people. God is speaking, and it is from His remnant. He is calling His people to go before Him in the power of the Holy Spirit – to prepare the way for the second coming of the Lord.

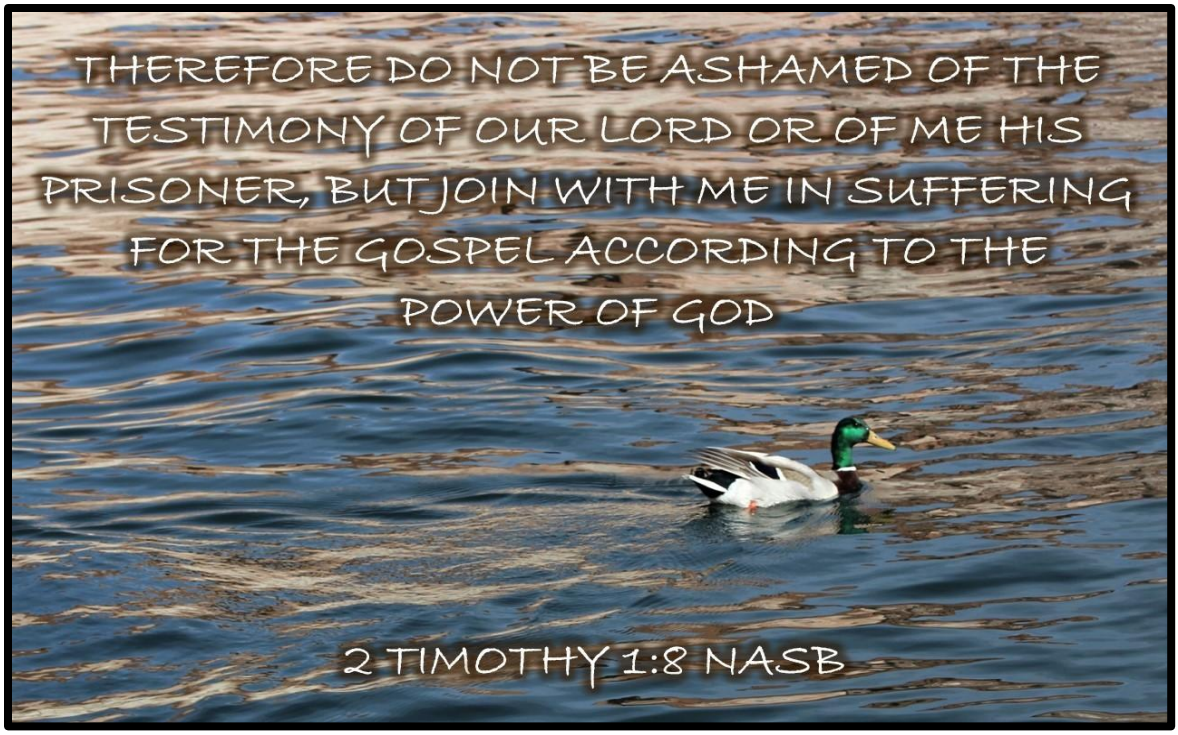
"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:7-8 (NKJV) Though our faith is being tested and tried like silver and gold, may we continue to believe the message of God's Word, which is increasing our hunger for more of Him!

May we continue to be encouraged as the chosen and elect of God, knowing we have a huge responsibility! God wants us to be concerned about prayerlessness, lack of love, slander, shallowness, foolishness, worldliness, gossip, idolatry, complacency, and slothfulness, as well as many other characteristics found among men and women alike professing their Christianity in these dreadful days.

God observes us as we are grieved for the affliction of His people, and He too approves, for we do carry His purposes in our hearts. God marks and spares those who *"…sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done…"* Ezekiel 9:4 (NKJV) However, we read that God gives instruction to destroy all those without the mark and that the punishment would *"…begin at My sanctuary…"* Ezekiel 9:6 (NKJV)

Stay hungry, pray without ceasing, and rest assured God will fill your hunger and quench your thirst with His Words!

"Your words were found, and I ate them…" **Jeremiah 15:16 (AMPC)**



NOT ASHAMED

"…Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him]…"
2 Timothy 1:12 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we know the God Whom we serve, there is no reason to be ashamed, for we also are fully and positively persuaded that He can provide the salvation that is needed in EVERY circumstance, when we are doers of His Word.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for <u>it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes</u>…" Romans 1:16 (NASB) It is His Word that has the power to unleash this precious salvation (*sótéria*) to ALL WHO BELIEVE. We encourage you to do your own word studies to rightly divide His Word; however, *sótéria* in the Greek is Strong's #4991, and it means deliverance and salvation. God is willing and able to exercise His power to rescue and deliver believers out of all destruction and into His safety. The only contingency mentioned here is <u>to believe</u>.

One cannot trust in someone whom they simply do not know. When we KNOW God, we will not be ashamed of His message. We will not be ashamed of the good news of the gospel with its power of *sótéria*. We will not be ashamed if others know of the God we serve. In fact, it is our desire that they do!

No, the gospel we preach does not need to come in the form of a tee-shirt, a bumper sticker, a ball cap, or any other material item, for we are *"…regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin ([seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God"* 1 Peter 1:23 (AMPC) Therefore, we cannot be ashamed of His Word, for it is who we are.

We have the *"…epistle written in our hearts,"* and we are, *"known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ...<u>written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart</u>."* 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (NKJV)



THE REVERSAL IS COMPLETE

"Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:17-19 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

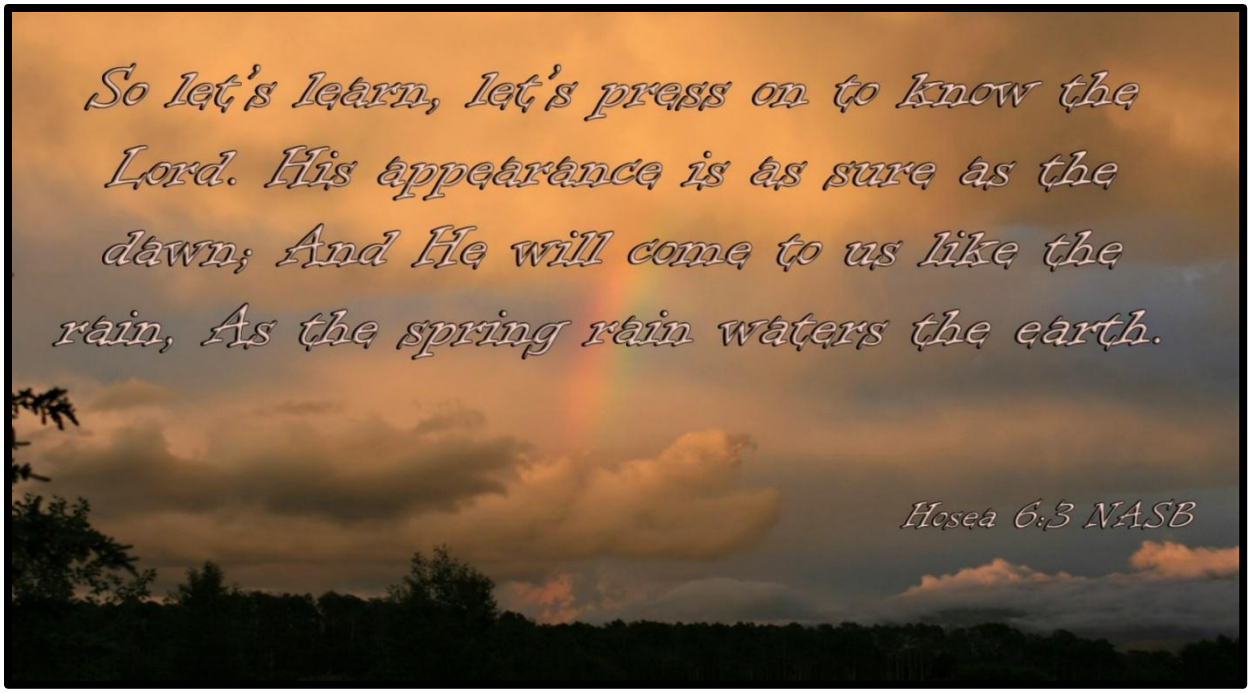
Remnant, we know that we cannot separate the written word from the Living Word, Jesus. Therefore, we see that there is not one demon that is not subjected to us when we use the Word of God. Remember Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) tells us the name of Jesus *"… is called The Word of God."* It is the Word of God that gives us the authority to place those demons in their rightful place, under our dominion.

You see, originally "… *God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

Then came the first Adam, and he blew it for us. However, God was not finished; no, it must be His way. *"Yet death held sway from Adam to Moses [the Lawgiver], even over those who did not themselves transgress [a positive command] as Adam did. Adam was a type (prefigure) of the One Who was to come [in reverse, the former destructive, the Latter saving]."* Romans 5:14 (AMPC) Just as the scripture says, the first Adam was a complete reverse or opposite of the second Adam: Jesus! Once God put Jesus (His Word) on the scene, demons became subject unto His Word immediately!

Now, think about this, where does Satan roam? He is the prince of the power of the air, (Ephesians 2:2), and he roams to and fro throughout the whole earth. (Job 1:7) But God has already blessed us and told us, *"… Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* Genesis 1:28 (NKJV) Then God sent His Son (His Word) to completely REVERSE the effects that the first Adam had upon us!

It is time to exercise our dominion over every demon, and spirit of destruction that is attempting to abort our destinies!



FOLLOWING HARD

"My soul followeth hard after Thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me."
Psalm 63:8 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this rings true through all the remnant even today. We have a world at enmity with God, and the devil is constantly at war with the God we serve. As we serve Him, should we not have a mind-set of "following hard," so that we would not be shaken by all the storms that arise in life? We must have a determination and zeal of "following hard" after Him, being persistent and diligent in serving Him, and acknowledging Him in **ALL OF OUR WAYS**.

Meditate on this for a moment, if you will. David never said, *"My soul followeth soft after thee…"* in the circumstances he faced. The remnant knows that in our walk with God, if we are growing and advancing, there is spiritual warfare to face, and there is a "following hard" that we must press into in our walk with Him that brings us into His victory. We must continue to cling to God and to keep Him closer than anyone else in our lives.

God is always with us, and He never leaves us. However, we can always have a closer, more intimate walk, as we "follow hard" after him. "*Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you..."* James 4:8 (NKJV)

If we ever feel as if we are not hearing from God as we used to or that something is off kilter in our walk with Him, remember He is not the one who dropped the call with us. Maybe there is some "following hard" or pressing in that we need to do. It will never hurt us to press in more. It is for certain that believers have never had the problem of having too much of God in their lives. No way, we need more of Him and less of us! "*He must increase, but I must decrease. [He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so*.]" John 3:30 (AMPC)

The next time you see God using someone around you in a powerful way, please be aware there was some pressing in and trials that they have encountered to come to the place where they are - in Him. Their soul has "followed hard" after the only true living God. May you be challenged today to “follow hard.”



YOU, MY DISCIPLES, ARE CLEAN

"This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood…"
1 John 5:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, what a wonderful thought to be reminded of that through Jesus we have been cleansed by not only water, but also by blood. Just as everything in the natural has a spiritual symbolism, we are reminded of what happened just after Jesus died. *"But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out."* John 19:34 (NKJV) It was blood and water that came out of Him, symbolizing how we have now been cleansed!

We also know that we cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word. Therefore, we recognize that it is by and through the WORD that we are cleansed! Jesus even proclaims in John, *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."* John 15:3 (NKJV)

Oh yes dear friend*, "He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"* Titus 3:5 (AMPC) This cleansing is constantly taking place each time we read God's Word, scripture by scripture. The key is RECEIVING the WORD. If one does not RECEIVE the WORD, one cannot be clean.

"Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, [wash] not only my feet, but my hands and my head too! Jesus said to him, Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is clean all over. And you [My disciples] are clean, but not all of you. For He knew who was going to betray Him; that was the reason He said, Not all of you are clean." John 13:9-11 (AMPC) Judas remained unclean because He rejected THE WORD - JESUS.

***"so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless."* Ephesians 5:26-27 (NASB)**



AN ABUNDANCE OF FRUIT

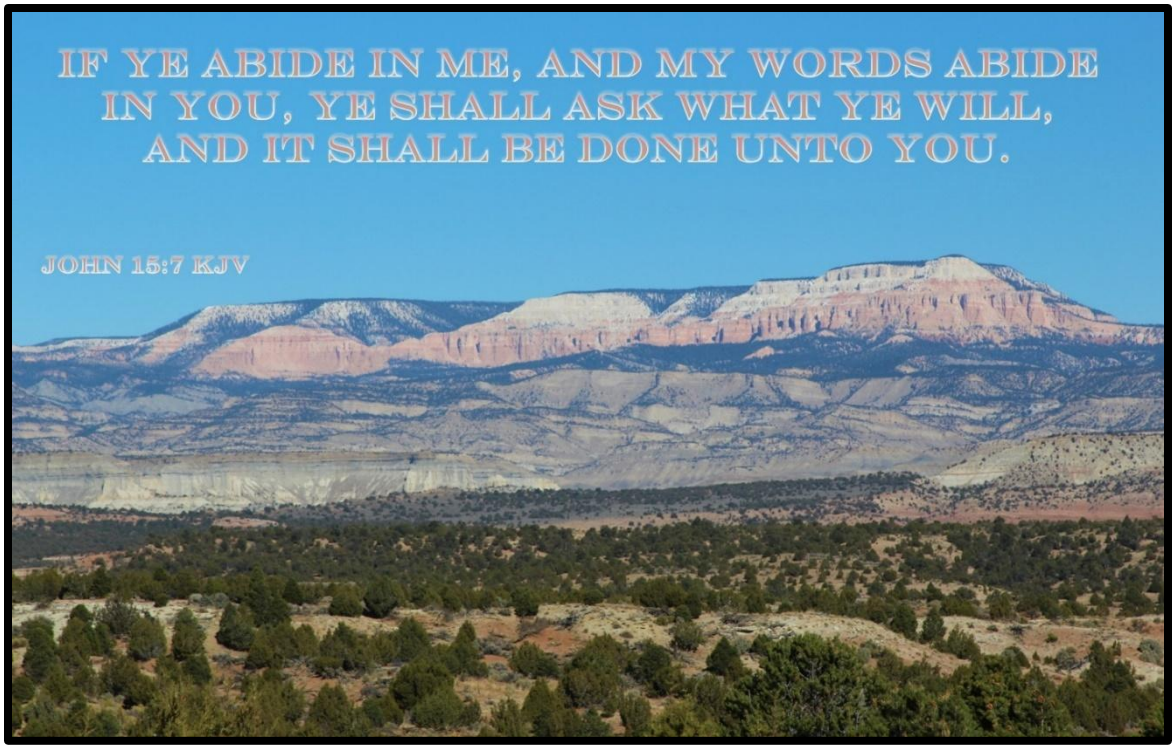
"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing." John 15:5 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that apart from the Head of the Body, who is Christ, we can do nothing. No matter how many people we may feed or clothe, how well we may sing or play in a worship setting, or even how dramatically we may speak the gospel, **IF** we are not in union with Christ, we can do nothing. When we are in union with Him, we regard Him first.

"…And He (Jesus) *went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil."* Luke 7:36-38 (NKJV)

Yes, these scriptures have multiple meanings, but today we focus on the fact that this woman, though she WAS a sinner, had a revelation greater than this Pharisee. She had John's revelation that *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* John 3:30 (NKJV) What did Jesus do? He measured this Pharisee in comparison to the woman, saying, "*…Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil."* Luke 7:44-46 (NKJV)

See, our fruits are indicative of whether we genuinely BELIEVE in Jesus, just as the case with this woman (who WAS a sinner) and the Pharisee. Unbelief causes one to not honor or regard Jesus; thus, unbelief limits what we can do through Him. Remember this? *"Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief…"* Mark 6:5-6 (NKJV) Christ is in us, and we honor Him and are in union with Him (the Word of God); thus we have an abundance of fruit!



NOT FAILING BUT AVAILING

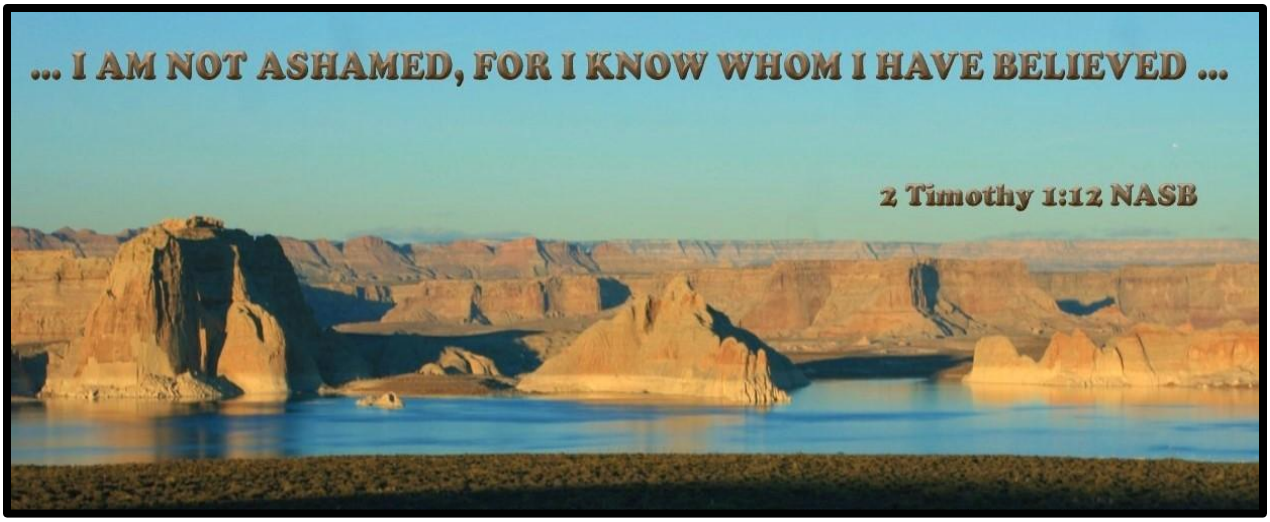
"…The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in this last hour it is an absolute necessity that we all come to the revelation of this verse! Too many people who have a prayer life tend to give up BEFORE the victory has manifested! We must come to this revelation that as we continue in heartfelt prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, our prayers are not failing, but rather availing. The victory has already been promised! "*But thanks be to God, who **always** leads us in triumph in Christ …"* 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)

We are not ignorant concerning satan's devices. (2 Corinthians 2:11) His main weapon against the body of Christ is deception. You see, satan cannot "force" you to believe anything; however, he can (and does) send subtle messages through people, the media, billboards, and any avenue he can to promote even the slightest bit of doubt, worry, and unbelief! Satan will always be at work trying to manipulate you to give up. There are even times when he will try to convince you that what you are praying and believing for is "not God's will." IF he can just get you to believe that your prayers are failing instead of availing, you will surely be defeated.

We MUST remember that satan is the father of all lies. (John 8:44) God's Word tells us, *"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, **we know** that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."* 1 John 5:14-15 (NASB) Therefore, we see that when we are led by the Holy Spirit in prayer and pray according to the Word of God (which is the will of God), we will have the petitions that we ask of Him - whatever they are! In fact, by faith those petitions have already become a reality! No matter how grim the situation appears in the natural, your prayers are indeed NOT FAILING, BUT AVAILING!

The word tenacious means not readily relinquishing a position, principle, or course of action; determined. Having a tenacious prayer life means that we will continue in prayer and in believing, no matter what we may experience with our 5 senses in the natural. The enemy is defeated, God's Word is true, and by faith when we pray, we will see His expected end in every situation!



THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

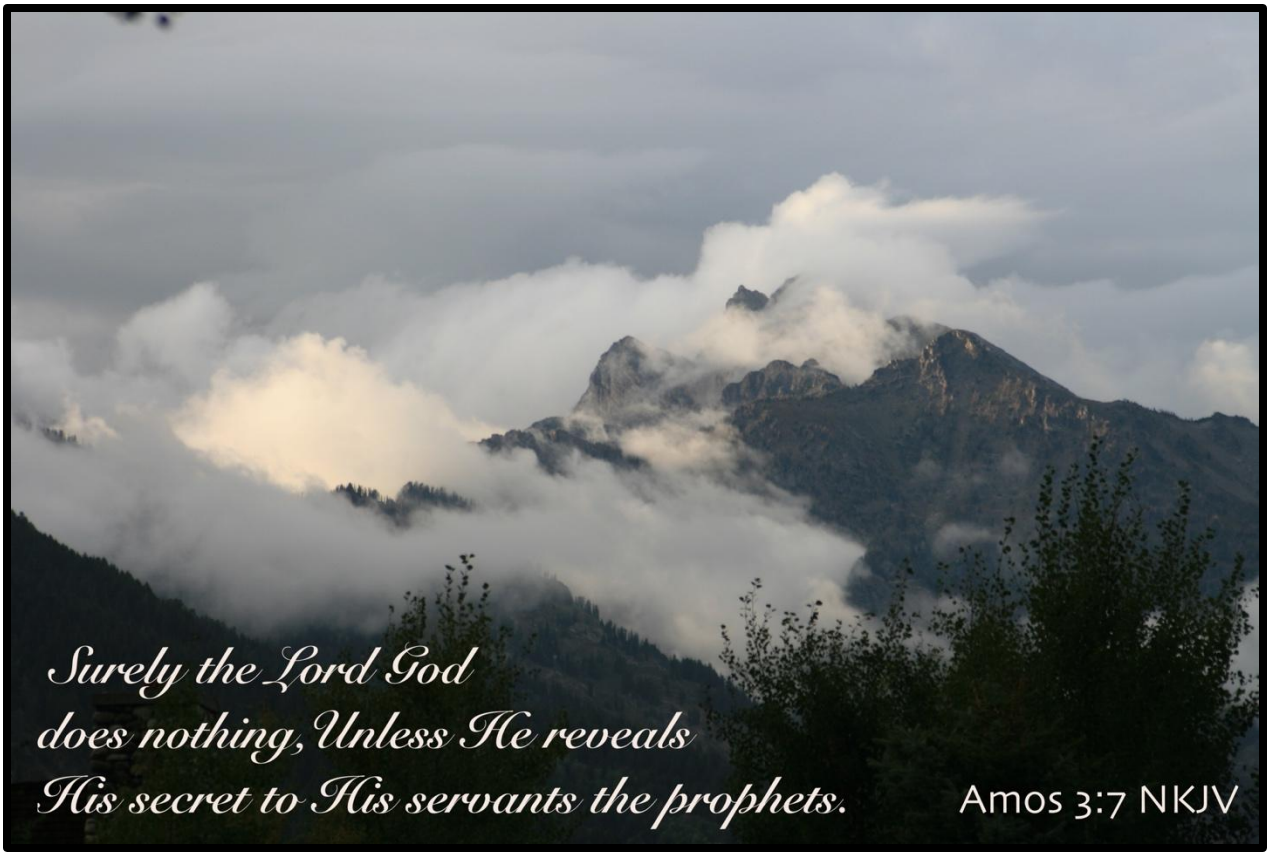
"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we can gain a lot of wisdom by studying the church epistles written by Paul, who had a real relationship with Jesus. In reading God's Word, we can plainly see how his relationship with Jesus cost him his membership (so-to-speak) in religion.

Paul repeatedly makes it known to us that before his born-again experience, he was a Pharisee. (Acts 22:3; 23:6; 26:5; Philippians 3:5) Not only was he a Pharisee, but he was a Pharisee of Pharisees! As Paul is reflecting on his previous days, he tells us, *"… If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."* Philippians 3:4-6 (NKJV) He had completed the rituals and traditions of men under the Pharisee religion. In the eyes of religion, Paul was a man of great value.

However, when Paul was born again, he declared, *"… what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the* ***knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord****, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;* ***that I may know Him*** *and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"* Philippians 3:7-10 (NKJV) It was through a firsthand experience that Paul received the revelation that in order to go all the way, he would first have to have a relationship with the Father and the Son. Therefore, we see that through this knowledge Paul learned how to pray for others because he knew this relationship was necessary.

"[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him," Ephesians 1:17 (AMPC)



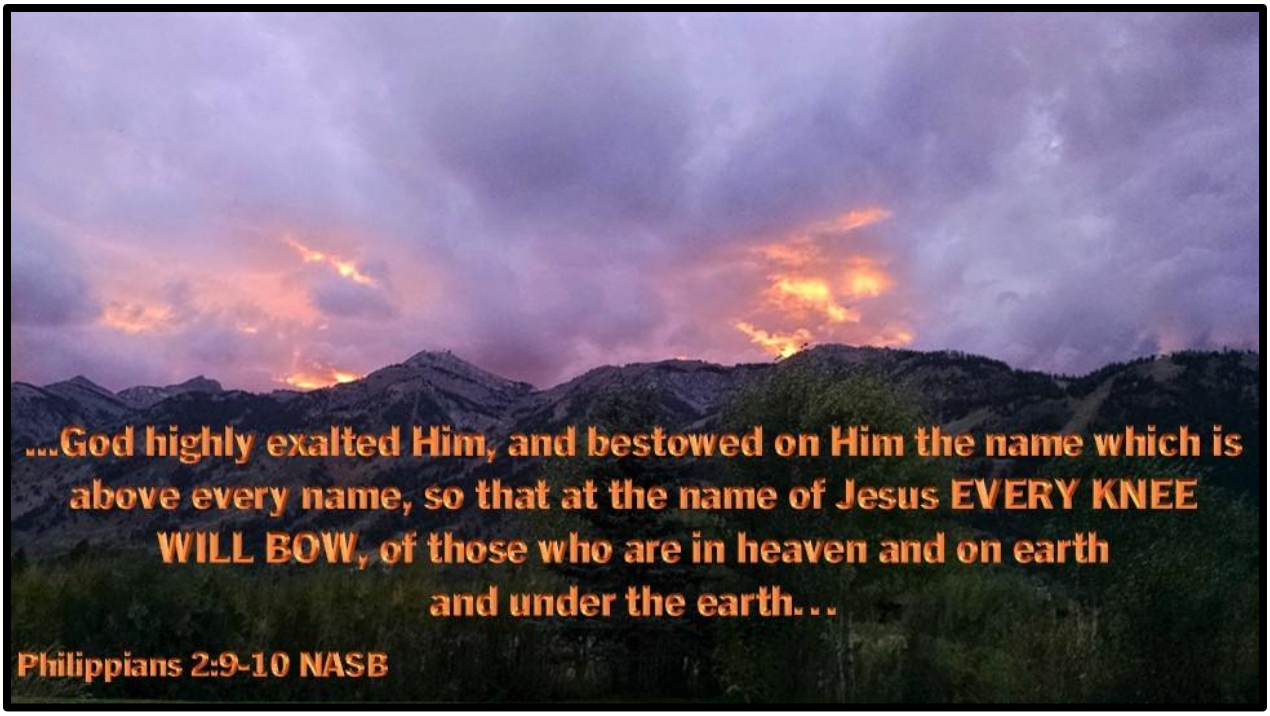
DISCIPLES RECEIVE KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE THEY DESIRE IT

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter." Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we live in the last of the last days, we are seeing in the natural that the prophecies from the bible are being fulfilled. It is God's desire that we know things to come, and He wants to reveal those things unto us! It is the desire of the remnant to know the things to come, and the only way we can do this is to search it out in His Word and be one with Him! *"The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning*." Psalm 25:14 (AMPC)

The more we are a student of God's Word, the more He will reveal to us. It will be the true remnant that will come into these revelations because they have a heart to want to know and learn. **The true remnant will take this all the way**! *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*." 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) You don't even have to cut yourself short if you haven't been with God for too long. If you are in His Word and have a heart to want to receive, **you will receive His revelation knowledge**. *"At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes*." Matthew 11:25 (NKJV) We grow as fast as we want. That is up to us, not God. There are babes in Christ that are doing more for the Kingdom of God than many religious people caught up in man's traditions and doctrines. Why? They are in God's Word, and they are doers of God's Word.

"I will lead those who are blind by a way they have not known, In paths they have not known, I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them And uneven land into plains. These are the things I will do, And I will not leave them undone." Isaiah 42:16 (NASB) This is God's promise. The ones who choose to be in His Word and search it out are the ones who will be led by God, and He will never leave them undone!



OUR GOD-GIVEN POWER OF ATTORNEY

"… By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" Acts 4:7 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

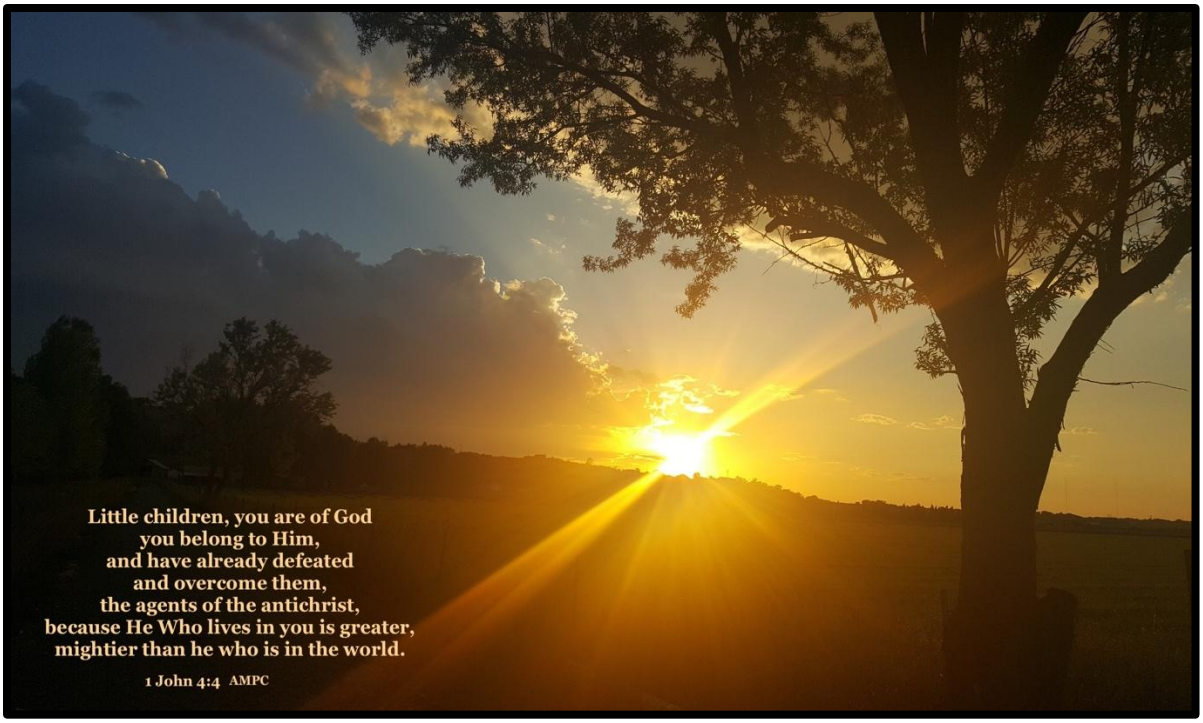
Remnant, the Sanhedrin were curious about the power that Peter was using; therefore, Acts 4:7 was the question they asked Peter. Once the Sanhedrin received this knowledge, they threatened and commanded the apostles to never speak or teach in the name of Jesus in Acts 4:17-18. In Acts 5:28 (KJV) the high priest asked Peter and the other apostles, *"…Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name..."* Acts 5:40 (KJV) says when they released the apostles again they said, *".....they should not speak in the name of Jesus...*" Acts 15:26 (KJV) describes Judas and Silas and reads as follows: "*Men that have hazarded their lives* ***for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ***."

Yes, dear remnant, the apostles and anyone else speaking in the name of Jesus in those days put their life on the line! Why? The reason is because when they prayed in the name of Jesus....**something happened**...because of the **POWER** in that name!

The same is true in our day. *"That which is now already has been, and that which is to be already has been; and God seeks that which has past by [so that history repeats itself]*." Ecclesiastes 3:15 (AMPC) History is repeating itself. They have taken God's Word and the name of Jesus out of almost everything! Even the enemy knows that there is power in the name of Jesus!

When we pray to God our Father in the name of His Son Jesus, we are exercising our God-given power of attorney, and things happen! Jesus says in John 14:13-14 (NKJV), *"And whatever you shall ask* ***in My name****, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask any thing* ***in My name****, I will do it.*" We are to always pray in the name of Jesus. When things happen, the Father is glorified! We cannot even dream of coming to the Father without first going through the name of Jesus, according to John 14:6.

We know that this power was not just there for the early apostles and disciples, nor was it only limited to the period in which Jesus walked the earth in the natural. <u>We have the freedom to use it for victory over every situation every day!</u>



I WILL BE AN ENEMY TO YOUR ENEMIES

"*And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive*" Genesis 50:19-20 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

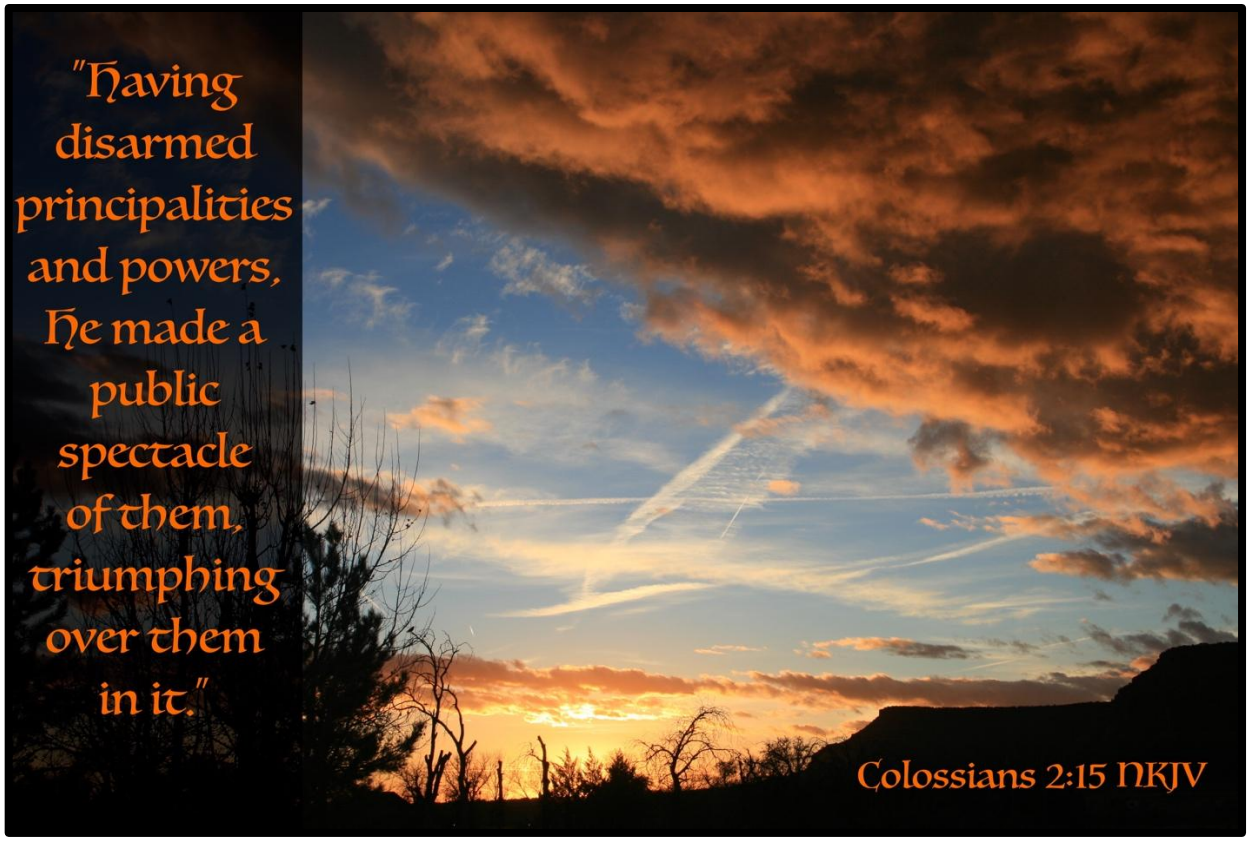
Remnant, many times, when going through a trial, it can be easy (if we are not guarding our hearts) to have a "why me" attitude, when our attitude should be, "What is God trying to show me, so I can be a blessing to others?" Joseph realized that all he endured was for God's purpose, "*to save much people alive.*" God has always chosen His remnant to bring forth His purpose. "*For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? "**But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart**.*" 1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC) We, like Joseph, know that we are "*in the place of God*" and that "…. *If God be for us, who can be against us*?" Romans 8:31 (KJV)

God's Word is true. Every trial that Joseph endured made Him stronger instead of weaker. Yes, there were evil forces working against him; however, God used that evil for good! Since God is NOT a "*respecter of persons*" (Acts 10:34), the same holds true for us as well.

Not only does God bring down the enemy, but He increases us and causes us to be stronger than our enemies. "*He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies*." Psalm 105:24 (NKJV)

Thank you, Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, that we have the victory, and every trial we face is for **YOUR** glory! In Jesus' name, open our eyes to see it. Thank you, Father, for burning the "chaff" in us! We remember that this is not our battle, but Yours. When we are fully trusting You in every circumstance, that is when we will see His hand at work.

"*But if you truly obey His voice and do all that I say**, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries***." Exodus 23:22 (NKJV)



THE TRUE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

"*The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it*." Luke 16:16 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

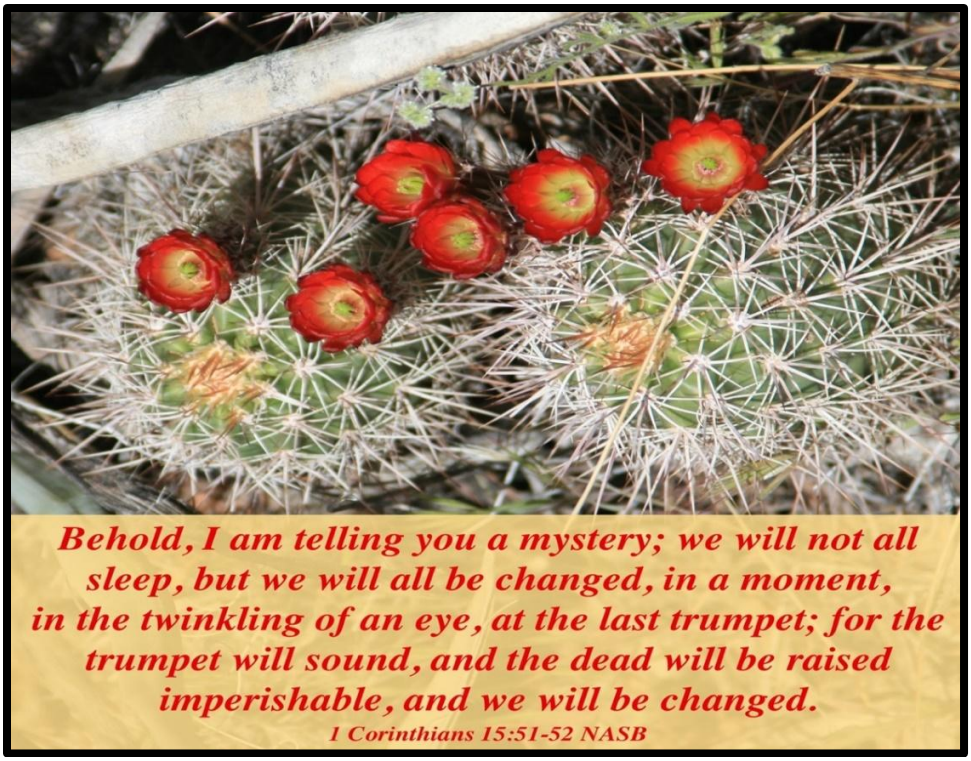
Remnant, as mankind sees the reality of the Kingdom message and its overcoming power, the **devil is rendered powerless**. Therefore, the kingdom of darkness so violently opposes the Kingdom of God Now message. There is a violent pressing involved in entering the Kingdom of God walk. It is not a pressing or violence toward or from God, but rather from the opposition: the kingdom of darkness.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." **Matthew 11:12 (NKJV) We take it BY FORCE!!!**

There is often more opposition toward the Kingdom message than any other. The devil is much less threatened by a message of "heaven some day in the future." Our seeing the rule of God only in the future allows the devil to continue his dirty work now. This simple message of Jesus proclaims, *"…the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel…*" Mark 1:15 (KJV) This is The Kingdom Now Gospel that draws violent reactions from anyone who is in some way infected with or influenced by the opposing kingdom. Remember, the Lord spoke of kingdom rising against kingdom and nation (or tribe) against nation: *"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*" Matthew 24:7 (KJV)

Remember, the conflict is between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. *"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.*" Ephesians 6:12 (AMPC)

The spiritual battle is for the prize of entering and walking in the Kingdom of God lifestyle NOW — not just being born again, nor just going to heaven when we die.



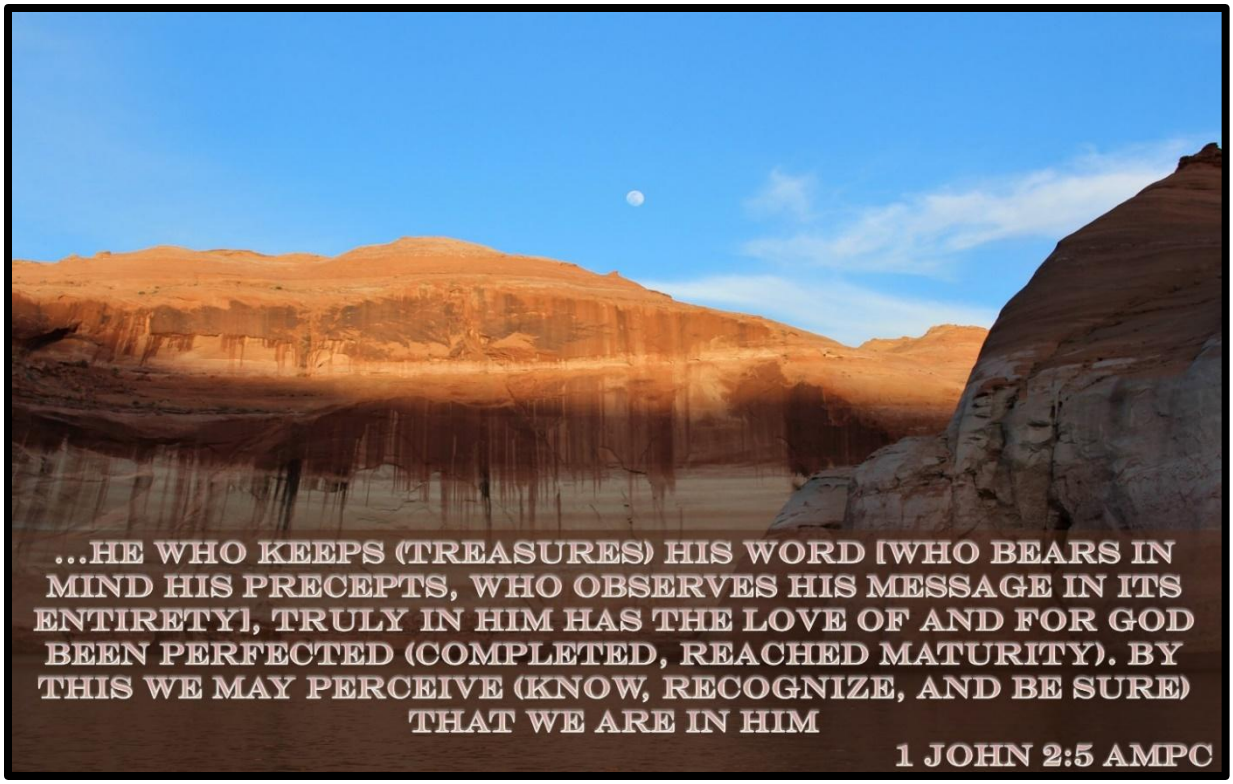
THE WORK WITHIN US

"Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]"
Ephesians 3:20 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we must constantly recognize each day that we have God's grace working in and through us, transforming us into what He has called us to be. It is His power that is at work within us. This was even an example of God's grace working in Jesus when He said, *"...The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works."* John 14:10 (NKJV) It is God's grace and His power at work in us. It is as if to say that we go through metamorphosis. The definition of metamorphosis is "a change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one, by natural or supernatural means." When we truly have God's grace working in us, we are changing both in the natural and supernatural. Others can see a difference from what we used to be and what we are becoming, by being doers of the Word and by the grace of God.

"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV) You see, it is the Word of God working in us when we receive His Word, and believe it.

The true remnant knows that we are a "work in progress." We are God's own special projects, so-to-speak. *"For <u>we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus</u>, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."* Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC) We are to constantly strive for "higher ground" through His grace! No, His grace is not a "get out of jail free card," rather it is God's power working in us to advance us to that next level of growth in Him. Hebrews 6:1 (KJV) even advises us to *"…go on unto perfection..."* This process of perfection can only come through God's grace and His power working in us, when we receive and believe His Word. Then we have a responsibility to allow His Word to work in us.



SPIRITUAL TEST: HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE LOVE GOD?

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

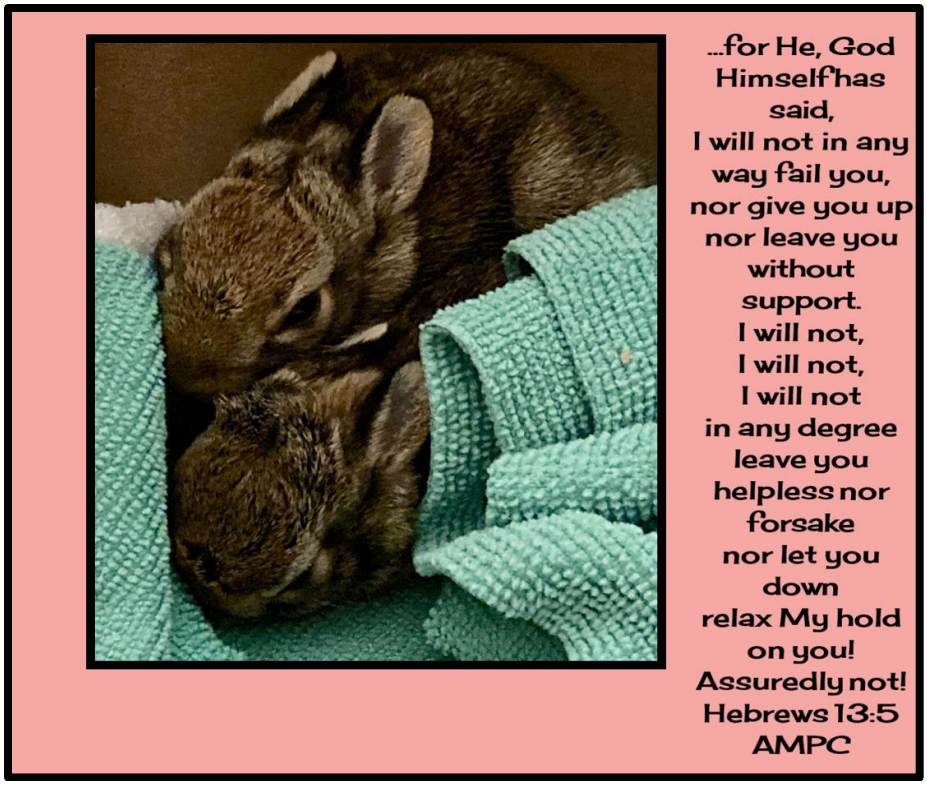
Remnant, since the time of speaking up is now, this message has an urgency to be released. Over and over, we have heard many "Christians" quote the first half of this scripture as a means of trying to encourage themselves or others who have gotten themselves in a mess, through their lukewarmness and mentality of being "just a sinner." It is through the scriptures that we find out exactly for whom…*all things work together for good*..." We must realize the application of this verse applies to "...*those who love God."* Well, how does one know if he genuinely loves God? We look no further than the Word of God for a rightly divided answer.

Jesus said, *"…<u>If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word</u>; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <u>He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me</u>."* John 14:23-24 (NKJV)

We all know that Jesus is the "Living Word," and He cannot be separated from the "Written Word." He said, "…*<u>If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word</u>…"* He then goes on to say, *"…. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and <u>the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's</u>..."*

"…why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" Luke 6:46 (NKJV) We all know that this statement came right before the parable of the wise man building his house on the rock, the foolish man building his house on the sand, and the outcome thereof for each.

Therefore, we see through God's Word <u>all things are working together for the good to those who keep His Word</u>. <u>To keep His Word is to be a doer of His Word</u>. When we are doers of His Word, we have all rights to call Jesus our Lord, for <u>He is the Word given to us by God</u>. *"<u>For **sin shall not [any longer] exert dominion over you**, since now you are not under Law [as slaves], but under grace [as subjects of God's favor and mercy]</u>."* Romans 6:14 (AMPC) Sin CANNOT have any dominion, **<u>if</u>** <u>we are doers of the Word of God</u>! To be doers of the Word of God, we must KNOW it.



I WILL, I WILL, I WILL

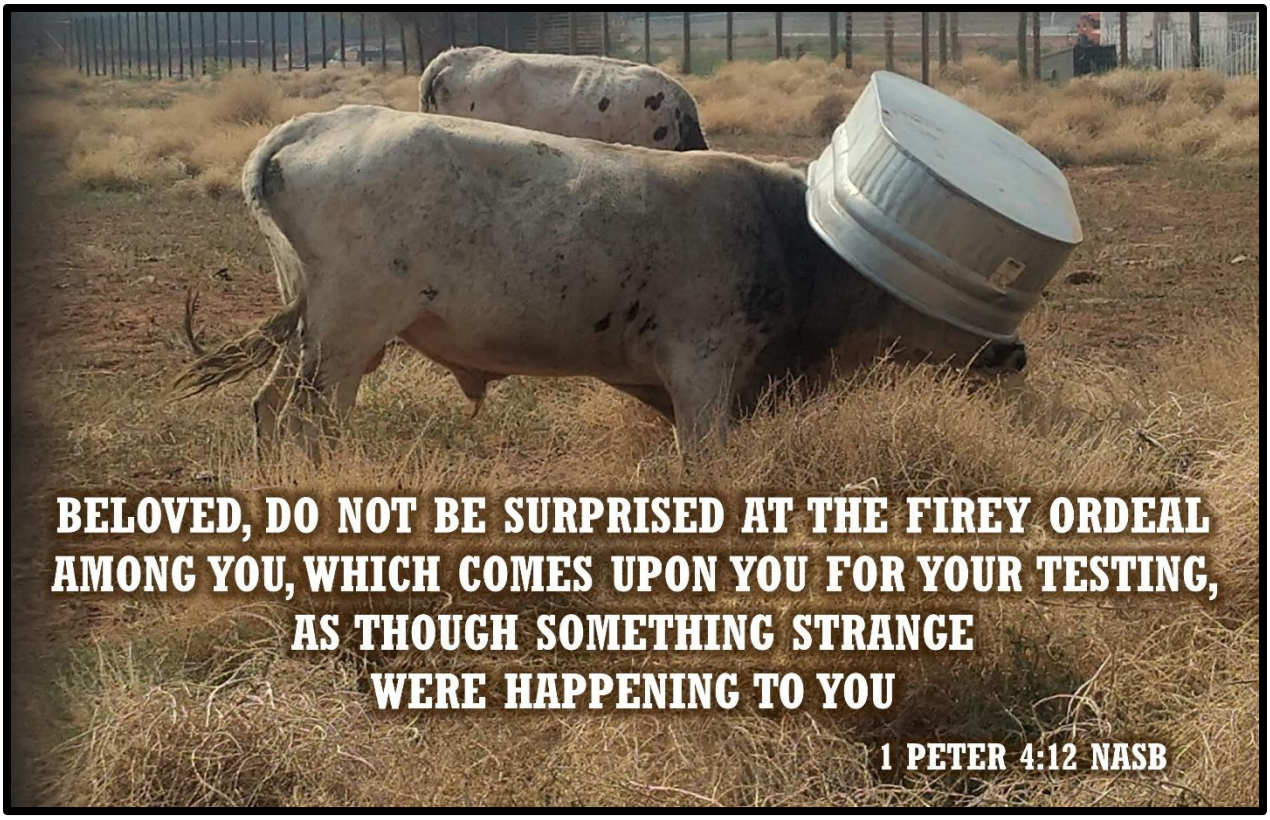
"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again ..."
Proverbs 24:16 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant oftentimes fear keeps people from doing exactly what God has called them to do. The enemy chooses to prey on weaknesses. One common way is to bring up the failures of the past. The enemy will bring up the past and how you have been hurt by others, embarrassed, humiliated, and in some cases come to pure ruin in the natural.

When a person has chosen to live for God, there are times when he can regress if he is not putting pressure on God's Word as his weapon. He can even make up stories in his own mind and say things like, "Well, God knows my weaknesses, and He knows that I am not strong enough to do this or that." Let's look at what God told the prophet Isaiah. "*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: **I will** strengthen thee; yea, **I will** help thee; yea, **I will** uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness*." Isaiah 41:10 (KJV) Notice, God did not respond to Isaiah's fears by saying something like, "Never mind Isaiah, it's ok to give up. I know you are weak, and fearful of the purpose and call for which I have chosen and commissioned you. You can give up and stop now." No way! God is not one to back down. Instead, God responded to Isaiah's fears with the foundation of two words: "**I will.**" God encouraged Isaiah to move forward, and all the confidence that he needed was God's Word, knowing that God would be working in and through him.

"[*Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight*." Philippians 2:13 (AMPC)

Choose to put away the fear and quit believing all the lies the enemy has told you and is continuing to tell you about what God has told you to do. Doubt the voice of fear and trust the voice of truth! Whatever God is instructing us to do, we must remember He will be with us, and as we use His Word, we will see His will come to pass.



WHEN LIFE IS UNCONTROLLABLE, HE IS IN CONTROL

"*being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ*;" Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have all been there. It seems at times the more we are pressing in, reading our bibles, praying, fasting, and just being doers of the Word of God that things in the natural are not really falling into place as we have planned. It may seem like instead our lives in the natural are spinning out of control faster than we can possibly think. It may seem that we have no control whatsoever, and all we can do is pray and trust God. Well, dear friend, we must remember that when we love God and we are in His will, He is performing His work, and it is perfect.

IT IS WHEN WE HAVE NO CONTROL THAT HE CAN TAKE ALL CONTROL.

"*For all [these] things are [taking place] for your sake, so that the more grace (divine favor and spiritual blessing) extends to more and more people and multiplies through the many, the more thanksgiving may increase [and redound] to the glory of God."* 2 Corinthians 4:15 (AMPC) Just take a moment to meditate on this verse and the truth about why these things are taking place. It is not only for you but also for the harvest! **It is God's perfect will!**

In this next verse we can clearly see that the Holy Spirit is accomplishing His good work in us. It is His presence working, even when we do not feel it. *"But the fruit of the **[Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within** accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]."* Galatians 5:22-23 (AMPC)



THERE IS NO OTHER FREEDOM EXCEPT THROUGH CHRIST!

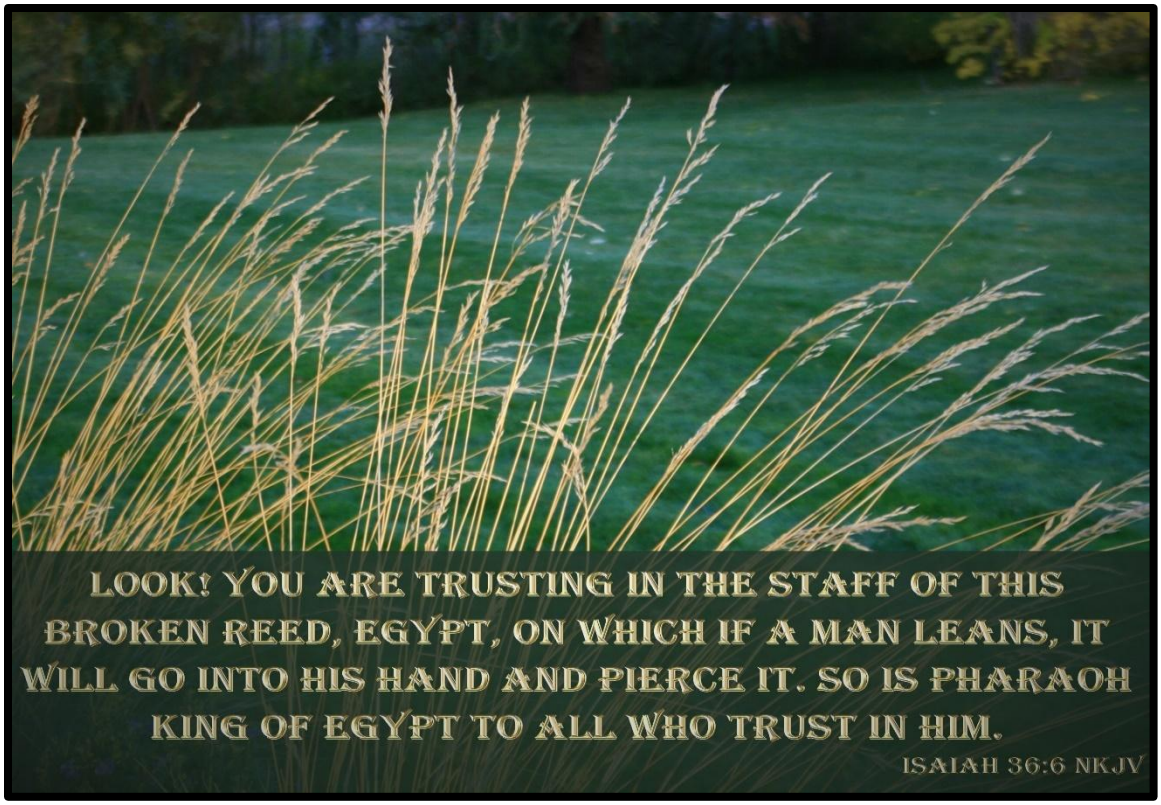
"Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God." Romans 7:4 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, true freedom comes from the yokes of bondage being eliminated. Therefore, as the scripture reads, we *"…were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ…"* This is necessary because the law is religious. There is no deliverance in religion. The definition of religion is "the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods." Thus, we see that anything that is defined as religion can very easily lead into idolatry, which is no more than a cult.

It is the Father's will that everyone should be free from anything and everything that restrains them from doing His will. Therefore, the law (i.e., religion) has been abolished! *"having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances…"* Next, we see the very purpose of such an abolishment was a blessing set aside just for us! *"…so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity."* Ephesians 2:15-16 (NKJV) We have been grafted into the body of Christ, having been made free from all laws and religions, and in replacement of such we have something so much better; we have been reconciled unto God, not unto laws or religion.

God is not willing that any should perish. He knows that people CANNOT be free through religion or any carnal law. What He has provided is far better than anything any religion could accomplish! He provided deliverance through His Son, Jesus. And not only that, He provided the ability to have an intimate relationship with our Savior!

***"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses."* Acts 13:38-39 (NASB)**



TIS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD

"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth or a foot out of joint."
Proverbs 25:19 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that a broken tooth can become infected, and in some instances the infection can spread to the head and neck and even cause serious health problems. In rare cases, an untreated broken tooth may even become life-threatening.

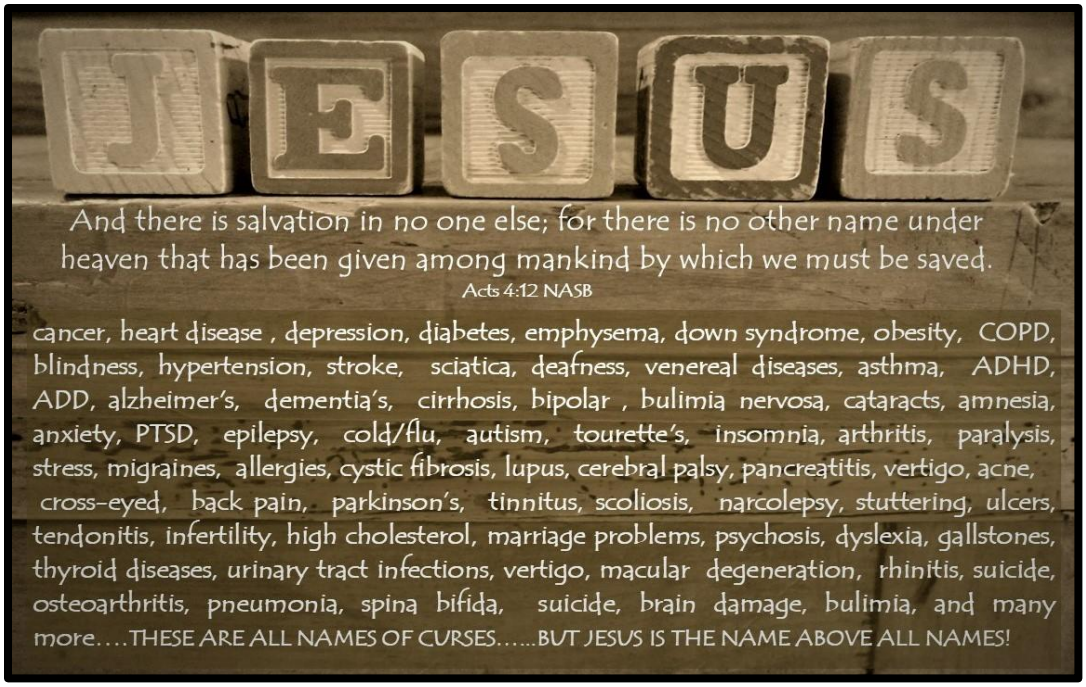
In addition, we know that problems with your feet can affect your entire body, from your legs to your back, your neck, and even your shoulders. The entire human body is connected, which is why one affliction can easily affect a seemingly unrelated part of the body.

Therefore, the comparison of having confidence in an unfaithful man in a time of trouble, with a broken tooth or a foot out of joint, is not something to take lightly.

The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel both gave warnings concerning those who speak unfaithfully in saying, *"Peace, peace,' But there is no peace."* (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11, and Ezekiel 13:10) There are many in authority in this nation making promises with man's wisdom during this time of trouble, and we must not give heed to those who are unfaithful.

"While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NASB) We see this scripture still yet looks very familiar to the warnings given by Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and it would be wise for us to heed unto God's Word and hear directly from Him, rather than putting confidence in man at this time. God's Word is the only Word that we should trust and have confidence in, for anything short of His Word could potentially cause harm to not only us, but also the rest of the body as well!

***"For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger]."* Proverbs 3:26 (AMPC)**



NEVER STOP BELIEVING IN HIS NAME

"For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth" Philippians 2:9-10 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

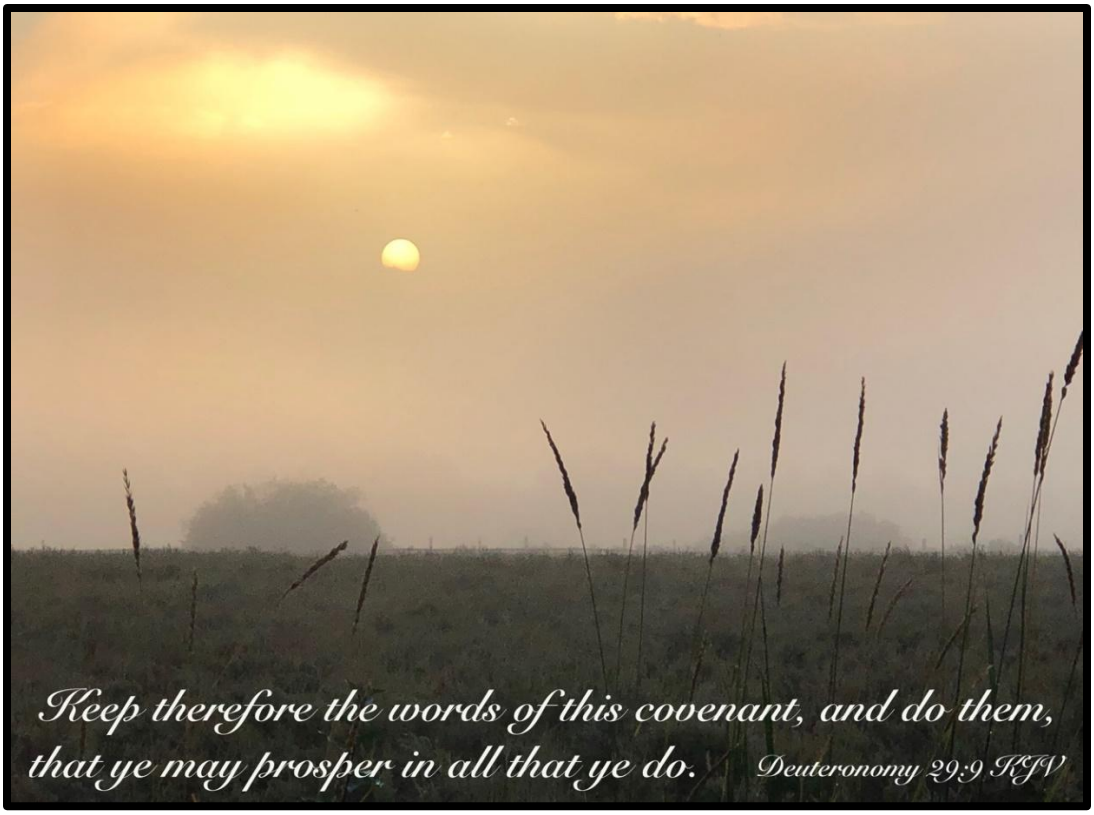
Remnant, God gave Jesus a name before which every being in all three of these realms shall bow and confess His Lordship. As if that was not enough, the name of Jesus is a name which is above every name! God also gave Jesus Christ the highest place in all the universe, making Him head over all things. (Ephesians 1:22) Jesus inherited His most excellent name from God, and the name of Jesus Christ is available to us right now to fight our present-day battles - and win!

There is an urgency to be reminded that as we are in trials, we must KEEP BELIEVING in the name of Jesus! Let us be reminded today of the true power...**IN THE NAME OF JESUS**.

"*Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk!*" Acts 3:1-6 (KJV)

We all know this story, however, let's look at some key factors here. This man **NEVER** gave up expecting a change in his life…. despite the fact he had been crippled all his life.... he was still **EXPECTING**. When Peter came to this man, of all the things he could have talked to him about or given him, Peter chose to talk about and give him healing through the **NAME OF JESUS**! He finally walked! His dreams came true! *"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."* Acts 3:16 (NKJV)

THROUGH FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THIS MAN RECEIVED HIS HEALING, AND YOU CAN TOO!
JESUS IS THE NAME ABOVE ALL OTHER NAMES!



HAVE YOU NOT READ?

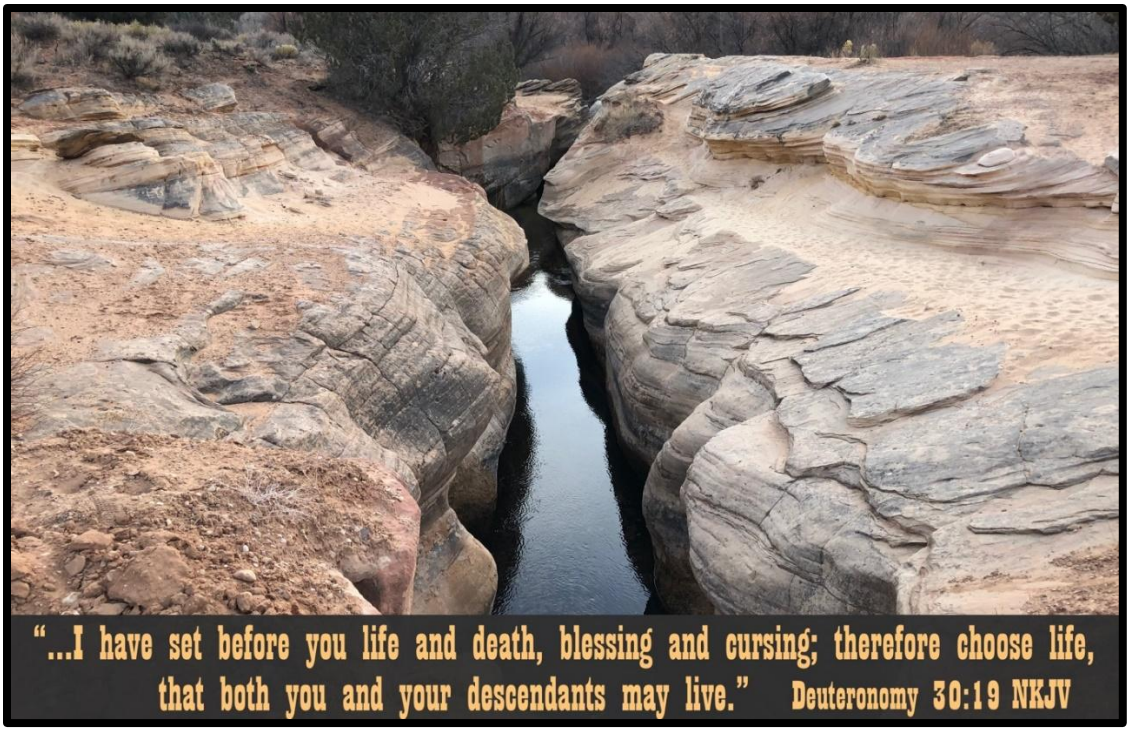
"At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"
Matthew 12:1-2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we see in this passage above (also recorded in Mark 2:23-25 and Luke 6:1-3), we see that a group of religious people were seeking to find fault in the disciples that followed Jesus. As they ignorantly made accusations against the disciples, Jesus did not engage in strife, nor did He grow arrogant in His response to them. He stood in confidence as He boldly declared the truth, and He asked them, *"…"Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"* Matthew 12:3-4 (NKJV)

These religious people honestly believed in their heart that they were justified in their accusations. However, as Jesus questions them, we see that they truly did not know the scriptures or they would not have attempted to accuse the disciples or the Son of God. Jesus did not stop there, for He goes on to say, *"Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"* Matthew 12:5 (NKJV) Truly they had not read the scriptures; however, they were professing to be wise (in their own eyes), thus they became fools. Romans 1:22

What was their error? It was the simple fact that they had not read God's Word, and they spoke in ignorance as they erred from the truth.

Religion causes people to error from the truth, for they have a security in something which does not exist, for all that is built upon the doctrines and commandments of man will fail. God's Word will never fail. We can be born of His Word, and hear it, read it and be ONE with it, OR we can be born of something else. Anything not of the truth, however, is a lie.



RECEIVING PERFECT WISDOM

"*For with God nothing is ever impossible and* ***no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment****."* Luke 1:37 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in our search for wisdom it is crucial to remember that God's wisdom is the most perfect. His wisdom is His Word. Let's meditate on the definition of His Word right from the Word. "*For the Word that God speaks is* ***alive and full of power*** *[making it* ***active***, ***operative***, ***energizing***, *and* ***effective****]; it is* ***sharper than any two-edged sword***, ***penetrating*** *to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature],* ***exposing*** *and* ***sifting*** *and* ***analyzing*** *and* ***judging*** *the very thoughts and purposes of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12 (AMPC)

Have you ever been in a situation in which you have said, "Had I known that was going to happen, I would have never done what I did."? God doesn't want us to be caught in those situations. When we stay in His Word and meditate upon it, we have the power and all wisdom that is needed for **EVERY** situation! Let us not forget all the attributes from Hebrews 4:12. One key to obtaining wisdom is praying before we read the Word of God. You will be amazed at what happens when you do this! God's Word is preventative maintenance in our lives. Oftentimes, if we are not staying in His Word, we are allowing ourselves to be open to the temptations of the enemy. Then, if we are not on guard, we could get sucked into the schemes of the enemy.

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law ***shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it****.* ***For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."*** Joshua 1:7-8 (NKJV)

There is a connection with staying in His Word and prospering and being successful! God wants us to prosper and be successful in ALL realms: mentally, physically, emotionally, financially, and above all spiritually.



EVIDENCE OF OUR BIRTH COMES FROM OUR MOUTH

"*But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith*.." Romans 10:8 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

Paul makes a powerful declaration here in Romans, and we can conclude that no one could honestly deny that in a true believer, the presence of God's Word in one's heart and mouth is the very evidence and confirmation that they are indeed born of God.

"And I have put My words in your mouth;" (NKJV) Here in Isaiah God says He puts His Word in the mouth of His people. His Word has power, and He will not leave us powerless when we use His Word!

"*For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*." Isaiah 55:10-11 (AMPC)

The true remnant knows, trusts, and believes in His Word. **It never fails**. Once God's Word is spoken, it has the power to accomplish. It may happen suddenly. It may not happen for years. One thing is for sure; God's word **NEVER FAILS**, and it is **FOREVER!**

So really, what do we have to lose? Nothing! We are always triumphing when we speak His Word, for it goes to work immediately!

Be challenged today and every day to speak God's Word! His Word is His will!



THE NAME OF THE LORD BRINGS SALVATION

"Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

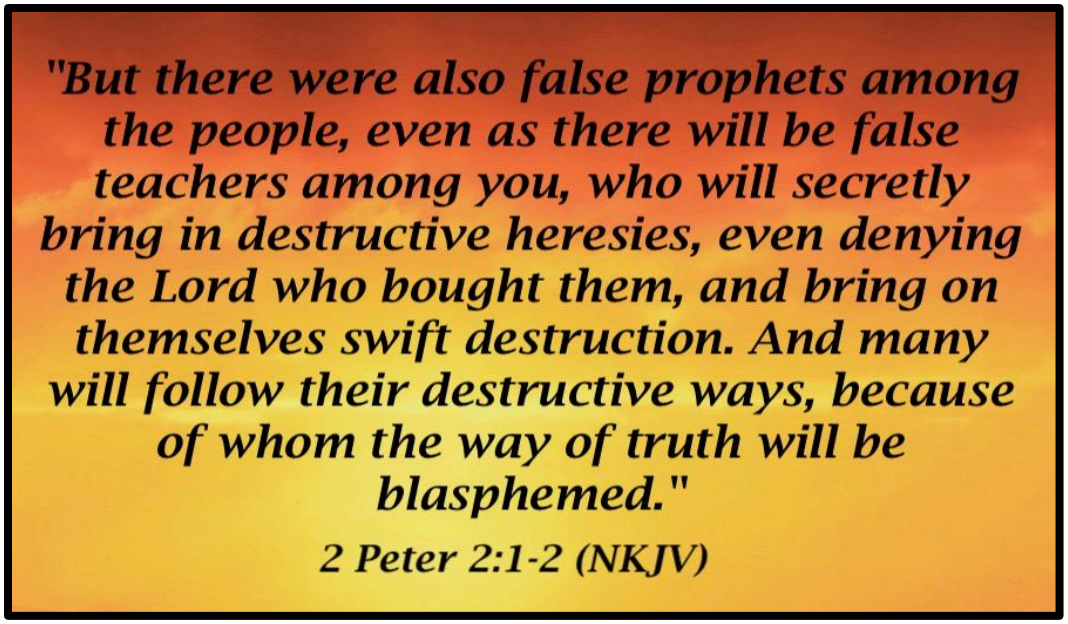
Remnant, in getting back to the basics of the Word of God, we dive into this foundational scripture. We all know that Romans 10:9 is foundational in our walk with God; however, too many times this scripture is thought of as just a "one-time confession." Well, dear friend, that is exactly what our adversary wants us to believe, but it could not be farther from the truth.

Let's start at the beginning here: *"… if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord…"* First off, we must remember that we cannot separate the written Word from the Living Word (Jesus), for it is the Word that *"… became flesh and dwelt among us…"*! John 1:14 (NKJV)

Next, we have "…*and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead…"* Let us not too quickly forget *"… the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

In conclusion we have "… *you will be saved…"* In the Greek this word *saved* is *sṓzō* (Strong's #4982), which means: properly deliver out of danger and into safety; used principally of God rescuing believers from the penalty and power of sin – and into His provisions (safety). Please note that it says deliverance from danger into safety. By proper application, we see that it applies to having His eternal life both here and now, not just in the sweet by and by.

Jesus told His disciples, *"You call Me the Teacher (Master) and the Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is what I am."* John 13:13 (AMPC) When the Word of God is Lord of our lives, we acknowledge and confess it. We acknowledge and confess His Word, for we believe the Word is alive and working. The result is that we are delivered from all danger here and now and for all of eternity! *"… His name is called The Word of God."* Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) So, call on the Word!



IF YOU CONTINUE IN HIS TRUTH, YOU ARE HIS DISCIPLES

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"
Amos 8:11 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we do not have to look extremely far to see that there is certainly a famine for the Word of God today. It is just like when Jesus told the religious people, *"…you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you."* John 8:37 (NKJV) Ecclesiastes 3:15 reminds us, history repeats itself.

In Jeremiah's day we see a 4-fold downfall of the Word of God, and if we have ears to hear and eyes to see, we can see that this is happening today in our religious systems. May this not only be revelation but a warning to us. The downfall goes as follows:

First, the true Word was a **reproach** unto them: *"To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it."* Jeremiah 6:10 (KJV) The religious people were ashamed of God's Word then, just as the religious people today are ashamed of Jesus (God's Living Word).

Second, the true Word was **rejected**: *"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?"* Jeremiah 8:9 (KJV) Again, just as the religious people rejected the written Word then, so also they now reject Jesus (God's Living Word).

Third, the true Word was **made fun of**: "*Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now."* Jeremiah 17:15 (KJV) Carnal-minded religious people were openly making fun of the Word of God because they could NOT see with spiritual eyes what it (the Word) was doing. In the eyes of a carnal-minded believer, the Word of God has no power. Remember, they also made fun of Jesus (God's Living Word).

Finally, the true Word was **perverted**: *"And the oracle of the Lord shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his oracle; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God."* Jeremiah 23:36 (NKJV) Many religious organizations "claim" to believe the Word of God, though they only believe the perversion of man-made doctrines.



TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:5 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, let us today be aware of where we stand in our minds. In this world we are in, without discipline any of us could have the potential to fall victim to the schemes and wiles of the enemy, through our mind.

Paul reminds us again that we do have the mind of Christ here. *"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? "**But we have the mind of Christ**"* 1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV)

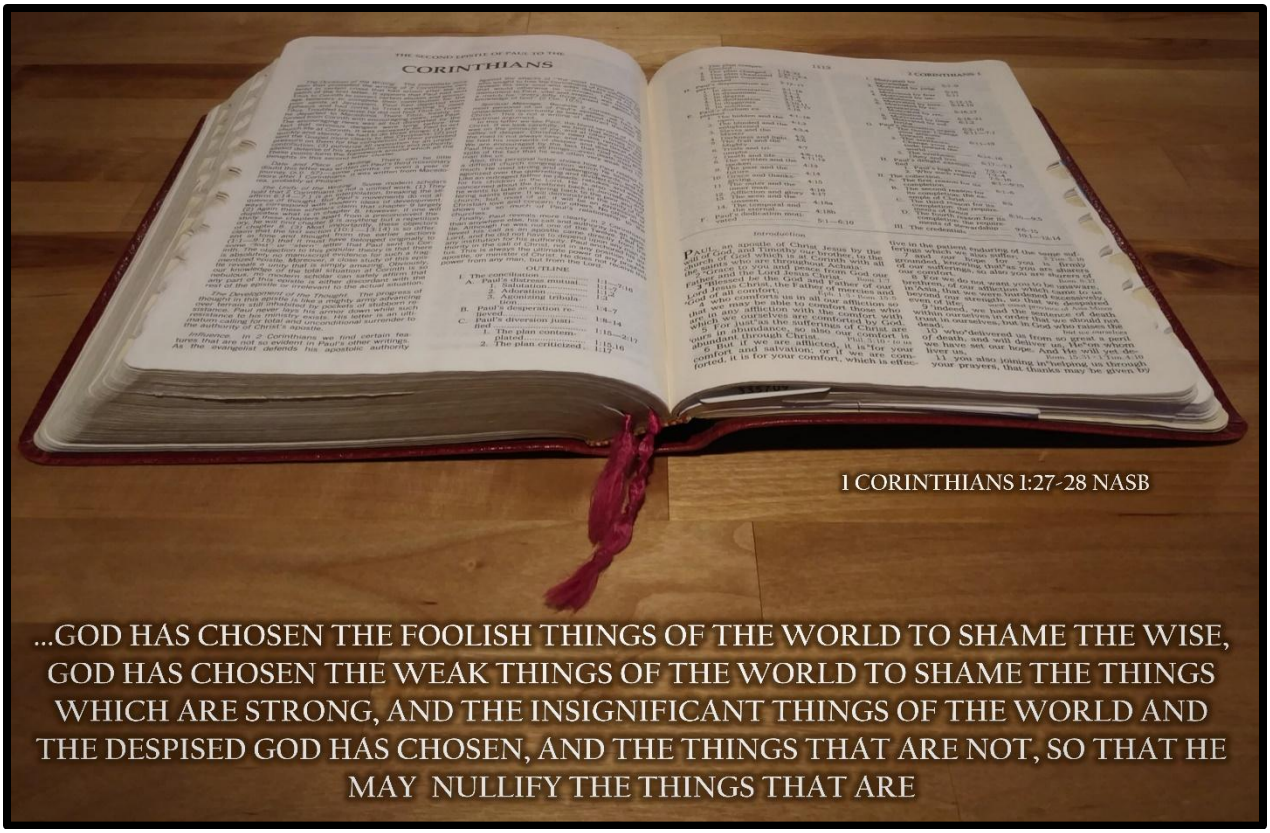
Our minds are like computers in that they are PROGRAMMABLE. One of the ways that we can see what areas may need some reprogramming or renewing is having an awareness of what is happening through situations. Remember, the remnant is **NOT IGNORANT** concerning the enemy's devices.

The next time a situation arises, stop and meditate; "is what I am thinking right now lining up with the "**mind of Christ**"? If we will investigate this, then we can all see where we are strong and where we need to be in the Word of God, renewing our minds in those weaker areas with **strict discipline**. We all should filter our thoughts through the Word of God. Keep the thoughts that line up with God's Word, and any thoughts that do not, need to be discarded immediately.

Then when we do away with that thought, it will quickly be replaced by another thought. That is where we MUST be in the Word of God to ensure the new thought comes from the Word of God.

"for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NASB)

Satan will try to give you his thoughts, so *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* James 4:7 (KJV)



WEIGHTY LETTERS FOR OUR LEARNING

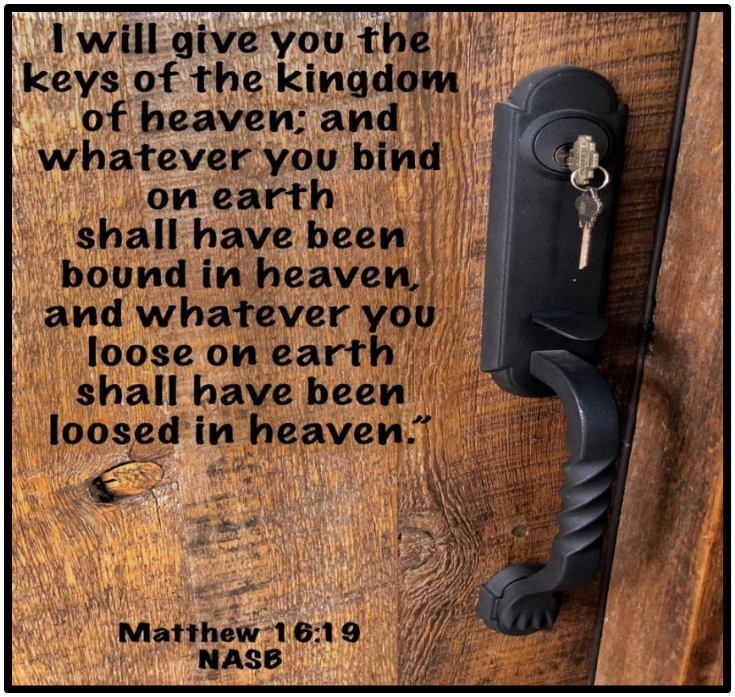
"…His letters are weighty and impressive and forceful and telling, but his personality and bodily presence are weak, and his speech and delivery are utterly contemptible (of no account). Let such people realize that what we say by letters when we are absent, [we put] also into deeds when we are present—"
2 Corinthians 10:10-11 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know and recognize that the above scripture was written by the apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit for our learning. You see, even in Paul's days as the Holy Spirit was moving through Him in these precious letters, the religious people were always challenging him and attempting to quench the Spirit by which his weighty letters were written. In the eyes of religion Paul was certainly not qualified to preach the gospel in any way, for in the eyes of men he had not been approved.

In one of the weighty letters Paul told them, *"…you desire and seek [perceptible] proof of the Christ Who speaks in and through me…"* However, the very fact that they were looking for proof of the Christ Who spoke in and through him was direct confirmation to Paul that this massive power of Christ was dealing with their hearts already! "*…[For He] is not weak and feeble in dealing with you, but is a mighty power within you;"* 2 Corinthians 13:3 (AMPC)

Why didn't God choose Apollos to write these letters? The Word describes Apollos as *"…a cultured and eloquent man, versed and mighty in the Scriptures."* Acts 18:24 (AMPC) He was not chosen, for he was still lacking in knowledge. We go on to read *"…when Priscilla and Aquila heard him,* [Apollos] *they took him with them and expounded to him the way of God more definitely and accurately."* Acts 18:26 (AMPC)

Why did God choose such a man like Paul to write these weighty letters? Why was about one fourth of the New Testament written by the Holy Spirit through Paul, of all people? We must go back to our first scripture. One of the reasons that God chose Paul over anyone else was that what he said by those letters when he was absent...**he also put into deeds when he was present**.



BINDING AND LOOSING IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"*Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."* Matthew 18:18 (NASB)
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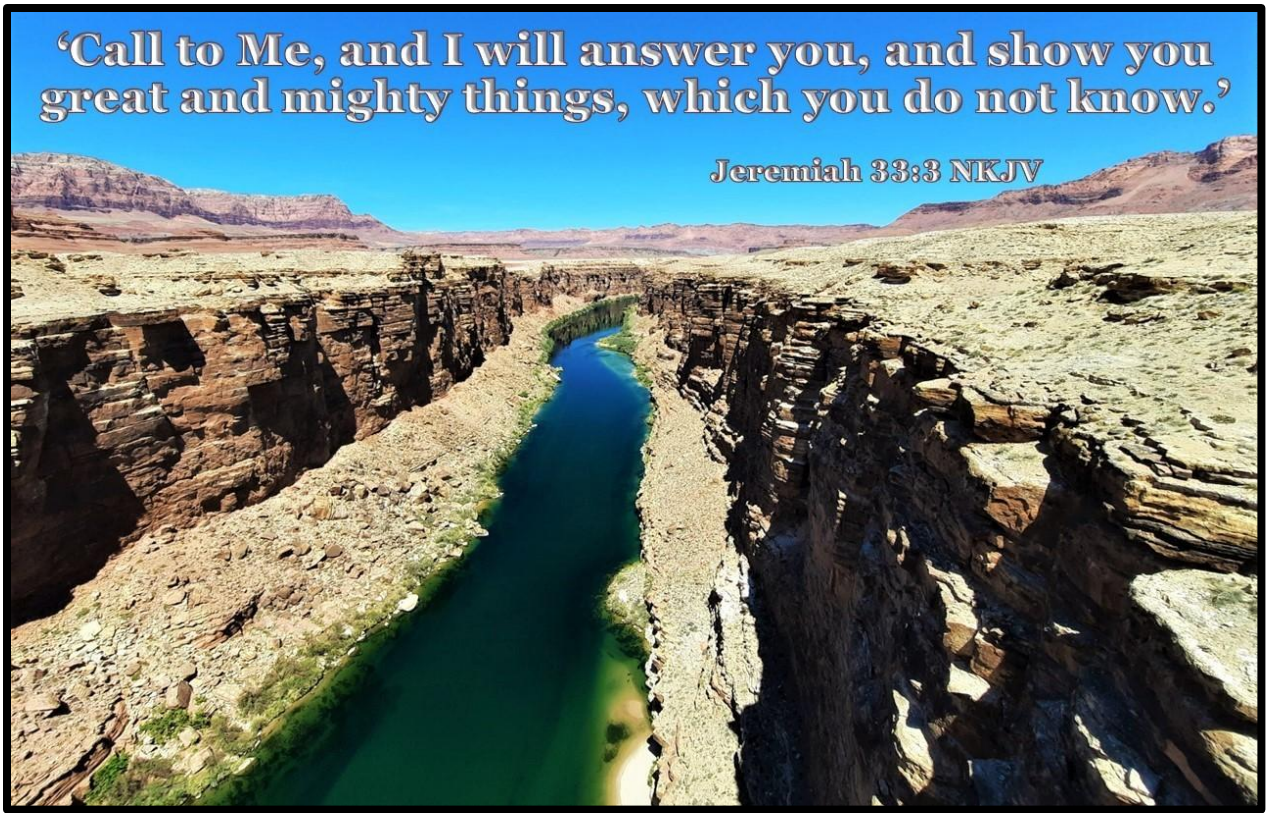
Remnant, to rightly-divide His Word we will take the words bind and loose from Matthew 18:18 back to the Greek for the true meaning. The word bind is *deó* in the Greek (Strong's #1210). *Deó* is a verb, and it literally means: to bind, tie, fasten; to impel, compel; to declare to be prohibited and unlawful. The word loose here in the Greek is *luó* (Strong's #3089). *Luó* is also a verb, and it literally means to lose, untie, release: I break, destroy, set at naught, contravene; I break up a meeting, annul.

What is important to remember is that both words are verbs, and verbs imply action, right? Jesus is saying that whatever we bind, tie, fasten; impel, compel; declare to be prohibited and unlawful on earth HAS BEEN bound, tied, fastened; to impelled, compelled; and declared to be prohibited and unlawful in heaven. He is saying that whatever we lose, untie, release, break, destroy, set at naught, contravene; break up meetings, and annul on earth HAS BEEN loosed, untied, released, broken, destroyed, set at naught, contravened; every meeting broken, and disannulled in heaven. THIS AUTHORITY HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO US.

God's Word also says, *"But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house."* Mark 3:27 (NASB) This word *bind* here in this verse is the same word and usage as in Matthew 18:18. We do have the authority over the strong man who holds people (even us) captive; however the strong man must first be bound.

Jesus told the seventy disciples (which still applies to us as disciples today since God is not a respecter of people), *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Luke 10:19 (NKJV) The authority has already been given to us over ALL the power of the enemy. All we must do is exercise this authority.

WHAT WILL YOU BIND AND WHAT WILL YOU LOOSE TODAY?



DESIRING TO KNOW WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS TO REVEAL

“…yet ye have not, because ye ask not.” James 4:2 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we must remember that one Word from God can profoundly change our lives forever! Isn’t it about time that we get all our orders from His headquarters? There are many things happening in this land, leaving us feeling disturbed or spiritually ill. Not having peace about something is good in that it is a warning from the Holy Spirit, revealing to us that we need some Divine Guidance, kind of like how we should listen to our bodies when we need to eat, drink, sleep, etc. We should also be listening to the Holy Spirit for all the needs of our spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who knows just what our spirit has need of.

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, ***He will guide you into all the truth****; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and* ***He will disclose to you what is to come****.”* John 16:13 (NASB) The Holy Spirit WILL certainly disclose to us what is to come! Most certainly He will guide us into all truth, for He can only give what He is, and He is truth.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, ***He will teach you all things****, and* ***bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”*** John 14:26 (NKJV) Since this was Jesus speaking here, we see yet another example of the Holy Spirit and God’s Word working together, teaching us all things, and bringing all things to our remembrance. However, remember the book of James says, *“...ye have not, because ye ask not.”*

We all have questions, so are we asking? How much do we desire to know what the Holy Spirit wants to show us? To the remnant, since we are dwelling in God, and God is dwelling in us, His guidance is top priority. He reveals to all those who desire to know, so that we may be in His perfect will always and know great and mighty things that are to come!



WHAT THE REMNANT HAS TO OFFER WILL COME AT A COST

"But King David said to Araunah, No, but I will buy it of you for a price.
I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing...."
2 Samuel 24:24 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this text above comes after David sinned against God (2 Samuel 24:10), and his sin opened the door for destruction upon his people (2 Samuel 24:15).

David received instruction from God on how to repent of this sin (2 Samuel 24:18-19), and we learn he would stop at nothing until he had completed this task, which brings us to the first verse above.

You see, David was told to build an altar to God according to God's command. He was told to build this altar on the threshing floor of Araunah. David approached Araunah regarding this, and Araunah offered to give to David all he needed for the sacrifice (2 Samuel 24:22-23).

Since David was part of the remnant, there was no way in which he could possibly fathom offering a sacrifice to Almighty God that cost him nothing. This is a type and shadow set forth for our learning.

What kind of a sacrifice are we offering God today? Is it costing us anything or are we just going through the motions every week?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1 (NKJV) Are we truly presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, laying down all we know, all we are, all we have become, and forsaking all, for Him?

"Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.]" John 12:25 (AMPC)

Father, in the name of Jesus, show us any areas in which we may be lacking in offering an acceptable sacrifice unto You with all our heart, all our mind, and all our soul. Give us the wisdom to correct these areas.



COMPETING BY THE RULES

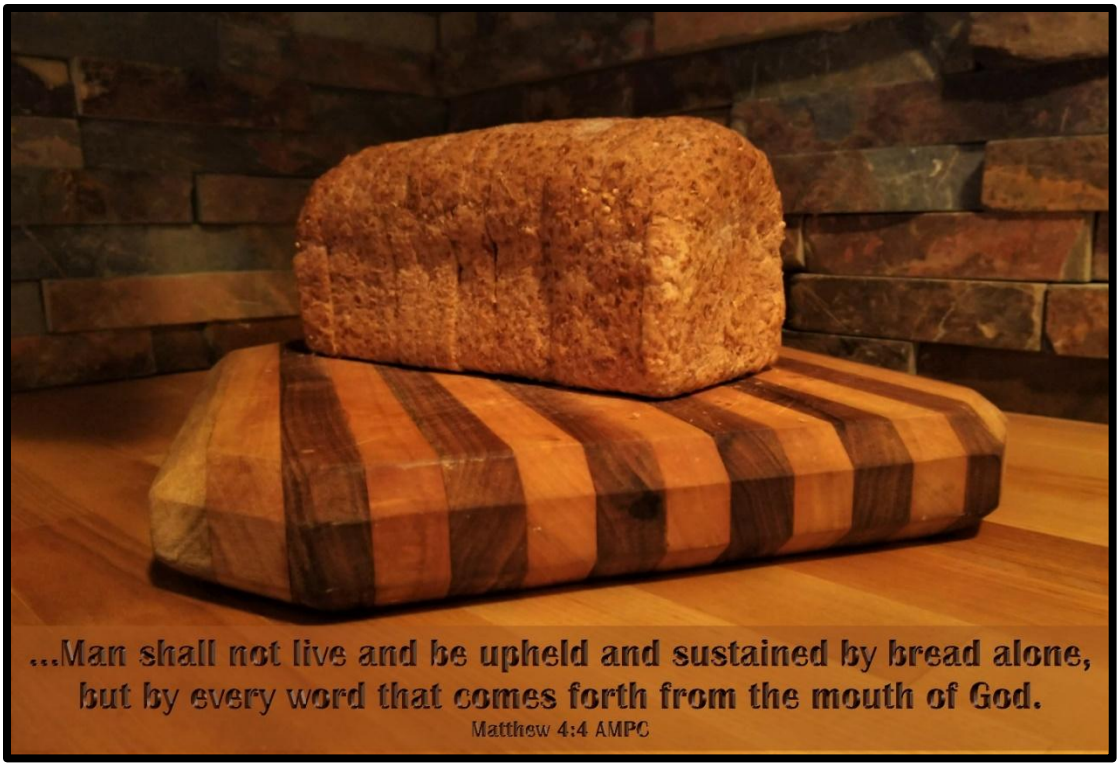
"…if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."
2 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we see here in the Word of God that Paul is comparing a natural competition to one in the spirit "for our learning." Just as a competitor in the natural MUST play by the rules to receive his winnings, we too must play by the rules. Like any other sport in the natural world, we can be disqualified in our spiritual race if we do not play by the rules. Paul further explains here by saying, *"Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way as to avoid hitting air; but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."* 1 Corinthians 9:25-27 (NASB)

There are some key points here in "playing by the rules." When it comes to our spiritual walk, we notice Paul says, we must exercise self-control in all things (which is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.) This pertains to self-control according to a rightly divided Word of God. Another key here is that we are instructed to have an aim or target. Our aim and target must be furthering a rightly divided Word of God. Then, we must fight strategically, and our strategies must all line up with a rightly divided Word of God. Finally, Paul says, in order that we would not be disqualified, we must make our bodies our slaves. Slaves to what? Slaves to a rightly divided Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. When our bodies in the natural world are slaves to them, then we are playing by the rules and will not be disqualified in our spiritual competition.

The Word of God is our "rule book", and though teachings and doctrines of men may seem to advance us in our competition, those very teachings and doctrines must line up with a rightly divided Word of God or we could face being disqualified. If there is any confusion about the rule book, then we have a responsibility to ask the author of the rule book for revelation, just as an athlete would.

***"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)**



BEWARE OF LEAVEN

"… "Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?" 1 Corinthians 5:6 (NKJV)
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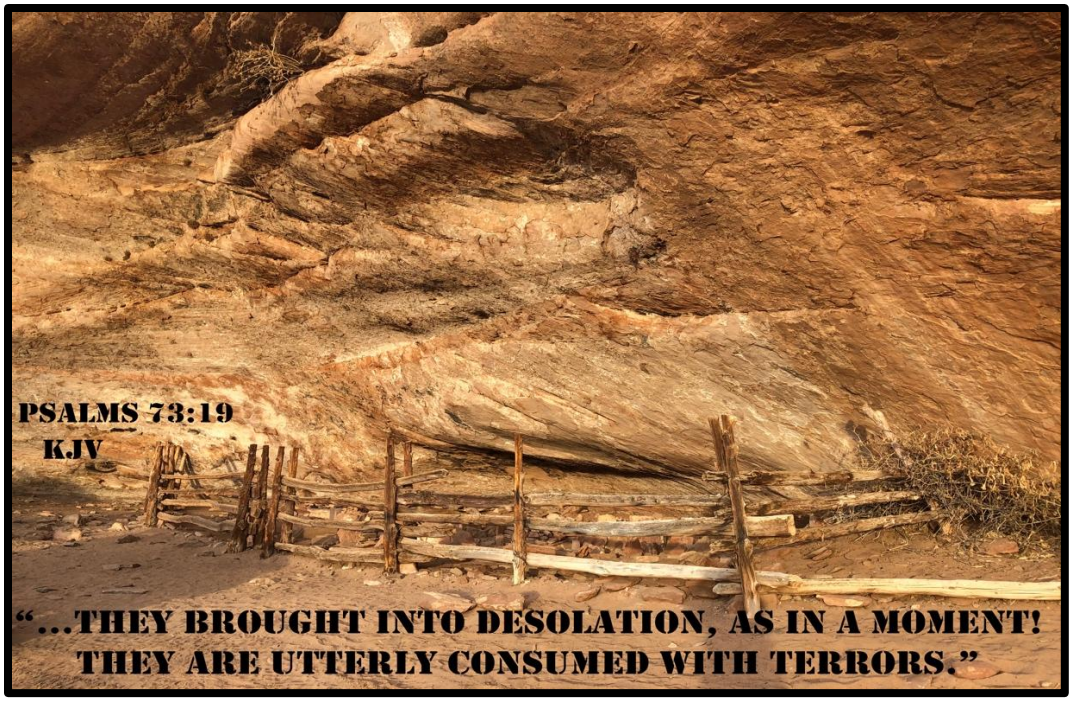
Remnant, Jesus gave us warning three times concerning leaven. He warned concerning the leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herod. (Luke 12:1; Matthew 16:11-12 and Mark 8:15) We see here how leaven is used not only in religion but also in the governmental scene as well, for as we know Herod was a king of the Jews. It is interesting to note that these two groups represent religion and government. Now to take this a step further, let's look at an example of how religious groups work together with governmental groups to accomplish their goals, which are contrary to God's goals.

You see, after Jesus had healed the man with the withered hand, this is what happened. *"… the Pharisees went out and immediately **plotted with the Herodians** against Him, how they might destroy Him."* Mark 3:6 (NKJV) The Herodians were partisans of Herod.

The word leaven in God's Word is used consistently in a bad sense. For example, in Exodus 12:15, concerning the Passover, we read that leaven was commanded to be removed from the houses of the people, and the people of Israel were told that if they ate leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, they would be cut off from Israel. In Exodus 34:25; Leviticus 2:11 and Leviticus 10:12 it was commanded that leaven could not encounter any sacrifice. Well, are we not supposed to be presenting our bodies, a living sacrifice? (Romans 12:1) If so, we cannot allow leaven to creep in, no matter what source it may be from.

In conclusion we are reminded when Paul reproved the Galatians, he said, *"You were running the race nobly. Who has interfered in (hindered and stopped you from) your heeding and following the Truth? This [evil] persuasion is not from Him Who called you [Who invited you to freedom in Christ]. A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church]."* Galatians 5:7-9 (AMPC)

Leaven is a major pandemic in this world now, as the day of the Lord is nearing. It is coming literally from any group you can imagine. Leaven works against the perfect will of God, and it does not take much. We would all do well to give heed to what we hear.



GREAT REWARD COMES WITH REMAINING IN HIS WORD

"Whoever despises the word and counsel [of God] brings destruction upon himself, but he who [reverently] fears and respects the commandment [of God] is rewarded."
Proverbs 13:13 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that this scripture is nothing new, and though many may not believe in the spiritual laws that God has set forth, their unbelief in these laws by no means makes the laws ineffective.

In the reign of king Zedekiah (who did evil in the sight of the Lord), we read that *"…all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the Lord which He had consecrated in Jerusalem."* 2 Chronicles 36:14 (NKJV) Despite this fact, God had tremendous concern for these people, and He *"…sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place."* 2 Chronicles 36:15 (NKJV) Sadly, this was their response: *"…they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets,* ***until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy****."* 2 Chronicles 36:16 (NKJV) This obviously is a type and shadow of what was to come, right? God keeps sending warnings to people, and it is to their advantage to receive the Word and Counsel of God in order that they may avoid destruction.

"He who keeps the commandment [of the Lord] keeps his own life, but he who despises His ways shall die." Proverbs 19:16 (AMPC) Many people (even those who go to church) live their lives like there are no consequences to face, because they are not beholding His face, by remaining in His Word. *"Evil pursues sinners, But to the righteous, good shall be repaid."* Proverbs 13:21 (NKJV)

It is the responsibility of the remnant to not only remain in His Word but also be the messengers used by God in these last moments.

"Blessed (happy, to be envied and spiritually prosperous - with life- joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account. Be glad and supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you." **Matthew 5:11-12 (AMPC)**



TO *AGAPÁŌ* GOD IS TO HAVE HIS *AGATHÓS*

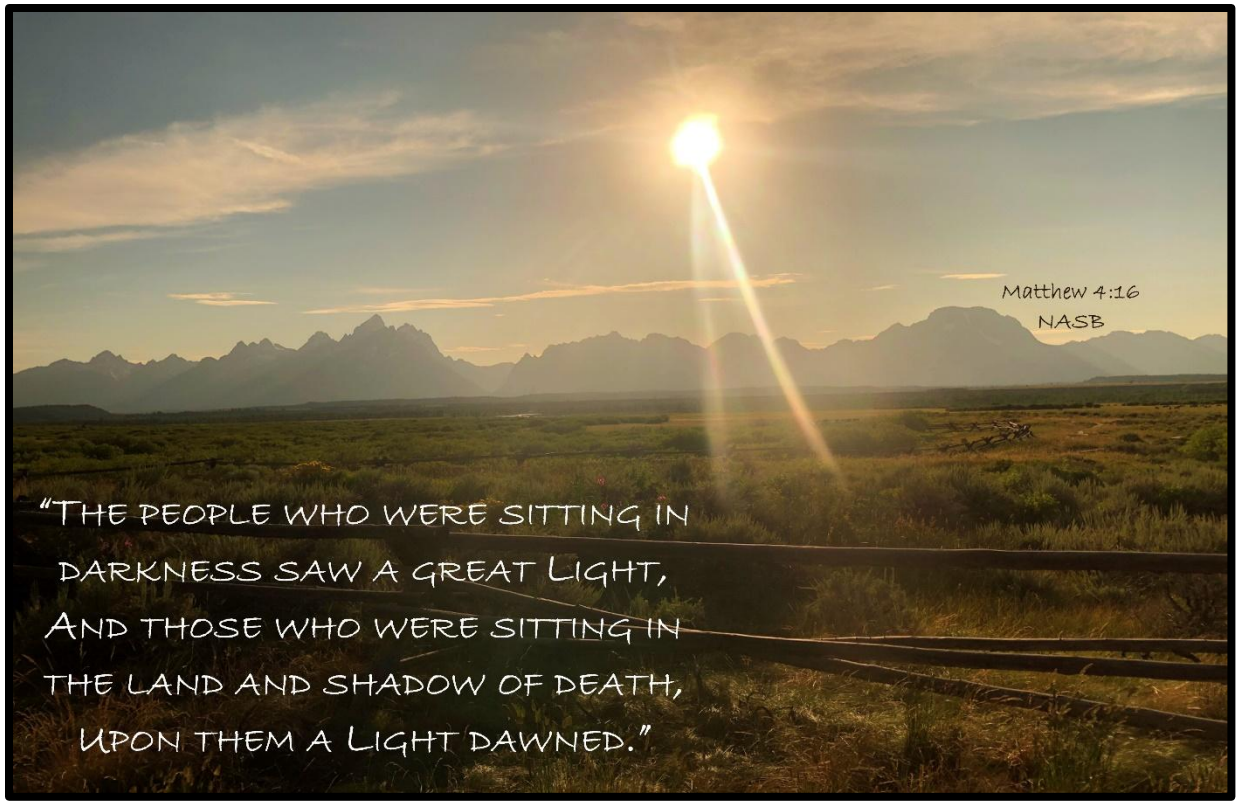
"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there seems to be quite a disconnect in the mind of many believers with this verse. This is a favorite verse for many believers however, they may not see the full revelation of it. For many their focus is that all things will work out for their good, because they love God. There are two key words here that bring a fuller revelation to us; those words are love, and good.

First, let's look at the word *good*, in the Greek. *Good* as used in this verse is *agathós* (Strongs #18) and means– inherently (intrinsically) good, as to the believer. *Agathós* describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their lives, through faith. We see how this word *agathós* looks vastly different in the eyes of what God considers good, and what man considers good. For instance, good to some might mean that they have a bed to sleep in, clothes to wear, and food to eat. Good to others might mean that they have a new home, brand name clothes, and 2-3 BMW's or Mercedes in the driveway. Good to God is different than either of them. *Agathós* is a type of good that originates from God, and it is His empowerment working in someone's life as they trust Him. Some examples of *agathós* in God's eyes would be advancing His kingdom, praying for someone, teaching the truth of His Word, and anything that would bring HIM glory; it is not at all about us.

Finally, we look at the word *love* in the Greek. *Love* as used in this verse is *agapáō* (Strong's #25) and means actively doing what *the Lord* prefers, with Him (by His power and direction). This is the greatest form of love there is. *Agapáō* forsakes all, as it is powered by ONE source: God. To have a love for God anything less than *agapáō* means that we will never come to the true goodness that God wants to work out for us. God's Word tells us:

"So then, any of you who does not forsake (renounce, surrender claim to, give up, say good-bye to) all that he has cannot be My disciple." **Luke 14:33 (AMPC)**



SHINE HIS LIGHT AT THE APPOINTED TIME

"So Moses declared to the sons of Israel the appointed times of the Lord."
Leviticus 23:44 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is the light of Christ that illumines through His body however, since we all have different qualities, our light rays may differ slightly. Individually it may not seem like we all come to the same balance of light nevertheless, by working together in unity, with each of us doing our part, we will bring the whole clear light forth from the blending of the many lights. One important thing for each of us to realize is that our message is not a whole message, but a part. Therefore, it is important that our message be delivered to the right part at the appointed time, and that it not be delivered where, and when it should not be.

See here in the following verses, the message of judgment and the message of restoration are brought forth at the appointed time. *"Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."* Isaiah 60:1-3 (AMPC)

"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 13:41-43 (NKJV)

There are two prophetic messages here. The fiery message of judgment and doom is for Babylon (the Godless worldly system and the Harlot Church) and for those who are following her teaching. And the message of glory and restoration is for the Body of Christ, the Church with Christ as Head — those who are being purified, those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and those who do not love their lives to the death.



THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVES

"Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me." Ezekiel 2:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

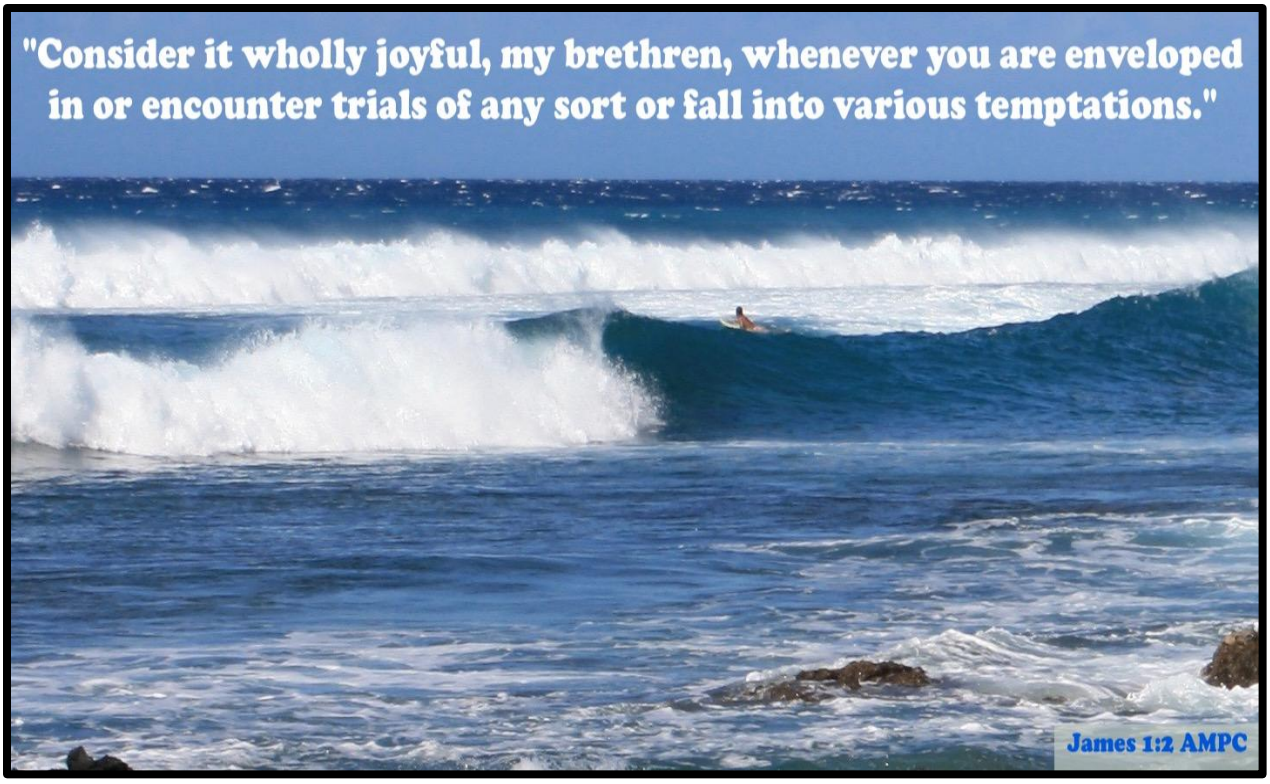
Dear remnant, the Spirit of God is most certainly on the move today. However, are we allowing His Spirit access to our spirit continually? Are we allowing His Spirit to speak to us? Are we listening to His Spirit, instead of quenching it? If we are unsure about any of the answers to any of these questions as to the operation of God's Spirit in our lives, may we get back to our first love; and allow His Spirit to control us in every aspect of our lives today!

When we read God's Word, from Genesis to Revelation, we see that the Spirit of God is moving on nearly every page of His Word! The Spirit of God is endeavoring to be made manifest in and through any vessel that will allow Him to use them. Whether they be young or old, male, or female, rich or poor, of reputation or not, and furthermore God's Spirit does not care if the vessel is human or not; remember Balaam's female donkey? All God's Spirit requires is a willing vessel!

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) The remnant has been born of, and anointed by, His Spirit; therefore, there is no way possible that His chosen remnant could not be "on the move". In fact, if we were "not on the move" with His Spirit, we would have already been left behind; for <u>His Spirit never rests</u>.

If the Spirit of God (*pneuma Theos*) moves, and His Spirit dwells in us-then we are moving in unity with His Spirit. Is His Spirit driving us today? His Spirit leads us to the broken and confused as well as to the angered and prideful. His Spirit will always give us the necessary seeds to plant in each soul.

"[The Servant of God says] The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught]."
Isaiah 50:4 (AMPC)



RIP TIDE RELAXATION

"*…we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God*."
Acts 14:22 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, a very experienced surfer once said, "When you face a rip tide in the ocean, the best thing that you can possibly do is relax. If you fight the rip tide, it will only draw you deeper into it. However it is when you relax that the tide will work in your favor, bringing you right back to safety." Doesn't that really hit your spirit man? This is yet another example of using the natural to explain the supernatural realm.

"*Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified*." 1 Peter 4:12-14 (NKJV) We can clearly see Paul's instruction inspired by the Holy Spirit of relaxing in that rip tide, right? Though it may not always feel like it in the natural, the Spirit of God is resting upon you as you are abiding in Him, and it is for that reason that we can relax in Him in the midst of much tribulation.

"*Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings,* ***knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation***." Romans 5:2-4 (AMPC) Here is another example of the rip tide working in our favor, right? That is precisely why it says in Acts 14:22 that it is through much tribulation that we enter the kingdom of God!

The tribulation is that "rip tide" working in our favor to allow us to enter the kingdom of God.



GOD'S WISDOM LIFTS US UP INTO HIS PRESENCE

"*But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God— [that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].*" 1 Corinthians 2:7 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, many times in the natural, the wisdom of God will seem outrageous to the carnal mind. What did the carnally minded people think about the wisdom that God gave to Noah regarding the flood, Moses regarding the Red Sea, Elisha regarding the dead child, and even Jesus regarding the blind man? **We must come to realize that it is God's wisdom that is lifting us up into the glory of His presence**!

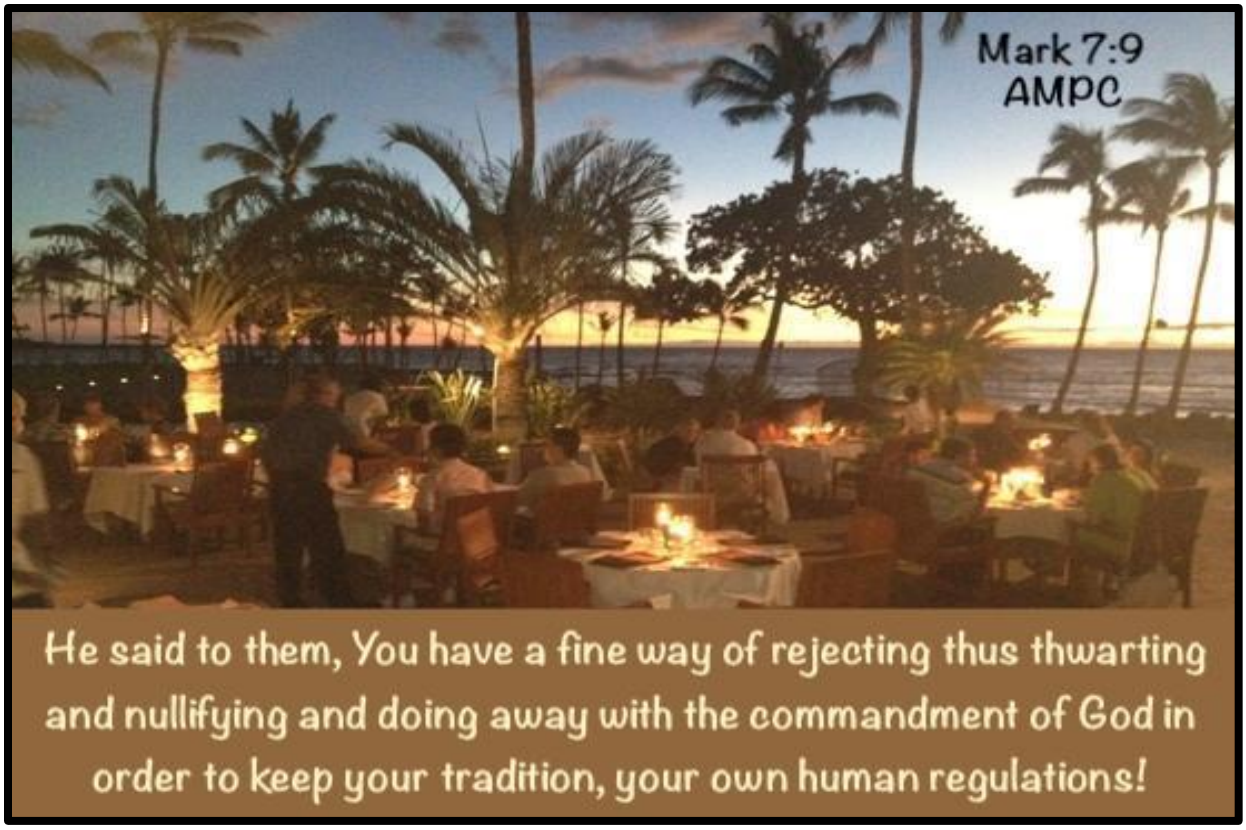
"In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor, Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence)," Ephesians 1:7-8 (AMPC) Many people say they want God's wisdom; however, when He gives His answer, we have two choices…take it or leave it. Many will leave it because God has given them an answer like He gave Noah, Moses, Elisha, and Jesus.

Paul knew it was God's will for His people to have and operate in His wisdom, so this was His prayer directed by the Holy Spirit for them and for us also today!

"*For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things—*" Colossians 1:9 (AMPC)

It is essential to operate with the wisdom of God and have discernment of the spiritual aspect of all things. Thank you, Father, in the name of Jesus, for Your abounding wisdom and understanding in all things.

WE DO POSSESS THE MIND OF CHRIST!



BIBLE VERSES MAN - WHOM WILL YOU BELIEVE?

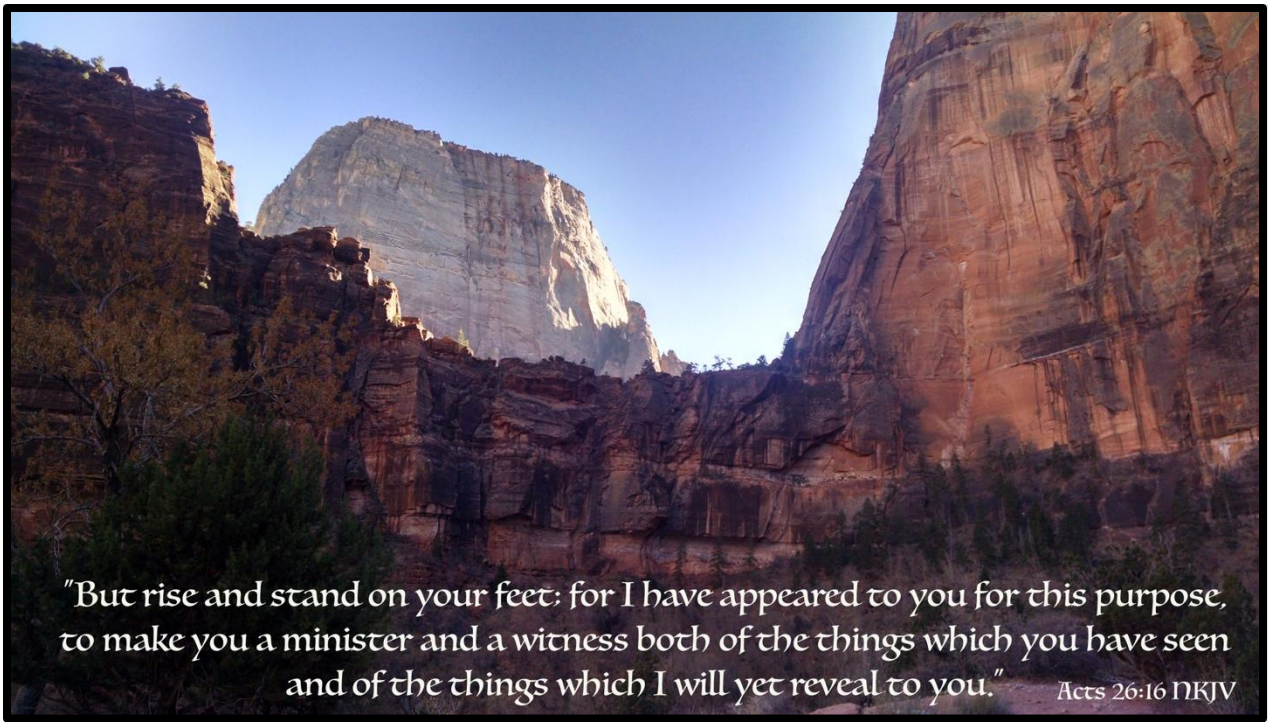
"... you are nullifying and making void and of no effect [the authority of] the Word of God through your tradition, which you [in turn] hand on…"
Mark 7:13 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

The Word of God teaches Christ is the head of the body/church. "*He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."* Colossians 1:18 (NASB) Many traditions of men teach the pastor or the priest is the head of the church. Whom will you believe?

The Word of God teaches us that water baptism is not necessary as a means of entering into heaven, for Jesus told the man next to Him on the tree (who was about to die, and there was no way for him to be baptized in water), *"…Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."* Luke 23:43 (NKJV) Many traditions of men teach water baptism is required, and though some may teach it is not required as far as scripture is concerned, it is still insisted for membership/acceptance. Whom will you believe?

The Word of God teaches that the Holy Spirit is a gift to all and has been promised to all. *"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call*." Acts 2:38-39 (NKJV) Many traditions of men teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for us and only existed in the bible days. Whom will you believe?

The Word of God does not teach that one must be ordained by man to teach/preach the gospel, for when Jesus chose the 12 apostles in Luke 9, this is what they did. *"…departing they went about from village to village, preaching the Gospel and restoring the afflicted to health everywhere."* Luke 9:6 (AMPC) Many traditions of men require you must be ordained by man and receive your ordination papers to preach/teach. However, what man should think they have the authority to say who should teach or preach <u>if a person has been chosen by Jesus Christ</u>? Whom will you believe?



TAKE YOUR PLACE AND STAND ALREADY!

"Then He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet and I will speak with you!" Ezekiel 2:1 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, though we are a humbled body, there is sometimes confusion as to where we are in God's presence. We have no need to cower away from God, for we stand with Him in ministry! Right here we read that God commanded Ezekiel to stand on His feet, so that He could speak to him! This word *stand* in the Hebrew is *amad* (Strong's #5975), and it means to take one's stand, stand. Also, to note, this is a verb which implies action! Being in ministry with God requires action. It requires taking our stand in the truth of God's Word. If we do not, who will?

Come on, we are joint heirs with Jesus, right? Well, where did Stephen see Jesus when he saw into that spiritual realm? Stephen saw Jesus *"… standing at the right hand of God"* Acts 7:55 (NKJV) Remember, Jesus is our example, and we are to follow in His footsteps. (1 Peter 2:21)

In Genesis we read there were two men with Abraham that turned back and went towards Sodom, *"… but Abraham still stood before the Lord."* Genesis 18:22 (NKJV) This word *stood* in the Hebrew is also *amad.* You see, Abraham not only stood for the truth in the presence of God, but He interceded for the city of Sodom out of the love of His heart. He was bold in the presence of God, as He stood!

Jesus told us the prophet Daniel was standing in the holy place, when He received the revelation of the abomination of desolation. (Matthew 24:15) In the Greek this word *standing* in Matthew 24:15 is like unto *amad* in the Hebrew. This word *is histémi* (Strong's #2476), and the usage implied is "I make to stand, place, set up, establish, appoint: I place myself, stand, I set in balance, weigh, I stand, stand by, stand still; I stand ready, stand firm, am steadfast." We must stand attentive to hear the Word of God and be ready for action!

***"… having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."* Ephesians 6:13-16 (NKJV)**



SPIRITUAL GENETIC STUBBORNNESS - IT IS IN OUR GENES

"Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope."
Acts 2:26 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we know, this was part of Peter's powerful message, which the Holy Spirit had anointed him to release, and it is also a direct quote from the Holy Spirit through David in Psalm 16:9.

There are two key words of reflection that will be our focus today, which are rest and hope. The word *rest* here is *kataskénoó* (Strong's #2681) and is defined as to pitch one's tent, encamp, dwell. The word *hope* is *elpis* (Strong's #1680), which is defined as expectation, hope.

Now, as we put the two of these together, we form our question for the day. Have we pitched our tents to encamp and dwell in expectation and hope? Or do we have our tents pitched elsewhere, dwelling in things we ought not to be dwelling in, as we are the royal seed of Abraham?

We find that our father Abraham *"…against hope believed in hope…"* Romans 4:18 (KJV) When everything was stacked against Abraham, to the point he was beyond hopeless in the eyes of many, he refused to move his tent and dwell anywhere else. If Abraham had been shaken by what he had seen and had decided to dwell elsewhere, he would not have been in the perfect will of God, nor would he have been pleasing to God, for without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

Abraham was stubborn, for he knew the promise that he should be the heir of the world was not to him or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. (Romans 4:13)

We, as the remnant, refuse to pitch our tents and dwell anywhere else, apart from hope and expectation of the fulfillment of God's kingdom on this earth. No matter how hopeless the situations around us may appear, we have a spiritual genetic stubbornness which was inherited from our father Abraham, and we are fully persuaded that everything God has promised us, He is more than able to perform. (Romans 4:21)

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)



HIS WORD PERFORMS WHEN WE SPEAK IT

"By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible." Hebrews 11:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

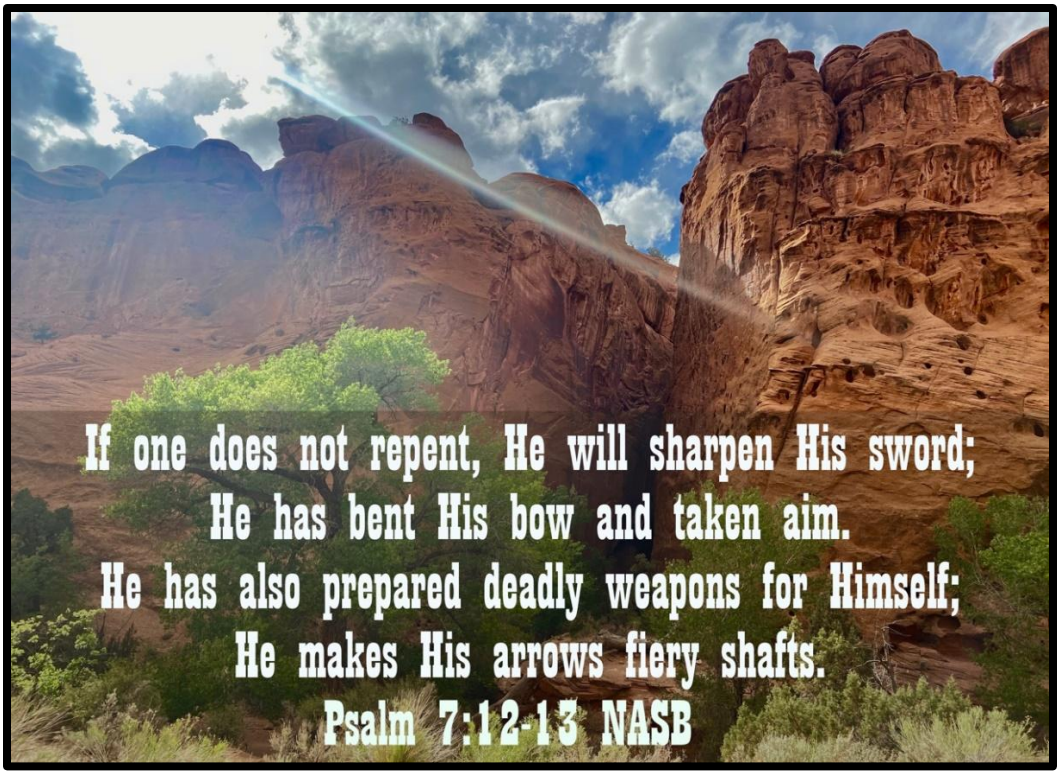
Remnant, as we read God's Word, pray, and believe, His perfect will is being done. When we read this verse with the correct understanding, we see the word ***worlds*** is not *kosmos,* like the created world. The correct interpretation of the word ***worlds*** here in the Greek is a*iōns,* which is Strong's #165, and it means "space of time, an age", like a certain age or dispensation.

It is extremely critical that we understand this as a rightly divided word. When we read this in the correct understanding, it reveals a whole new meaning! Rightly divided, we see it is by faith that we understand that the ages and dispensations were in fact put in order by God and equipped for their intended purpose. It was all put in place by His Word.

"For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord nullifies the plan of the nations; He frustrates the plans of peoples. The plan of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen for His own inheritance." Psalms 33:9-12 (NASB)

Here in Psalms, He spoke His Word, and it was DONE! He commanded His Word, and it stood fast. Anyone using His Word has the power to execute all that His Word can do. It is by the Word of God that the counsels of nations are nullified. It is by His Word that the plans of people are frustrated. His counsel stands forever, according to His Word.

With each age and dispensation God has provided something better - a better covenant with better promises! Therefore, in our dispensation and age, God has provided something better for us that generations in the past have never had! (Hebrews 11:40)



THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WE WILL EVER USE

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV Please pray before reading.

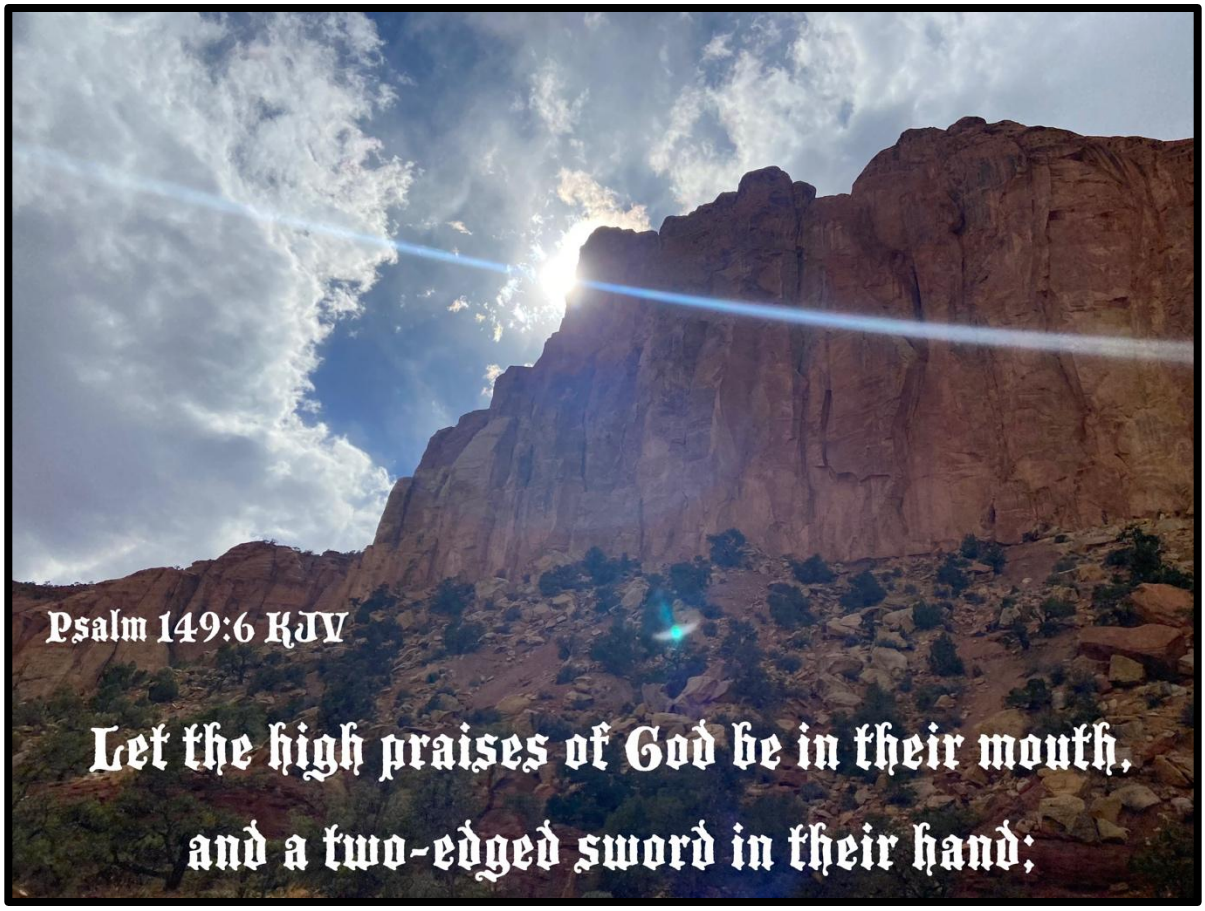
Remnant, our weapons of warfare are not carnal, but **MIGHTY** through God for the pulling down of strongholds. What are the strongholds we need to pull down, and get rid of? They are strongholds that the enemy has put in our minds. The devil is not all present and all knowing, but he can put strongholds in our mind that will last there the rest of our lives **if we do not deal with them**. That is why we must **RENEW** our minds with the Word of God and be transformed. When we begin to read God's Word, we will gain revelation of who we really are! Wow! We are what the Word of God says we are. When He says, we are sons of God, we are! When His Word says He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm, we are! It is this way because God said it is. Our lives are programmed by what we say. We are prophesying our own destiny and we are becoming what we have been prophesying.

"Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]." Ephesians 6:16 (AMPC)

Flaming missiles? Wow! See, back then they would light arrows on fire and shoot them as they were flaming. Hence, they were called flaming missiles. Meditate on this, you can quench every flaming missile that the enemy shoots at you. However, you must know your weapon, which is the Word of God.

You would never buy a gun for protection, and not learn how to use it, and just believe that you will know how to use it when you need to. No way! You invest time into gaining the knowledge, so that the knowledge is there when you need it.

The same applies here; you must know your weapon, which is the Word of God, and you must use it.



CONTINUING IN WARFARE WITH PRAYER

"…The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." James 5:16 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, when we go to pray for someone, we pray for that person like we would want someone to pray for us or our family. How would we want somebody to pray for us or our family, if we were dying of cancer? James says that the *"… (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working."* We are talking about wrestling with principalities and powers continually with all our heart. You see, satan is *"… the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"* Ephesians 2:2 (KJV) We must fight spiritual forces with spiritual power.

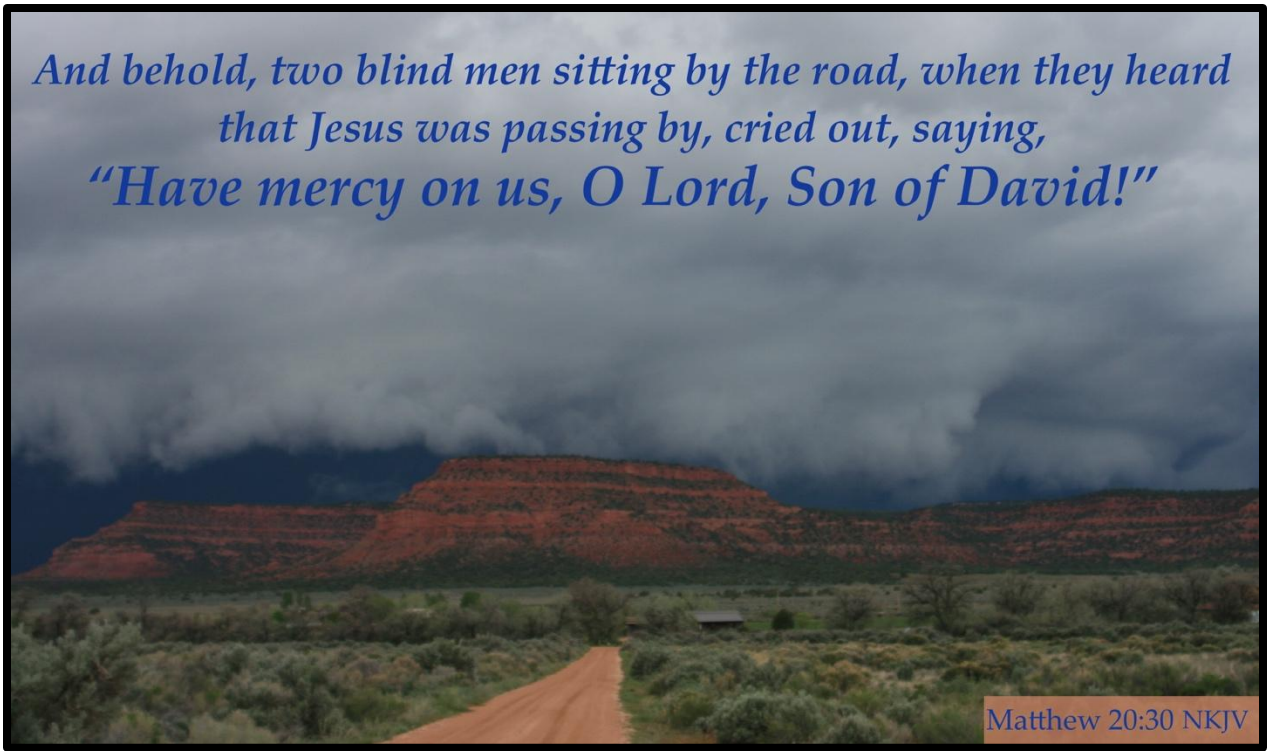
We can easily come under demonic influence and not even be aware of it. He can lead us around by our noses, and we will not even realize it. We must get through satan's atmosphere and stay in God's realm. *"Thus says the Lord, "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool…"* Isaiah 66:1 (NKJV) It is through praise that we enter His tabernacle. Then what do we do? We Speak the Word of God! IT IS WRITTEN!

WE MUST USE OUR SWORD, CONTINUALLY!

To fight the good fight of faith is a powerful thing. We are in a battle. People may say things like "I don't want to play this game"; however, the sad thing is they are playing, and they are losing terribly. It is not that hard. We have all the weapons that we need.

"Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight—" Psalm 144:1 (AMPC)

Are we like David? Are we allowing God to teach us to fight this spiritual battle?



WISDOM IN OUR EYES LEAVES US SPIRITUALLY BLINDED

"And Jesus stopped and called them, and asked, What do you want Me to do for you? They answered Him, Lord, we want our eyes to be opened!" Matthew 20:32-33 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

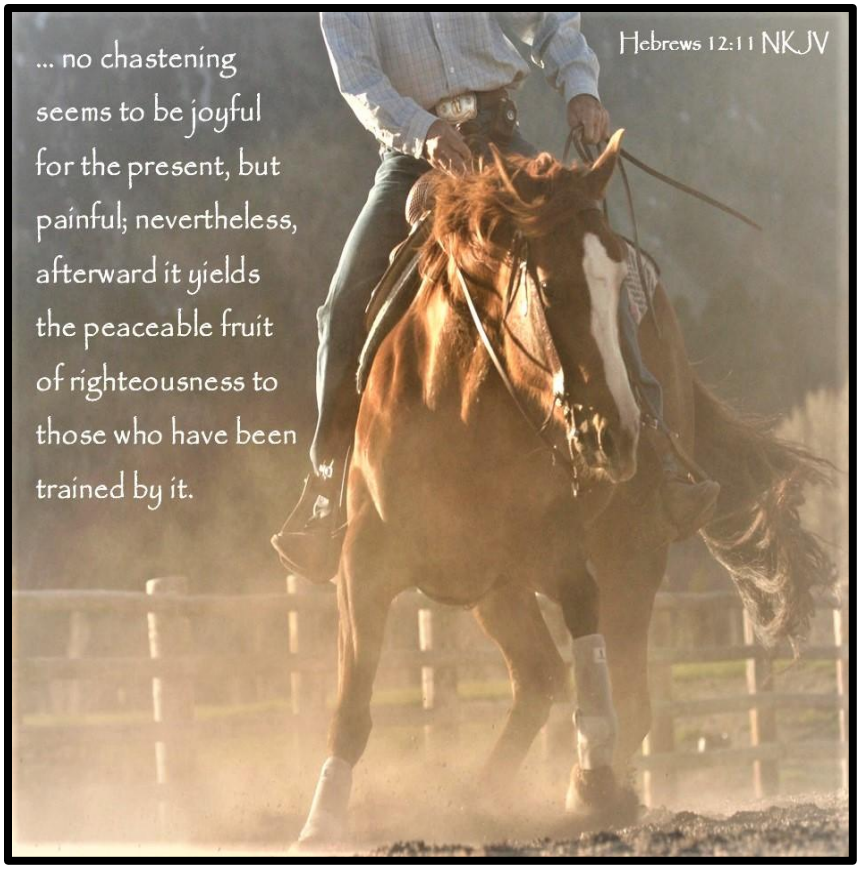
Remnant, when we go back and read this story in context, we see that this was an encounter of *"…two blind men… sitting by the roadside…"* who were crying out to Jesus to have pity on them and heal them. As we know, for every natural situation in God's Word, there is always a spiritual meaning, so may our eyes be enlightened to this deeper meaning today!

For revelation knowledge to enlighten our eyes to this spiritual meaning, we must receive the fact that Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1), and there is no way to separate the written Word from the Living Word! Now that this foundation has been laid, we can clearly see that it was the Word of God that was sent to heal them and deliver them from their destruction. (Psalm 107:20) Their destruction was their physical blindness.

It can be extremely easy to become spiritually blinded, and when one is spiritually blinded, it can be almost impossible to fulfill his purpose and call. Remember the parable in Matthew of how we are commanded to *"Go ye therefore into the highways…"* Matthew 22:9 (KJV)? Well, what about these blind men? Their blindness left them *"…sitting by the roadside…"*, which is exactly where spiritual blindness will leave a person. It is the furthering of Jesus (the Word of God) that enlightens our eyes and heals us of all spiritual blindness!

Paul had a clear understanding of this as the Holy Spirit directed him to pray for the remnant in this manner, that "…*the eyes of your heart* [would be] *flooded with light…"* Why? It is *"…so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you..."* Ephesians 1:18 (AMPC) We cannot be spiritually blinded and expect to completely fulfill our purpose and calling "sitting by the roadside," when we have been sent to the highways! If we are wise, we will call out to the Lord, just as these men did, and Jesus (the Word of God) will heal our spiritual eyes, and we will receive sight! (Matthew 20:34)

***"And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures."* Luke 24:45 (NKJV)**



NO REGRETS

"Hear counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction…"
Proverbs 19:20 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, correction is NOT condemnation. The Lord corrects us <u>because He loves us that much</u>. *"For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights."* Proverbs 3:12 (NKJV) It is love which tells us the facts, <u>even when the facts may not be preferred</u>. True love knows that when you KNOW the truth, it is the KNOWLEDGE of that truth that is going to set you free! (John 8:32).

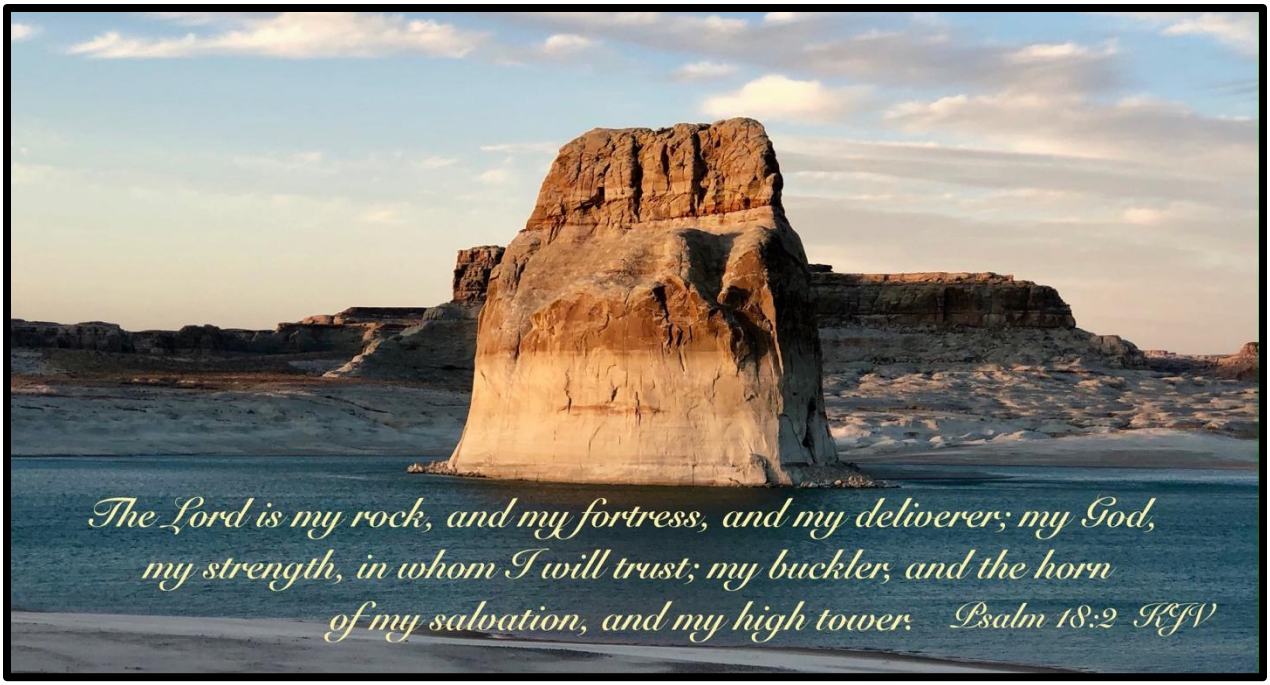
We plainly see here in Proverbs 19:20 how it specifically says we must first <u>HEAR COUNSEL</u>. *"But these are the ones sown on <u>good ground</u>, <u>those who hear the word</u> …"* Mark 4:20 (NKJV) Then we must <u>RECEIVE THE COUNSEL WE HAVE HEARD</u>. It is our receiving of the Word that qualifies us to be called the true children of God. (John 1:12) Since there is no separation between the written Word and the Living Word (Jesus), we can use this scripture, *"As you therefore have <u>received</u> Christ Jesus the Lord, <u>so walk in Him</u>"* Colossians 2:6 (NKJV) Finally, we must <u>ACCEPT THE CORRECTION</u>. When we have truly received His Word, we will accept it and walk in it, bringing forth good fruit!

Ultimately, if we despise His Word that brings correction, we are rejecting the Father's love. *"A scorner has no love for one who rebukes him; neither will he go to the wise [for counsel]."* Proverbs 15:12 (AMPC)

Proverbs goes on to explain the reasoning behind hearing counsel, receiving instruction, and accepting correction, and it is in order that we *"… may be wise in the time to come."* Proverbs 19:20 (AMPC)

Yes, Jesus (the Word of God) accepts us just the way we are, and He is willing to dwell in our hearts, but He does not expect us to remain as we were; He has so much more for us! We encourage you to be quick to HEAR, zealous to RECEIVE, and open to ACCEPT His true Word. <u>You will have no regrets</u>!

***"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, <u>for reproof</u>, <u>for correction</u>, <u>for instruction in righteousness</u>,"* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)**



WHAT ARE YOU BOASTING IN?

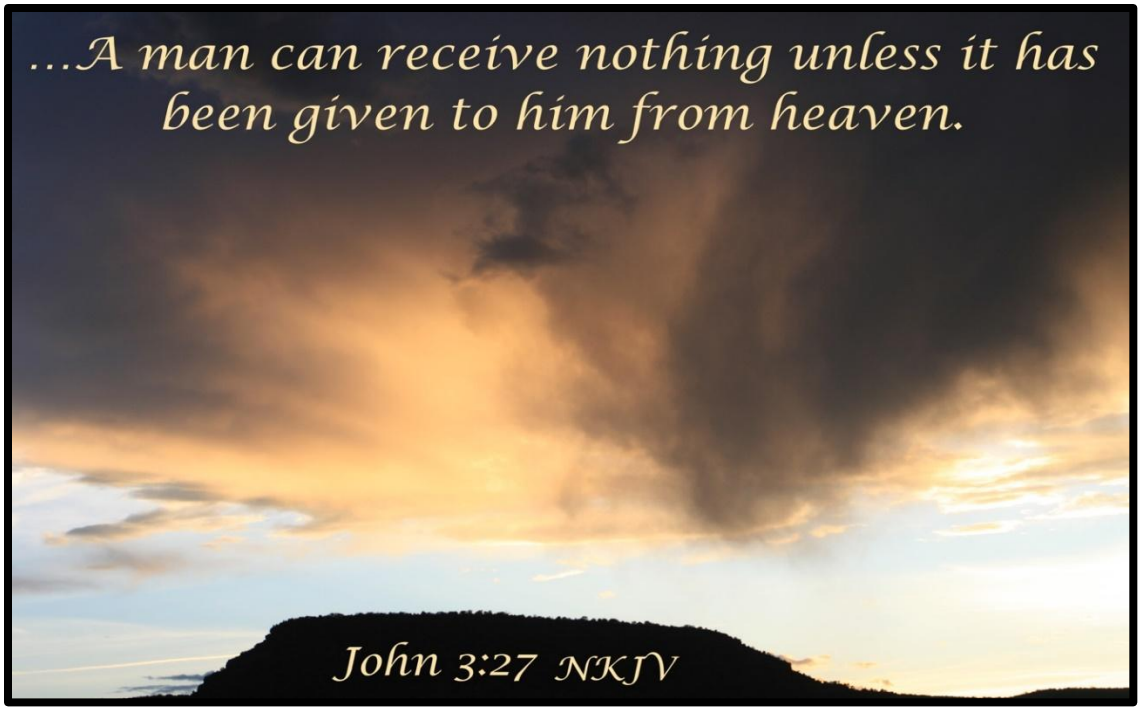
"*Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God*." Psalm 20:7 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is our nature as helpful, loving people that we love to share the knowledge that we have with others to make their lives easier, as we have learned also. For instance, if we learn of a different technique to save time and money, our neighbor must know also. For the remnant, it is no different when it comes to God. When God has brought us out from a pit in which we put ourselves, we boast in Him when we tell others of the power of His deliverance. When God delivers us from destruction and heals our bodies, we boast of His healing power to others. In every situation and circumstance, we must make boast of our God for all to hear, in hopes they will also receive deliverance from everything holding them captive! "*so that, just as it is written: "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord*." 1 Corinthians 1:31 (NASB)

We have all been there at one time or another, standing in a group of people and listening to their boastings. One may make a boast of his recent job promotion, while another may boast of the latest addition they added to their home or a most recent treasured possession they have acquired. **According to God's Word, we boast and glory in God, and knowing Him personally**.

"Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; ***But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord****."* Jeremiah 9:23-24 (AMPC)

Praise God, in Jesus' name, that we know our God personally and intimately, and we are strong and do exploits in Him!



WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO RECEIVE HIS WORD

"and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel," Ephesians 6:19 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

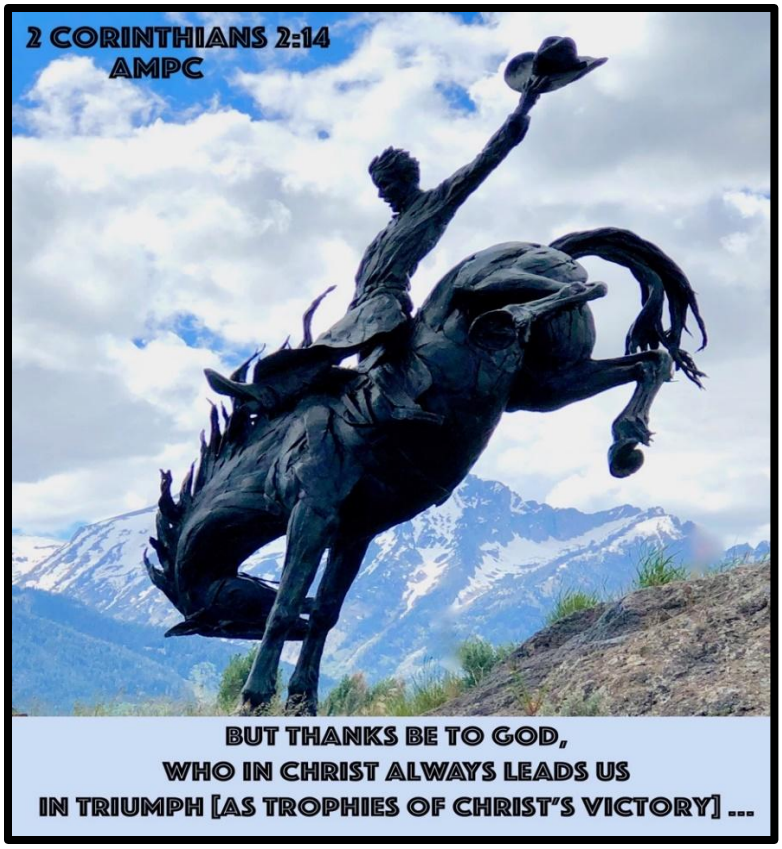
Remnant, this word *mystery* in the Greek is *mustérion* (Strong's #3466), which is defined as: a mystery, secret, of which initiation is necessary; in the NT: the counsels of God, once hidden but now revealed in the Gospel or some fact thereof; the Christian revelation generally; particular truths or details of the Christian revelation. The difference between what "man" may consider a mystery in his limited knowledge and the true meaning of this scripture, according to the Greek, is like night and day. According to a rightly divided Word of God, Paul explains that we can receive this wisdom. If indeed we could not receive it, then we would not be able to boldly make it known. Even though the mystery of the gospel was ONCE hidden, it was at the appointed time that God chose to make it known to ALL His saints who would receive! (Colossians 1:26)

*"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,"*1 Corinthians 2:7 (NKJV) Come on, we all know that God does not show partiality concerning people (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11), so if the people mentioned in the bible were speaking His hidden wisdom, which He ordained, then He surely will not hold back this precious knowledge from us that will only further the advancement of His kingdom!

"He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven..." Matthew 13:11 (NKJV) It has been given unto whom? The knowledge of the mysteries has already been given unto His people! Here is the deal though, when someone gives you a gift, it is up to you whether you want to receive it, right? When God gives a gift, He does not recall it, rather He wants us to receive it, for His gifts are good and perfect (James 1:17) and reap nothing but His perfect will!

When the disciples were questioning Jesus about divorcement, He concluded His answer with *"… Not all men can accept this saying, but it is for those to whom [the capacity to receive] it has been given."* Matthew 19:11 (AMPC)

There is a remnant that God has given this capacity to receive His Word!



THE POWER OF CHRIST RESTING UPON US

"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man" Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

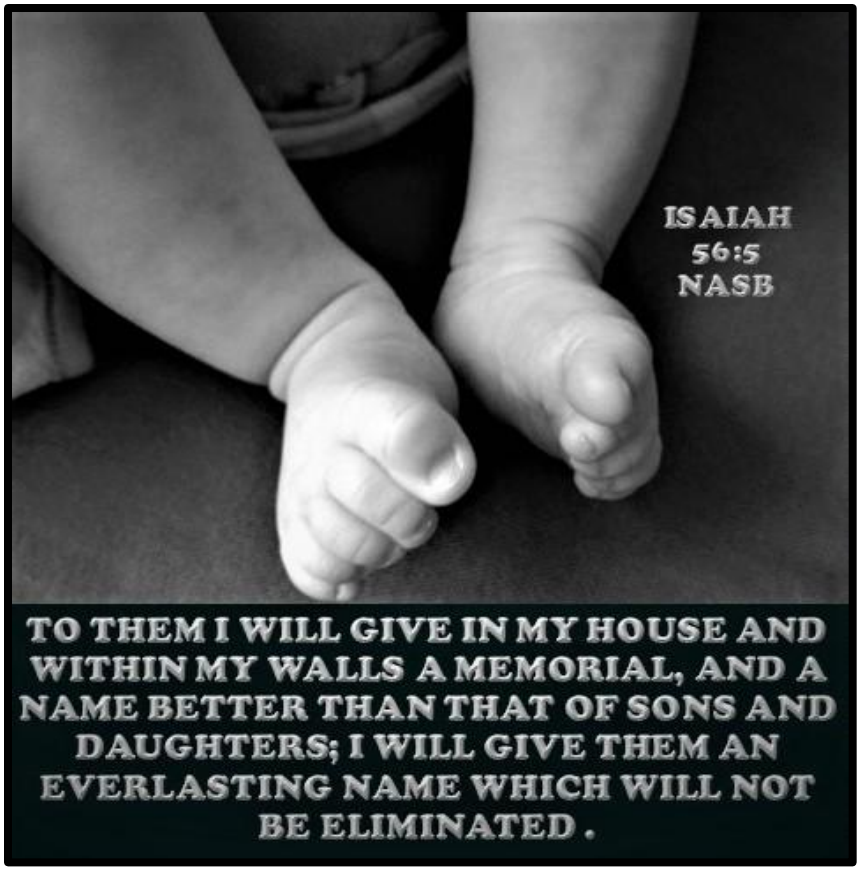
Remnant, as we know, it was Paul who was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write Ephesians and Corinthians. It was through revelations by experience that Paul was given these words of wisdom to be the pen of a ready writer and put this revelation of how to pray in writing for our learning!

Paul knew first-hand what it was like to suffer for the sake of the Word of God. In fact, it was because of an abundance of revelations that Paul received a messenger of Satan to buffet him. (2 Corinthians 12:7) When Paul began to seek God for the departure of this messenger of Satan, God responded by saying, *"… "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..."* 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

Instead of getting offended at God's Word, Paul received revelation, for he was a wise, just man, not a fool. *"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."* Proverbs 9:9 (NKJV) In conclusion, we have Paul's revelation put into writing for our learning, praise God! *"… Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NKJV)

So then, isn't it time for us to receive this revelation that Paul had and take pleasure in the warfare? We know that we are not *"… fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything as coming from us, but our power and ability and sufficiency are from God."* 2 Corinthians 3:5 (AMPC) Absolutely! We must remember that this is God's battle, so we cannot do this in our own strength, but we can absolutely do it in His strength!

***"… 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts."* Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)**



DELIBERATELY CHOSEN CHILDREN

" *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."* John 15:16 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there once was a couple that were told by doctors, they would not be able to have children on their own. They decided to go through the adoption process and adopted a little boy. Years later, they found themselves pregnant with their own child, against all medical statistics. The biological child and the adopted child grew up together. As time went on, the biological child began to make fun of and ridicule the adopted child, giving him a sense of unworthiness. He would say things such as, "You are not a part of this family," and "This is my mom and dad, not yours." This of course upset the adopted child to the max, until one day with a very calm look on his face, the adopted child finally responded to the comments in a very wise manner. He simply said, "When you came into this family, our mom and dad did not have a choice in what they were going to have; you were what they got. But when I came into this family...they **chose** me." Isn't that exactly what happened to us? "*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God*:" Romans 8:15-16 (KJV)

When we come into the family of God, it is no different. One way that we have confirmation that we are His children is that we are led by the Spirit of God. "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*" Romans 8:14 (KJV)

Remnant, when we are operating in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are in a sonship relationship with Him, and it gives us the right to call Him Daddy, Father.

"*And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!*" Galatians 4:6 (AMPC)



STANDING IN FAITH

"For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised."
Hebrews 10:36 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we know that fear and faith CANNOT co-exist, for one who is attempting to live by faith oftentimes will realize, when temptations come, that they are double-minded and unstable in all their ways. (James 1:8) A double-minded person is truly one of two minds. They are as mentioned above, ATTEMPTING to live by faith; however, they are unreliable and uncertain in many things they are thinking or feeling.

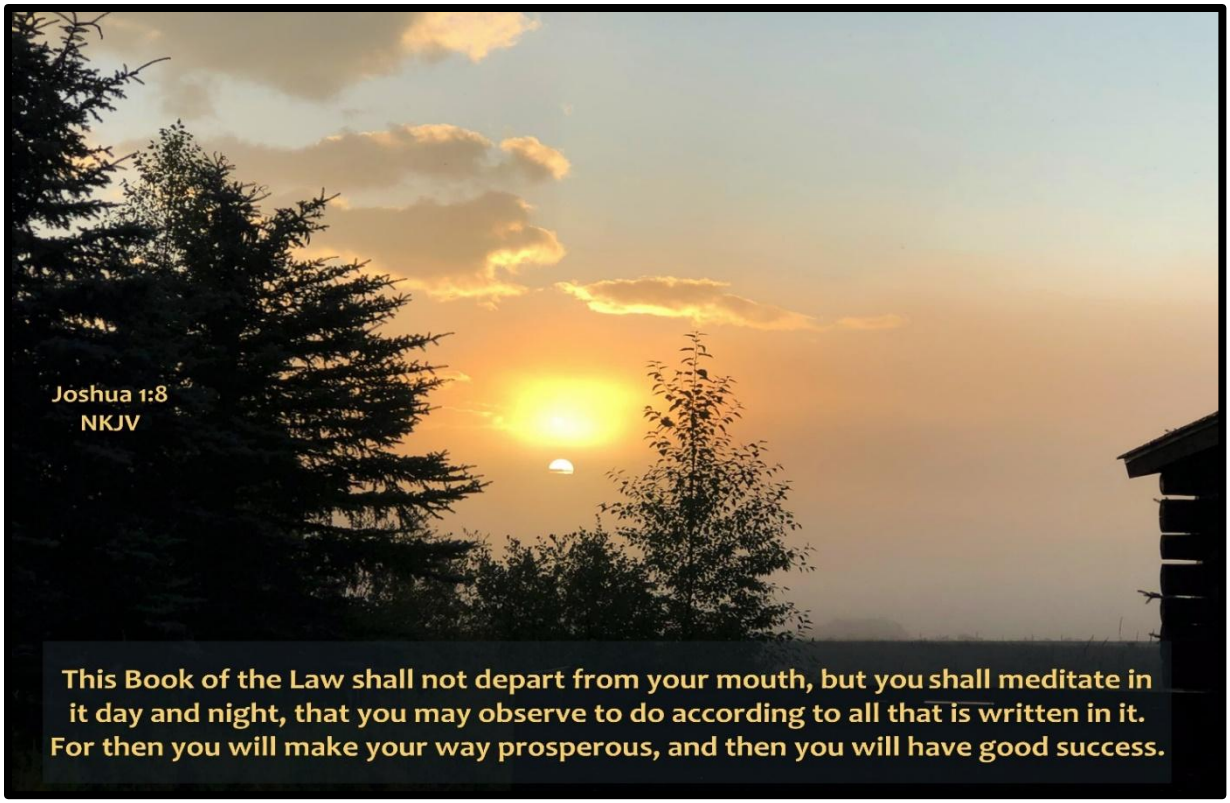
Faith is not something we can ATTEMPT or TRY to have. When we hear the Word of God…truly hear the Word of God, it produces real faith. Real faith causes us to not only hear God's Word but become a doer of His Word. Our ability to be strong in faith is our full assurance that we can do **NOTHING** in ourselves; however, we possess the mind of Christ and confidently proclaim, *"…the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power)."* John 14:10 (AMPC)

Faith has the knowledge that no matter what a situation looks like, God still has the power to turn it around for His good. True faith in God's Word and His promises causes every work of darkness to be brought to nothing!

Faith does not believe in unbelief, for faith does not know the word impossible. *"…all things are possible to him who believes."* Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

We are the remnant who possess this precious faith, and the gates of hell will certainly not prevail against us! We have put away an evil heart of unbelief that would cause us to depart from God, and we do stand upon and are rooted and grounded in God's Word. Having done all, we STAND believing for the fulfillment of all that God has promised!

***"…Do not be faithless and incredulous, but [stop your unbelief and] believe!"* John 20:27 (AMPC)**



LIVING ONLY BY HIS PROCEEDING WORD

"… Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

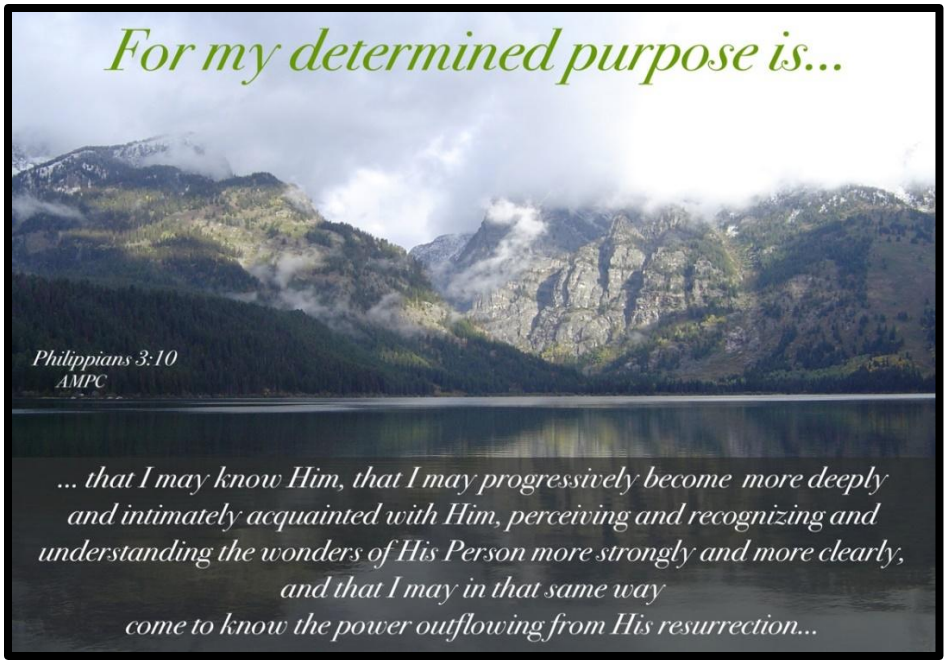
Remnant, the word *proceeds* in the Greek is *ekporeuomai* (Strong's #1607) and means to make to go forth. Also, as a special note even more encouraging, *ekporeuomai* is a verb, which of course requires action!

To put this in concrete, for our learning, we go to the Old Testament. *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) Now, let's pay special attention to the words God spoke in saying, *"… It* [THE PROCEEDING WORD] *shall not return to Me void…"*. In the Hebrew, this word *void* is *reqam* (Strong's #7387) which means; emptily, vainly. Empty is the opposite of filled, just as void is the opposite of full, right?

God's Word is the ONLY thing in life that we can fully trust in and rely on. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."* Matthew 24:35 (NKJV) God's Word will always be fruitful, never passing away; accomplishing every task to which it is proceeding!

It is for that very reason that we have been given this solid rhetorical question in Numbers. *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* Numbers 23:19 (NKJV) God has already spoken. His Words have proceeded out of His mouth. At the very moment His Words proceeded out of His mouth they were alive, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. His Words immediately went into action healing and delivering everywhere that they were sent. (Psalm 107:20) He has not changed His mind; therefore, we live by His Word only!

"[Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose" **Isaiah 46:9-10 (AMPC)**



COUNTING ALL THINGS LOSS, THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST

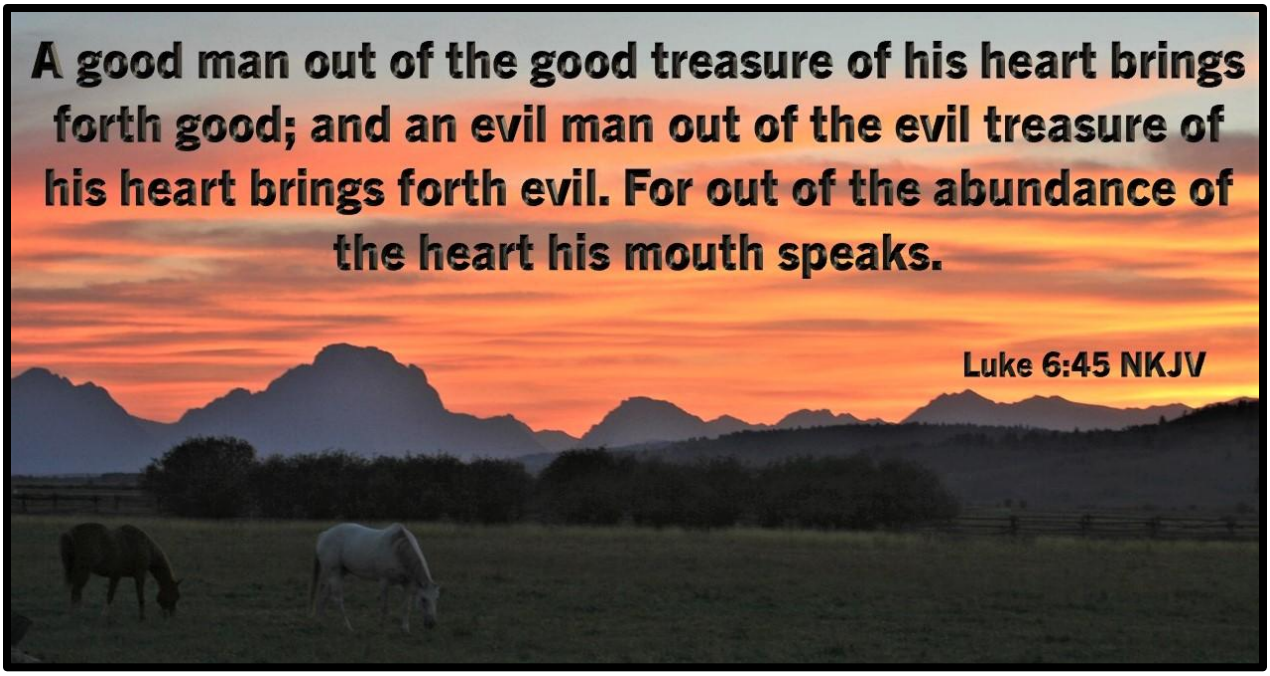
"*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*" John 15:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, God has a purpose intended for what you are going through right now, and the best thing that we can possibly do is continue in His Word for instructions, since we don't always see the whole picture. "*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*" John 15:4 (NKJV)

As the remnant, we all should want to be "fruitful"; however, sometimes going through the "purging process" isn't always easy. Purge means the act of cleansing or clearing. The Word makes it very clear though that we do not want to be the "branch taken away." *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me, and I in him, bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing*." John 15:5 (AMPC)

Paul's outlook on the purging process was simply of gain for his spirit. "*But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake. Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]..."* Philippians 3:7-8 (AMPC) Paul knew that to live a life for Christ, he had to "let go" of things that were of "gain" in the flesh or natural realm.

Dear remnant, would you be bold enough to pray this prayer today? "Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, rid me of everything that is not of You." Maybe you have already prayed something like this. Just remember in Matthew 14:22-32 we read of the story where Jesus had sent the disciples on a ship, and while they were on it, in the midst of the sea, they were tossed with waves, for the wind was contrary. Now, remember they did as they were commanded by Jesus, and still they had to go through this storm. Even when Jesus appeared to them, the storm was still raging until Jesus and Peter came into the boat; then, the wind stopped. This was a trial of their faith. Were they willing to truly trust that they were in the will of God, even when this happened? They were, and like them, we are learning through every trial and purging. We are brought to a new level in Christ, and we are cleansed more and more of everything that is NOT of God; therefore, we are able to produce fruit…some 30, some 60, some 100-fold!



LIVING BY HIS WORD PRODUCES ETERNAL LIFE NOW

"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."
Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there is nothing on this earth worthy of comparison to God's Word, which will stand forever! He taught me and said to me, *"Let your heart take hold of my words; Keep my commandments and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth."* Proverbs 4:4-5 (NASB) The book of Proverbs teaches us to always retain God's Word and never to depart from His Word. By doing so, it says that we shall live! Yes, the natural man can enjoy the earthly life with all its fleshly attributes. However, in contrast the **remnant, by keeping God's Word, enjoys complete fulfillment of resurrection life-now**!

"*And all of us, as with unveiled face, **[because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God**] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being **transfigured into His very own image** in ever increasing splendor and from **one degree of glory to another**; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit*." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC) Remnant, did you catch that? Because we continue in His Word, we are being transfigured by **accepting and allowing the application of His Word in our lives.**

"*My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life*." Proverbs 4:20-23 (AMPC)

We must always continue to guard our hearts, above anything else that we would guard! When we allow the Holy Spirit to do regular maintenance on our hearts to keep them clear from anything that does not line up with the word of God, that is when we will truly be fulfilled. If you are experiencing a void in your spirit, let the Holy Spirit examine your heart; then, allow Him to do His Work through His Word!



UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

"… we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh," Hebrews 10:19-20 (NASB)
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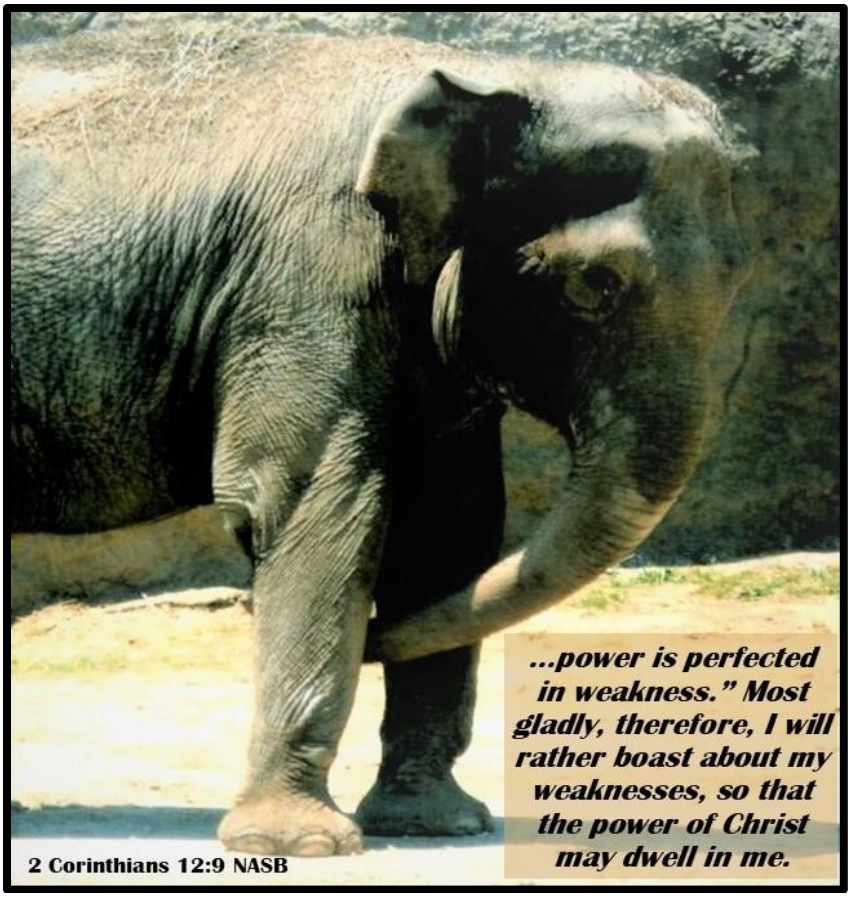
Remnant, we all know that in the Old Testament it was ordered that a veil be placed between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. (Exodus 26:31-33) This was specifically to represent the separation from God and man. There was only one man who could enter the Holy of Holies at that time, and it was the high priest. He could only do this on the Day of Atonement, when he presented the blood of bulls and goats as an acquittal for the sins of the people. (Leviticus 16:1-19)

But then when Jesus (God's Word in the flesh) came upon the scene, something new happened! You see since Jesus is the Son of God, He possessed the only sacrifice that was needed once and for all to completely omit all unbelief/sin for the whole world. What was this essential element? This element was His blood.

"And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit." It looked from the outside like it was all over, for a moment. However, God had a plan. It was at this very moment, when the spirit of Jesus left Him, that *"… the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom …"* Matthew 27:50-51 (NKJV) Yes, my friend, because of this sacrifice once and for all we have unrestricted access to the Holy of Holies; the presence of God. *"… in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One)."* Hebrews 10:10 (AMPC)

No more animal sacrifices, no more rituals. The only thing that can possibly separate us from God is our unbelief. That is why God's Word would instruct us plainly saying, *"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;"* Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV)

***"...when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."* Hebrews 9:11-12 (NASB)**



I AM STRONG

"If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness."
2 Corinthians 11:30 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

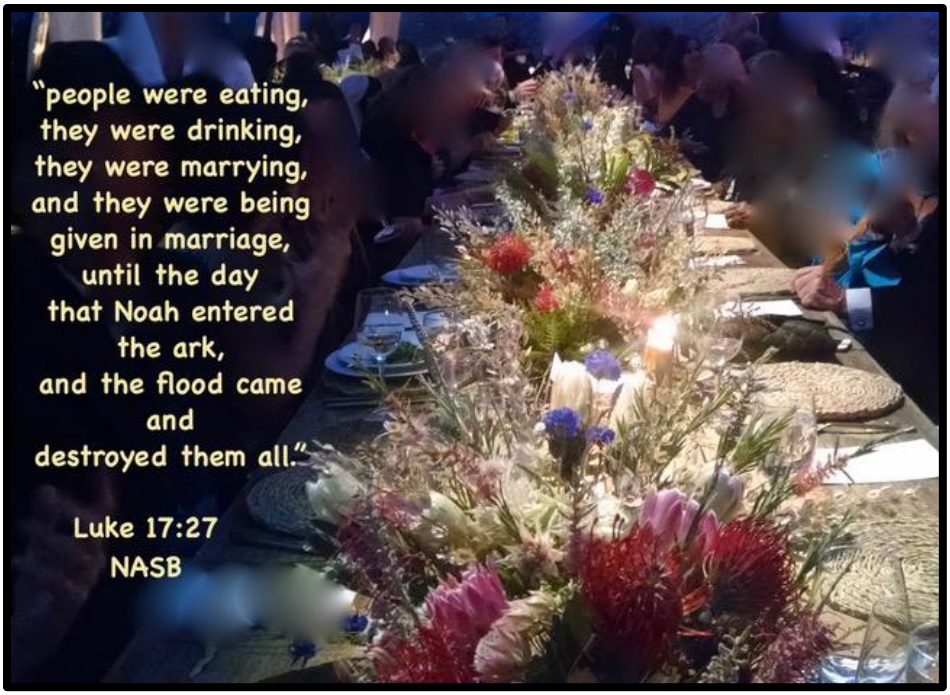
Remnant, take some time to boast in those weaknesses, for God is using our weaknesses to perform a beautiful work in us. This is not only for us, and for the harvest coming, but most importantly for Him! We live in the Spirit, so we no longer go by our feelings in the carnal/natural realm. *"Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB) Today we all can declare, "**I am strong**!"

Paul reminds us here that our strength is in Christ. *"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]."* Philippians 4:13 (AMPC)

Paul also reminds us that we have the Holy Spirit to help us in every step of the way. Thus, there is no excuse to give up in our weaknesses, even when we do not see the whole picture, or when we do not know exactly how to pray. *"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;"* Romans 8:26 (NASB)

Be encouraged in your weaknesses today. Be excited, for it is time for His strength to be exercised by our faith in His Word. We must trust in His Word and not deny Him or His power that is at work in us today!

"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." Revelation 3:8 (NKJV)



THE DAY OF THE LORD SHALL NOT OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF

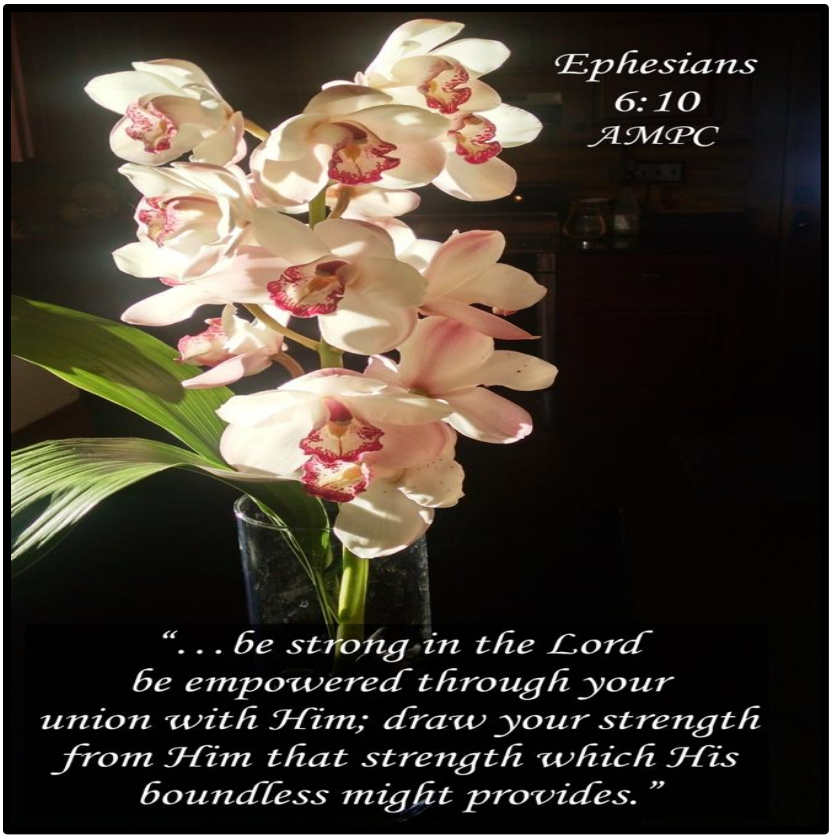
"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, <u>you have no need that I should write to you</u>." 1 Thessalonians 5:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all go to God's Word for wisdom, guidance, and many other things. Therefore, when we see a scripture like 1 Thessalonians 5:1, it might seem rather odd that we would read there was no need to write to them. This is a letter of encouragement geared toward the church at Thessalonica, which is also the remnant, for they were receptive to the Word, (Acts 17:1-4), and they also were active in ministry (1 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Continuing with this letter, we see that it reads, *"For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."* 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 (NKJV)

Ok, so let's look at what this is saying. It reads that yes; <u>we</u> know that the day of the Lord will present as a thief in the night; but it says that sudden destruction will come upon "<u>them</u>" and "<u>they</u>" shall not escape. It does not require a degree in English to figure out that this letter (which was not required, as was stated in the first verse) is written to the remnant and is speaking of what will happen to those for whom the day of the Lord will come upon as a thief. Clarity comes in the next two verses: "*But <u>you</u>,* (this is the remnant*) brethren, are <u>not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You</u>* (again, the remnant) *<u>are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness</u>."* 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 (NKJV)

Furthermore, we can conclude that as we rightly-divide this we clearly see that the remnant, being children of the light, will NOT be overtaken in the day of the Lord! The ones who sit in darkness, dead to the Spirit, and who are not watchful, will surely be overtaken by the day of the Lord as a thief!

***"For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, <u>who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of dishonest gain</u>."* Titus 1:10-11 (NASB)**



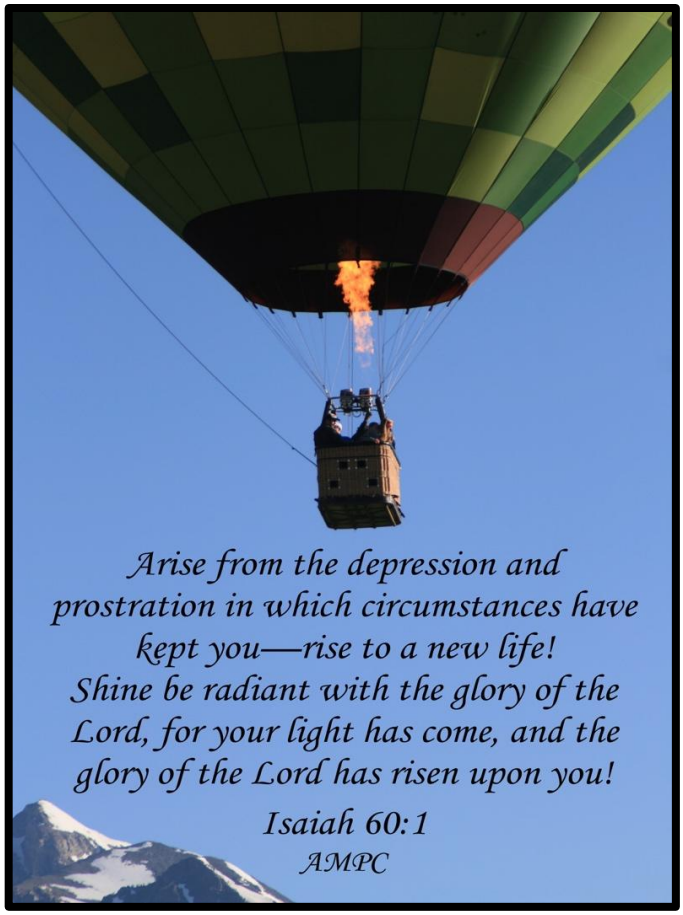
HAVING DONE ALL, WE STAND

"*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong*."
1 Corinthians 16:13 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that in certain trials it is harder if the trials seem to be never-ending. Paul talks about trials here when he said, "*Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and,* ***having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place***" Ephesians 6:13 (AMPC) Let's pause for a moment. Did we truly catch what this said? First, we put on the complete armor of God (for without it we cannot stand; read the whole chapter here for more details), then we resist, then we stand our ground having done all that crisis demands. We as the remnant take our stand in the Word of God.

"*Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God, And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God*." Ephesians 6:14-17 (AMPC) Remnant, we must remember that it is God's desire, and should be our desire, to fulfill the purpose and call-in which God has placed us here for such a time as this. We must understand what we are going through as we stand. Our stand is not in vain; however, it is placing us into further spiritual perfection. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

As exhausting as it may seem sometimes, God is doing a work in us for His purpose. We must learn all that we can to take us into the next trial and embrace this moment. Once we pass on to the next "adventure" we will truly be qualified to help someone else as they face what we have already endured and conquered through God's Word.



RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND

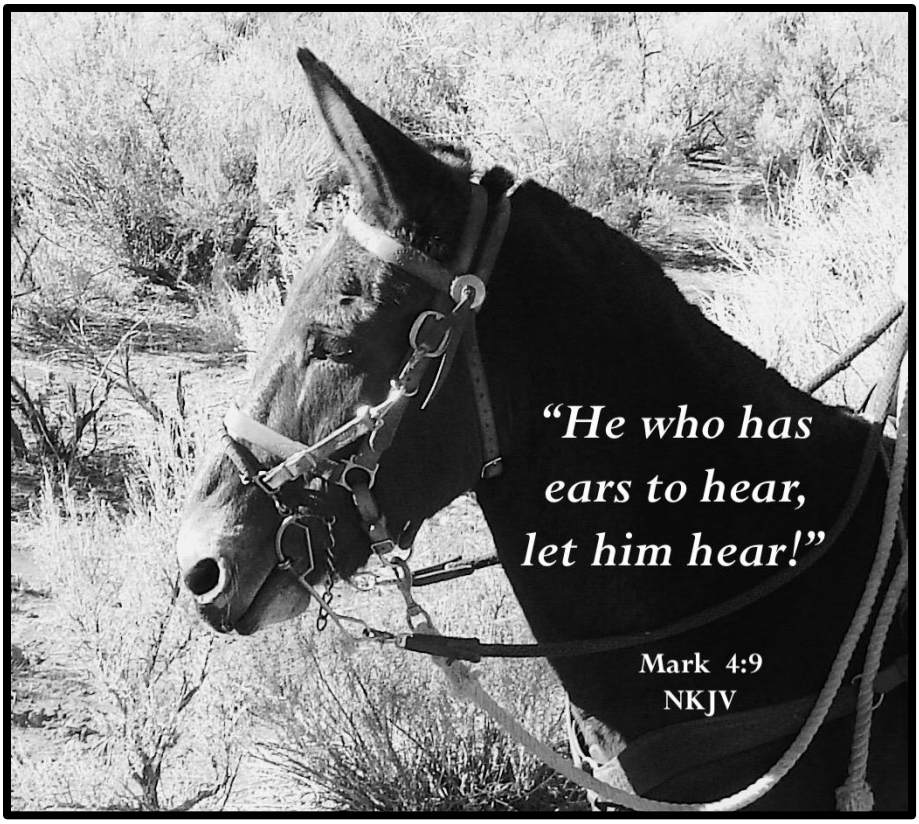
"And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it." Colossians 3:10 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if it were not possible to have our minds polluted to this natural realm through endless tactics of the enemy, then why would Paul say, *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*? Romans 12:2 (KJV) If we ever begin to let our fleshly pride rule over our spirit man and deceive ourselves into believing that we cannot be brainwashed through the mind-control running rampant in this nation, then that is when we will fall. *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall*." Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)

Let us be refreshed and reminded today of our beginning scripture. We, as the remnant, "…***have clothed ourselves with a new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it***"! Praise God, in the name of Jesus!

We guard our hearts with all diligence and have the mind of Christ! "*One whose ear listens to the **life-giving rebuke** Will stay among the wise. One who neglects discipline rejects himself, But **one who listens to rebuke acquires understanding***." Proverbs 15:31-32 (NASB) Remember from Colossians 3:10? We are constantly being renewed in His knowledge. We have the mind of Christ, for we have allowed ourselves to be taught by Christ.

"if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind," Ephesians 4:21-23 (NKJV)



MIXING FAITH WITH THE WORD

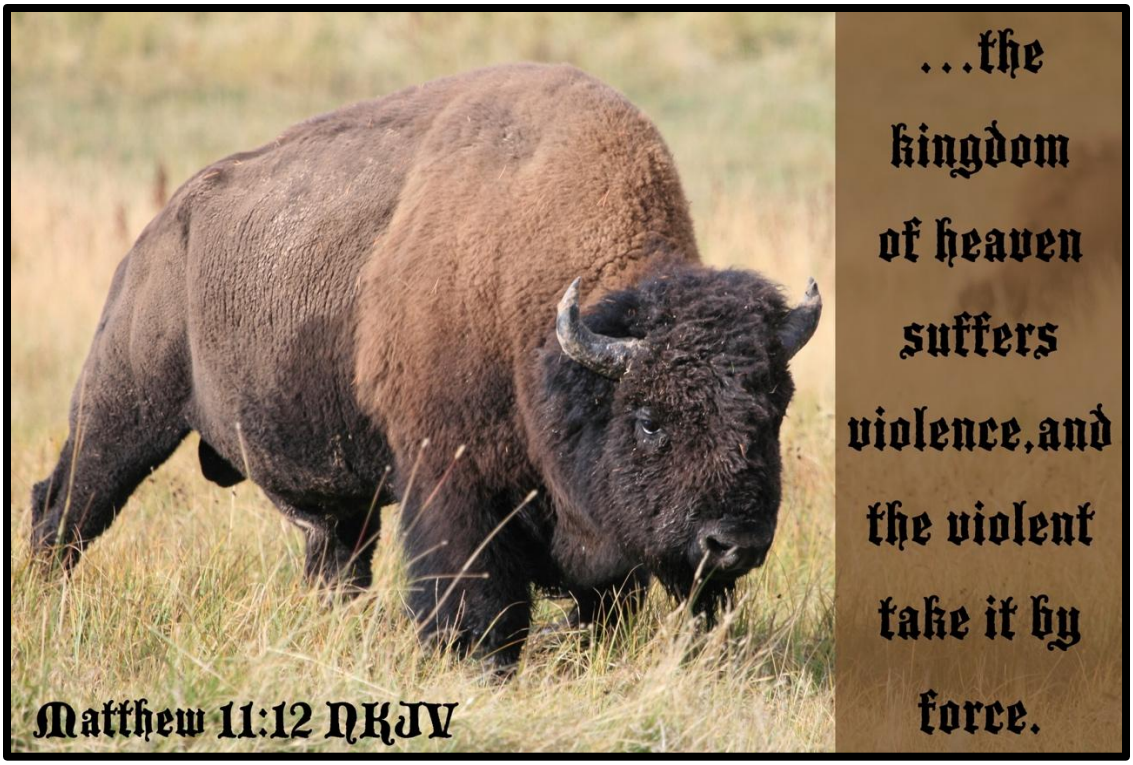
"…Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" …"
John 18:37-38 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that it is of necessity that we refuse to receive anything that is not of God's Word. Look at this example for our learning. *"For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe)."* Hebrews 4:2 (AMPC)

You see, when these people heard the Word of God, it was not effective to them because they had no faith to activate the Word, and neither were they united with those who did have faith. However, we remember that the Word and faith go hand in hand for *"…faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (KJV)

We know the truth lives and abides in us forever, correct? *"…the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:"* 2 John 1:2 (NKJV) We know that we are of the truth. *"And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him."* 1 John 3:19 (NKJV) Then we have grounds for praising God today, for as Jesus said, "*...Everyone who is of the Truth [who is a friend of the Truth, who belongs to the Truth] hears and listens to My voice.*" John 18:37 (AMPC) We hear and believe the Word of God and nothing short of it. We study it diligently to make sure that we do not fall short by believing a lie which can ultimately lead to our destruction. Our faith is activated by hearing God's Word and receiving His Word.

"…ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV)



WE LOVE WHAT HE LOVES AND HATE WHAT HE HATES

"Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way."
Psalm 119:104 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

A sure fire way for a believer to remain zealous in spiritual warfare is to develop a stubborn hatred to any spirit that is not of God. We come to completely detest all spiritual works of darkness as our minds are renewed by and through the Word of God. We simply will not tolerate any unclean spirits in and around us, and we continue to pray and believe for all others who are battling these same unclean spirits. These spirits are not welcome among such a body of believers!

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1 (NKJV) We have developed a revelation of this scripture and know there are many spirits operating under false five-fold ministries leading His sheep astray. God hates that; therefore, we do also.

"…Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit…" Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) Since this is a spiritual warfare, we must remember that we cannot fight this in the flesh, but it must be fought in the spirit! It is by and through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit that we have a righteous indignation to stand up for and defend what is true according to God's rightly divided Word and continue to fight daily.

As believers, we have a responsibility to be aggressive, not passive, when it comes to the things of God. As we read the Word of God, we should always pray and ask God to open the eyes of our understanding to see what He loves and what He hates. Then, we should be ready to stand diligently with all that we have in defense of what He has taught us!

"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire." Revelation 17:16 (NASB)

Pray about this last one, for this is prophecy concerning the true remnant, and the harlot church.



THE OVERCOMER

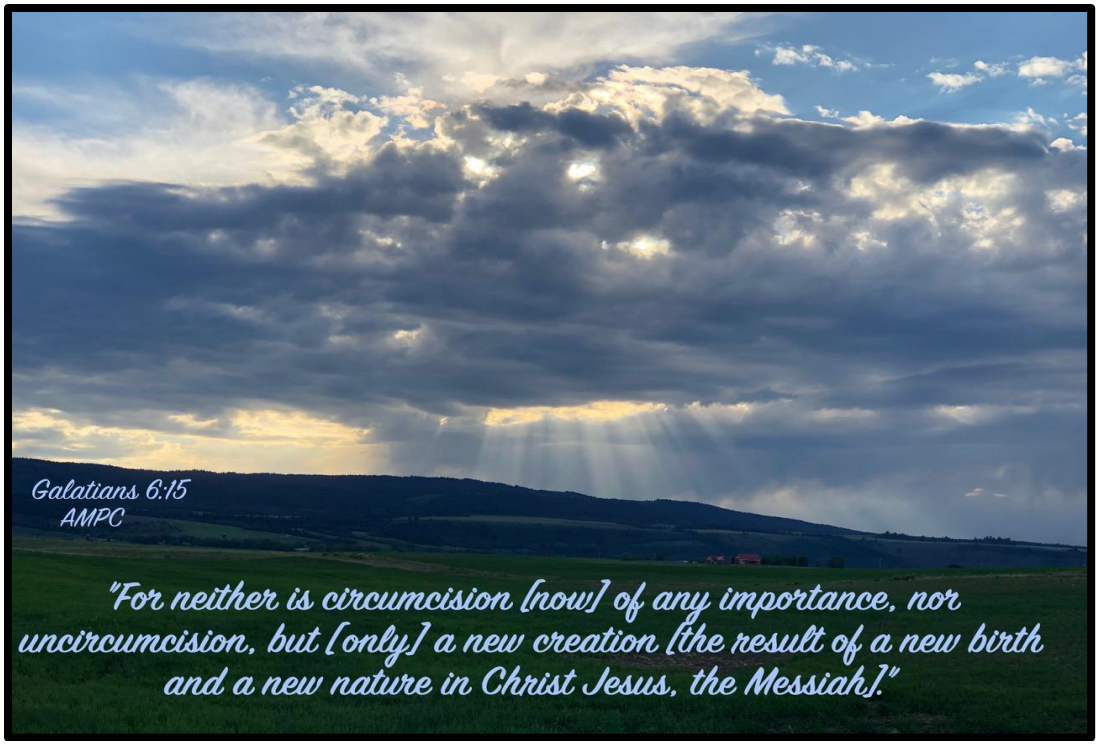
" ...we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?"
Hebrews 13:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that the devil is our accuser. However, we must remember more importantly that the Lord is our vindicator. God helps us every day when the devil comes to accuse us, for God *"… sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* 1 John 4:10 (NKJV)

Let's look at this word *propitiation* here in the Greek in 1 John 4:10. *Propitiation***,** in this scripture is *hilasmós* (Strong's #2434) meaning: properly, an offering to appease (satisfy) an angry, offended party. It is no secret that unbelief (the root of all sin) angers God, for it is disobedience. However, once we have repented, it is Christ's atoning blood that now appeases God's wrath on all disobedience for which we have repented. Therefore, when the enemy comes to accuse us concerning our past disobedience, we can say, *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life…"* Isn't that good? *"…of whom shall I be afraid?"* Psalms 27:1 (NKJV)

We use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, against our adversary when he comes to accuse us, right? When we have the sword of the Spirit in our possession, we can boldly ask the enemy things like, "What are you going to do to me?" And "Who do you think you are?"

The enemy has always made a habit of trying to get people to question who they are in God. He even did that to Jesus when he asked Him, *"If thou be the Son of God..."* We have every right as heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ to respond with the sword of the Spirit when the enemy asks us who we are! It is with the sword of the Spirit that we can respond, "Well, how much time do you have devil?" We can preach to him for hours about who we are! We are ambassadors for Christ Jesus! We are the head and not the tail! We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! We are justified, sanctified, and glorified by the blood of the Lamb! The list is endless! Praise God for His continued victory! *"… Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."* Revelation 12:10 (NKJV)



BORN FROM ABOVE PART 1

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born ***again****, he cannot see the kingdom of God*." John 3:3 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

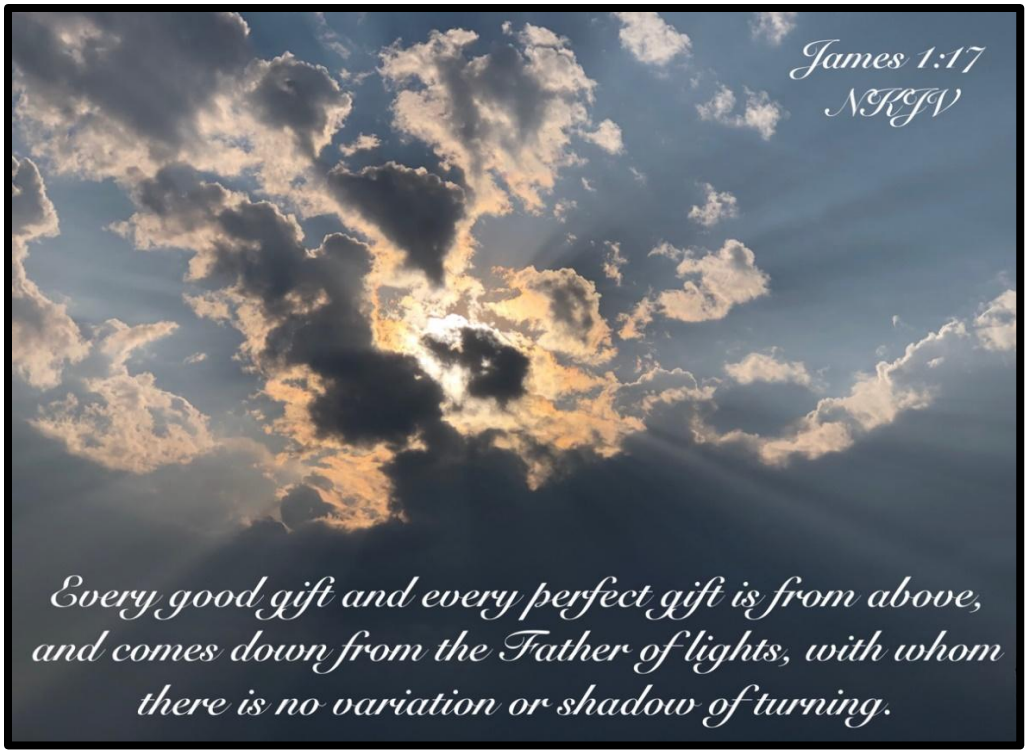
Remnant, when we look deeper into this verse, we gain a greater understanding that the word ***again*** in the Greek is *anōthen*, which is defined as "from above", i.e., by Divine power as in applied to proselytes. This same word is used here also, "*Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born* ***again***." John 3:7 (KJV) Born from above!

For us to be born from above means that we have taken on a spiritual nature to see, understand, and know the realm of the Spirit. This is exactly what Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus here, "*If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things*?" John 3:12 (KJV)

Jesus was attempting to get these people who were caught up in the carnality and traditions of religion (like so many people are today) into a higher place. Jesus did not sugar-coat any messages to them either. He was blunt, and to the point in saying, "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*" John 3:6 (KJV)

He cared enough for their spiritual state that He told them the truth. For us to mature and receive from God, it is essential for us to be spiritually minded; thus, born from above. To stay in the traditions of man is to "*…mind the things of the flesh…*" and remain in carnality, regarding what we perceive with our physical senses. The problem is that when we remain in a realm based on what we experience with our physical senses only, we are limited. <u>However, when we mind the things of the Spirit, we are then stepping into a realm where there are no boundaries or limitations. That realm is where we remain in life and peace</u>!

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:5-6 (KJV)



BORN FROM ABOVE-PART 2

"John answered, A man can receive nothing [he can claim nothing, he can take unto himself nothing] except as it has been granted to him from heaven. [A man must be content to receive the gift which is given him from heaven; there is no other source.]" John 3:27 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, take a moment and meditate on this verse. In the NKJV it is worded this way, "… *A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven*." The Amplified Classic states that there is no other source. We are born from above, just as our brother Jesus explained to the religious leaders of His day, that He was from above. "*And He said unto them, "You are from beneath; I am from above: You are of this world; I am not of this world.*" John 8:23 (NKJV)

We can find this all throughout God's Word. "*And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them*." Deuteronomy 28:13 (NKJV) We were never meant to be from beneath.

How else can this verse be true if we were not born from above? "*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ*," Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)

We have it here again in Philippians confirming that we are in fact born from above. "*Only be sure as citizens so to conduct yourselves [that] your manner of life [will be] worthy of the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, so that whether I [do] come and see you or am absent, I may hear this of you: that you are standing firm in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side and contending with a single mind for the faith of the glad tidings (the Gospel)*." Philippians 1:27 (AMPC)

"*May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!*" Ephesians 1:3 (AMPC) This is where our blessings are, they are from above, just as we are from above! We are born of the Word and of the Spirit.



MATURE LOVE

"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.
Luke 14:33 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, do we really love Him? Is there anything in our lives that we love as much as or more than God? What abides in our heart? What fills our thought life? What desires truly are deep in our heart? What is important to us? Where do we get our delight? Do we really delight and abide in the Lord? Or do we just say that we do? Do we hope we love God more than anything, and hope we delight in Him, and hope we abide in Him? Mature love knows nothing else comes close to God. There is no close second to the love for God in the spiritually mature.

The price we must pay to hear the deep hidden mysteries of God's Kingdom wisdom is a willingness to lay aside everything in our lives that is important to us. To figuratively sell or give up anything that would hinder us to buy that "perfect pearl," that "field of hidden treasure." We must be willing to lose our lives to find true life in God. *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field*. "*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it*." Matthew 13:44-46 (NKJV)

We purpose in our hearts **<u>at this moment</u>** to release to God everything that is precious to us. We let Him have our husbands, wives, children, ministry, businesses, hobbies, health, reputation, our need for acceptance of men, our religious convictions, all traditions, our secret desires, our very lives, anything in which we delight. Can we trust Him with these things? If we truly believe that He loves us and what He will do is best for us, we can release all to Him without reservation to do with them as He pleases.

"He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it."
Matthew 10:39 (NASB)



AT THE APPOINTED TIME

"'*Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You*." Jeremiah 32:17 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in these last of the last days, it is imperative that we continue to run this race with all boldness and confidence in God's Word and continue to believe like Sarah did after she received this Word from God. "*Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son*." Genesis 18:14 (NKJV)

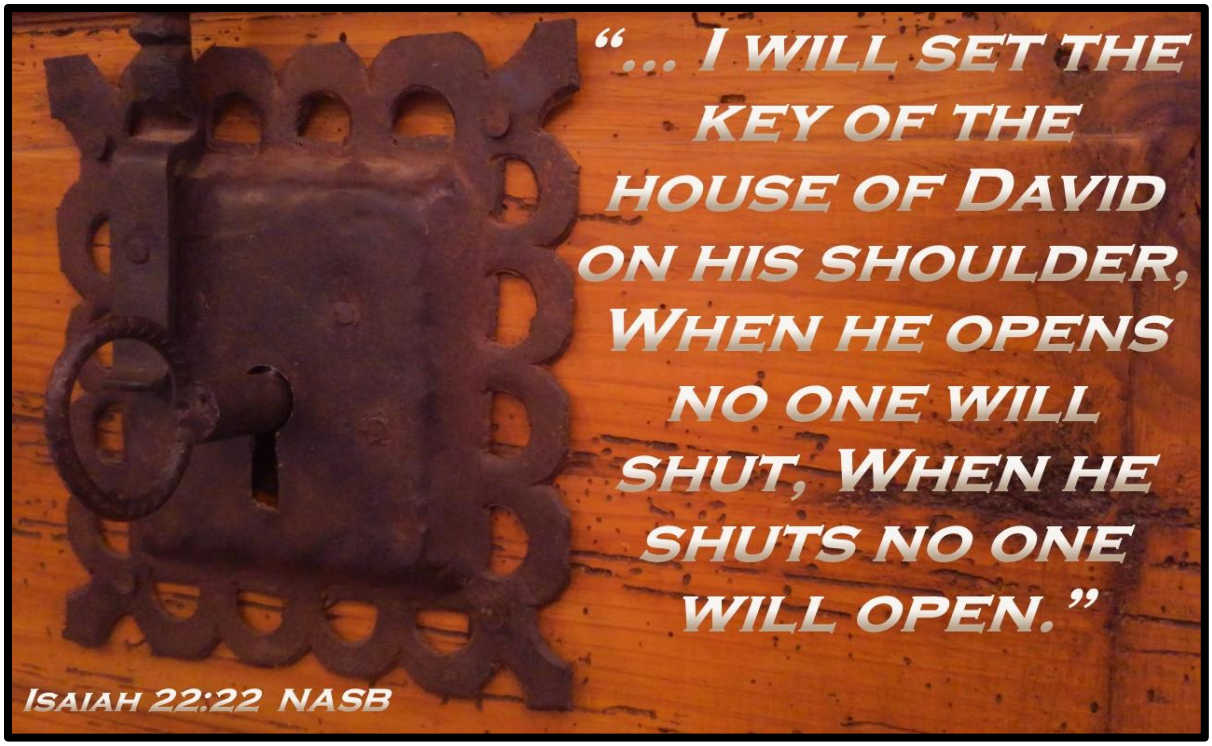
Many of us are still waiting on promises to be fulfilled by God, which we **KNOW** He has given us. It was Sarah's faith in God's Word that gave her the strength, against all odds. She knew that God's Word could not fail, for God is faithful. "*Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word*." Hebrews 11:11 (AMPC)

When God has given us His promises in His Word to stand on, our outlook must remain fixed on that **fact** that it **will** happen; not **IF** it will happen. Remember Sarah's prophecy was, "*At the appointed time…."*

God has planted His vision in us for His Word to break forth, and we must continue in the Word of God to keep the vision alive because we know *"… faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Romans 10:17 (KJV) The enemy will not stop attempting to destroy our vision that God has given us because he knows "*Where there is no vision, the people perish*…" Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

If our vision for God's promise has become a little dim, or has altogether faded away, let His Word bring life to it today. God's appointed time for Sarah was ordained to show Himself strong on her behalf. It was for His glory, and that is what it is all about, right? It is all for God's glory!

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry." Habakkuk 2:3 (NKJV)



YOU HAVE THE POWER TO UNLOCK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
Matthew 16:19 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, Jesus told the religious people in Matthew, *"… woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."* Matthew 23:13 (KJV) We see a few things here; there is a kingdom of heaven and for some reason there is a religious system (*i.e. the scribes and Pharisees)* that is attempting to keep it shut up. As the Word of God clearly states, they do not enter this kingdom, and neither do they allow people who are entering to continue to go in, because they have shut it off.

Nothing has really changed in our day. As Ecclesiastes 3:15 tells us, history repeats itself. However, God has given us the solution to this problem. The keys of the kingdom of heaven have already been given to us to unlock what the religious systems have been trying to keep God's people shut off from; but what are we doing with these keys? Do we even realize that we have them? Do we know the value of these keys and what their intended use is?

Consider this if you will. Have you ever found a random set of keys in the natural? What did it mean to you to find those keys? Well if it was in fact a random set of keys that did not belong to you, most likely you did not get too excited about it because you had no idea what those keys belonged to. Now if you take that set of keys that you find and put them in the hands of their owner, it could mean everything to them. If you have ever lost your keys, you know how frustrating it can be to be without them, and what a joy it can be to find them! The point is, that the owner of the keys knows what those keys are for, and they know how to use them.

"…He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have followed My word, and have not denied My name."
Revelation 3:7-8 (NASB) He has given these keys to us!



DEVELOPING THE MATURITY OF HIS HEART

"…We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."
Acts 14:22 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

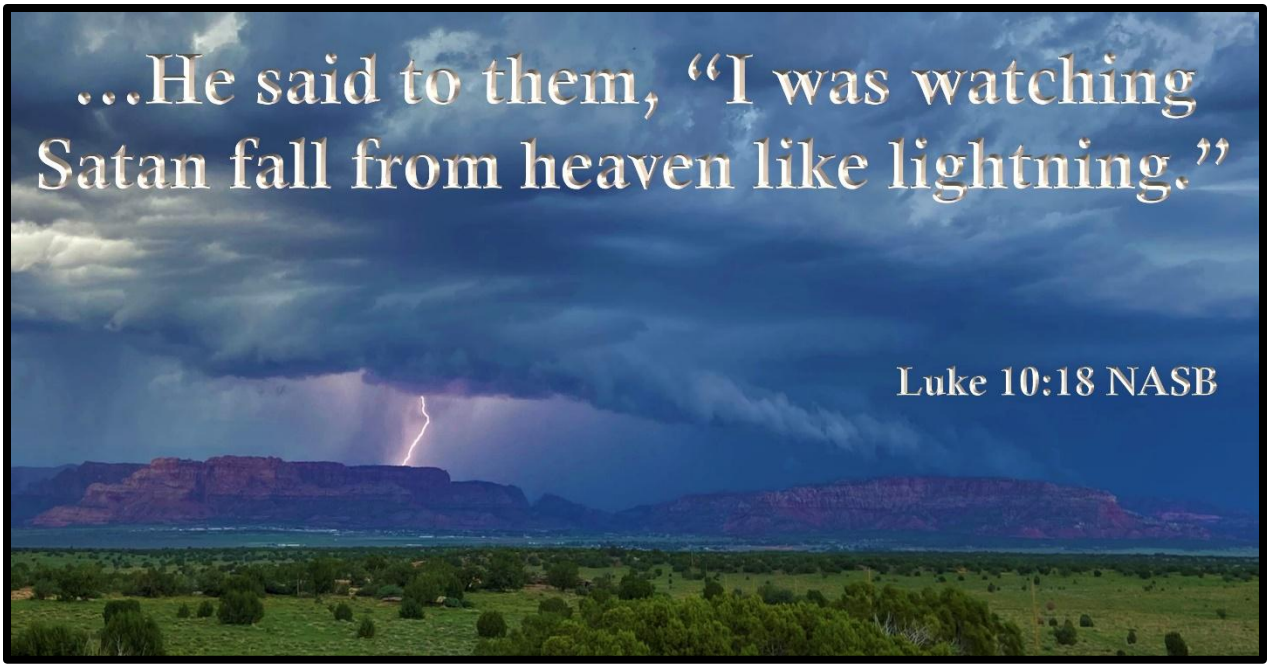
Remnant, today in this trial of your life, instead of finding it a hardship, try looking at it through your "Holy Spirit glasses," and see it for what it really is. This trial is your advancement into spiritual maturity and your promotion to go to another level "IN HIM!"

"Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings," NOW PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS NEXT PART... "*knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation."* Romans 5:2-4 (AMPC)

When we look on past hardships in honesty, we can truly say that they have helped us to die more to the flesh and have molded us into a more effective minister for God. We have a greater reality of what Paul is speaking of in Romans 5, for we have experienced it first-hand.

We know that our answers are from a super-human strength, a divine counsel, and that allows us to walk in peace knowing that we have already died to the flesh; therefore, we are not moved by the things of the flesh. We are moved by what moves God. In spiritual perfection we begin to develop His thoughts, feelings, desires, His natures, and His purposes. In short, we develop His heart!

"So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength)." 2 Corinthians 12:10 (AMPC)



GOING, GOING, GONE!

*"The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, **"I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning**. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you."*
Luke 10:17-19 (NASB 1995) Please pray before reading.

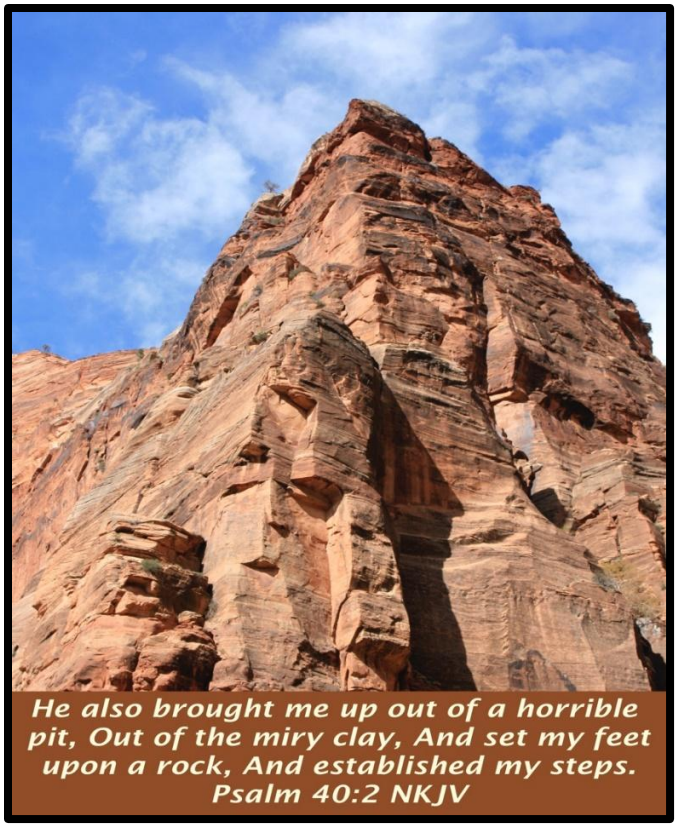
Remnant, we must come to the full understanding that when we exercise our God-given authority over all the power of the enemy, there is something happening in the realm of the spirit! In Luke 10:18 the word ***watching*** in the Greek is the verb *theōréō* (Strong's #2334). Remember a verb is a word implying the action of a noun. This is not intended to be an English lesson, but please note that the verb watching used here is not past-tense or future-tense, but it is present-tense! In fact, the root word of *theōréō* is the English term "theatre," as in where people watch a performance. Therefore, it clearly stands that **while these disciples were exercising the authority in the name of Jesus, and Jesus was witnessing satan's descent as a movie, there was something happening!**

Satan is the prince of the power of the air. (Ephesians 2:2) God's Word speaks repeatedly concerning satan being cast down, so why are we to assume this is an event that happens all at once?

*"**Now** judgment is upon this world; **now** the ruler of this world will be cast out."* John 12:31 (NASB) Both of the occurrences of the word ***now*** here in the Greek are the word *nun* (Strong's # 3568), and it literally means now, the present!

The seventy were using His name. What is the name of Jesus? *"…His name is called The Word of God."* Revelation 19:13 (NASB) Therefore, we clearly see that when we use the Word of God and believe…. satan is certainly making his descent! Glory!

Our rejoicing ultimately should not be that the spirits are subject to us through His name, but rather that our names are recorded in heaven; however, this is still written for our learning to KNOW that when we exercise our authority in using His name (the Word of God), satan is making his descent as the prince and power of the air!



WE TURN TO YOUR WORD, AND WE WILL NOT BE SHAKEN

"Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me." Psalm 31:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, life can get shaky at times and at one time or another, we all have felt like our feet were sinking deep in slippery mud. Or even when we thought we were standing on solid ground, it was at that moment a great storm came and turned it all into mud. It is in those defining moments that we called upon God, only to discover He already had His hand stretched out before our cry came to Him. "*My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah"* Psalm 62:5-8 (NKJV)

We must remember our expectation is from God, for He is our ROCK. He will never crumble, never shake, never fail us. God gives us instructions regarding what we are to do with all the cares that have us bound. We are to cast *"…all your* [our] *care upon Him, for He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) No enemy will ever move us, for God is our salvation and is a refuge for us! His Word is our defense. When life is shaking all around us, we must remember the powerful revelation that Jesus, God's precious Son, came to give us: *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock*." Luke 6:46-48 (NKJV)

Father, in the name of Jesus, as an act of our faith we cast all our cares upon You. We ask that You forgive us for all sin, anything that we have done, said, or even thought that was not pleasing unto You. Forgive us for all worry, doubt, fear, and a heart of unbelief.



CLAIMING HIS WORD AS OUR CONFESSION TODAY

"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]." Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in the world it can be easy to be distracted with the cares of life and move over into fear. In the above scripture God plainly states that through union with Him, we draw our strength. We see that union and communion with Him bring strength and faith; while on the other end of the spectrum, union and communion with the world bring fear and weakness. Jesus plainly states, *"They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world."* John 17:16 (AMPC)

There is a very strong warfare that is against the true remnant currently. Therefore, let's bring to remembrance a few scriptures that we can CHOOSE to confess daily, to strengthen our spirit man by this union and communion, and become empowered through the WORD OF GOD.

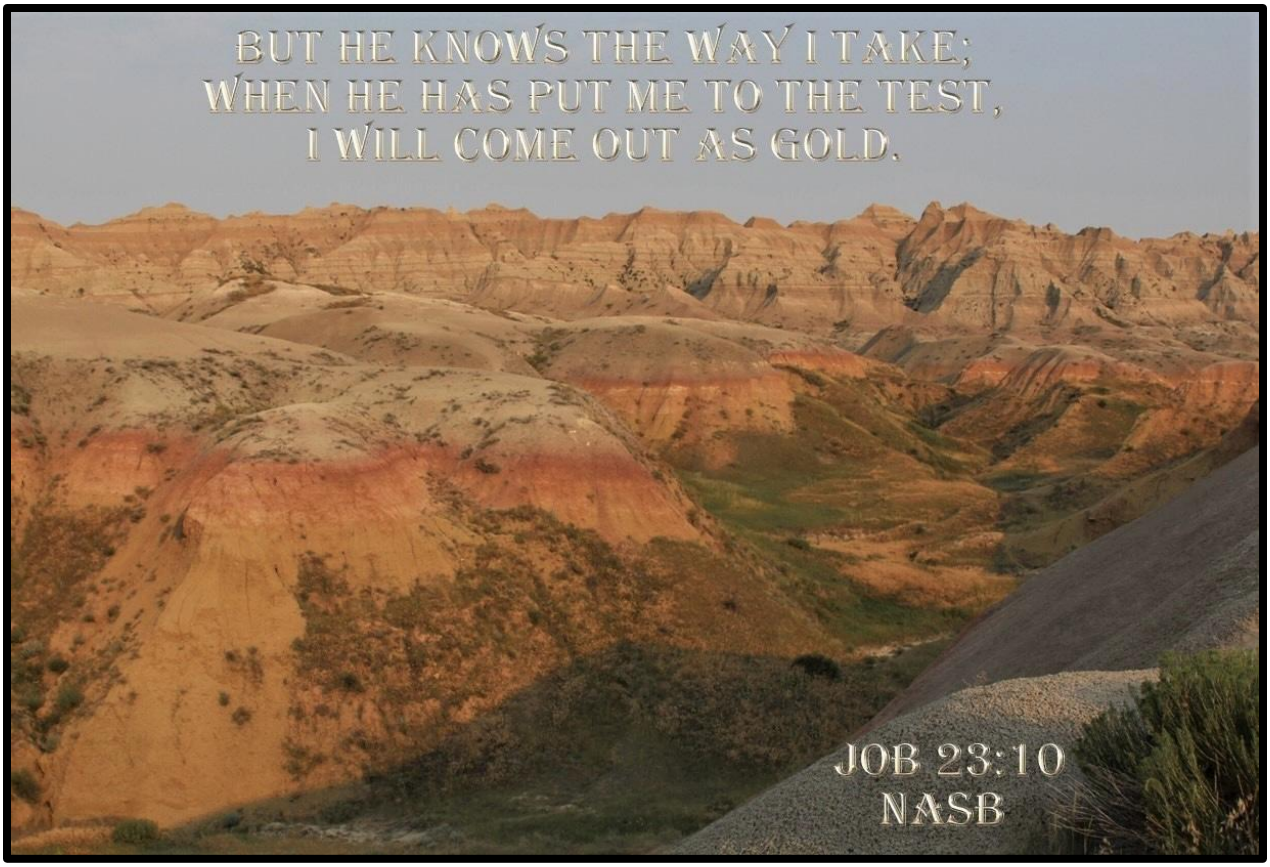
"He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son." Revelation 21:7 (AMPC) **WE ARE VICTORIOUS!** (For a deeper understanding read in context what the victorious shall have for an inheritance!)

"Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us." Romans 8:37 (AMPC) **WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS AND GAIN A SURPASSING VICTORY!**

"In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit." Ephesians 1:13 (AMPC)

WE BELIEVE AND RELY ON HIM, AND WE ARE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE!

As we speak His Word, it goes to work for us, at that moment!
What will you have for a confession today?



NOTHING CAN STOP YOU WHEN YOU BELIEVE GOD'S WORD

"…you are strong and vigorous, and the Word of God is [always] abiding in you (in your hearts), and you have been victorious over the wicked one." 1 John 2:14 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

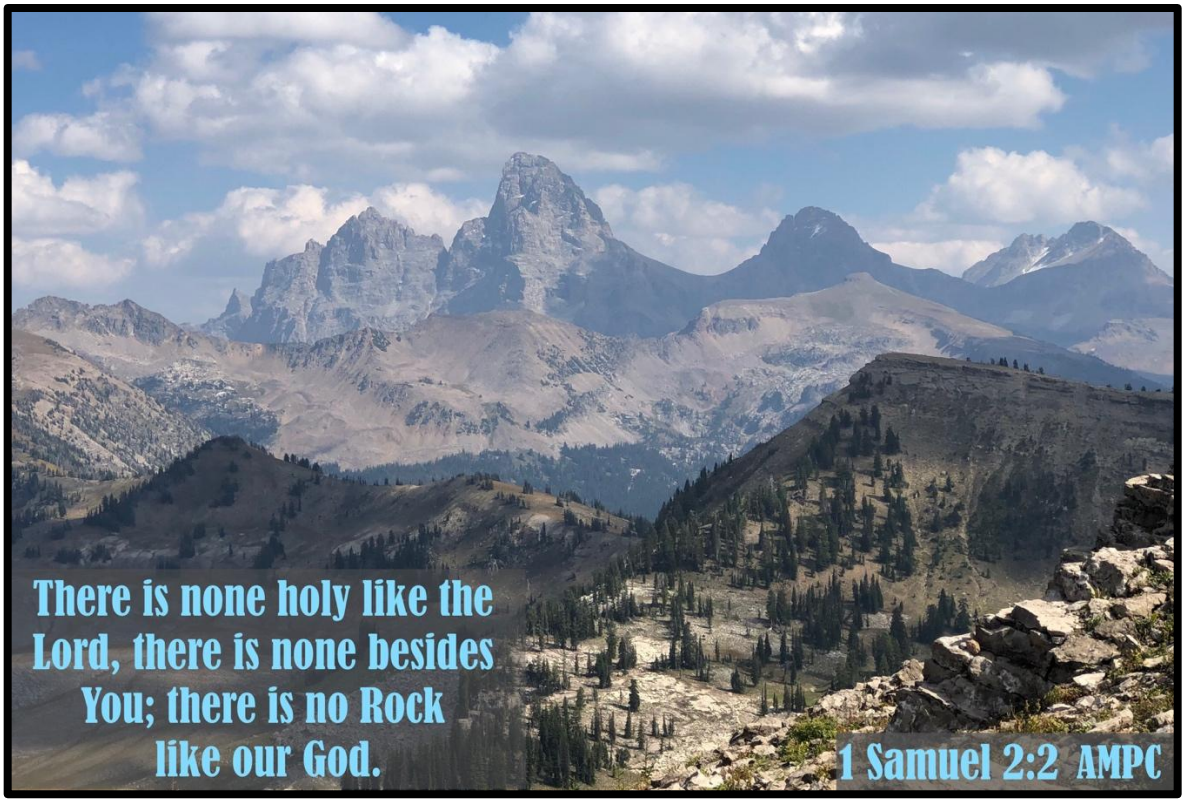
Remnant, what makes us so strong and victorious? It is the Word of God abiding in our hearts. Come on, let's look at this well-known verse, which is the definition of God's Word. *"…the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) Just one question here. Why wouldn't we be strong and victorious with this kind of ammunition on the inside?

"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV) You see, when we receive the Word of God, we believe it. **Then when we believe in the Word of God, that is the moment it effectively works in us**.

Yeah, so we all know "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) However, what about this next verse, wherein lies the reason for such correction? *"that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:17 (NKJV)

Think about it. We must be equipped for warfare in order that we may fight the good fight of faith. It is God's Word effectively working in us, when we believe.

When His Word is working in you, then you have *"…[already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world."* 1 John 4:4 (NKJV)



DO YOU KNOW WHOM YOU WORSHIP?

"To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?"
Isaiah 40:18 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we have discussed many topics in God's Word. Some people have developed a special liking for certain topics. You know, the topics that remind them of what God can do for them and how special they are to Him. While all of that is true, and all well and good, how often do we just meditate upon Who He really is? How often do we remind ourselves that there is not one person, place, or thing at all that can, nor should be, ever compared to Him!

"To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One." Isaiah 40:25 (NASB) Awesome rhetorical question for God to ask, for not only is there nothing comparable with Him, there is no equal to Him!

"Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?" Isaiah 40:13-14 (NKJV) Again, more questions for which any true believer would have no other answer except, "There is none!" There is none with such wisdom and counsel. There is none with such justice and righteousness. There is none with such power and authority. There is none with such understanding and comfort. His qualities are endless!

We should always *"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all our heart and mind and do not rely on our own insight or understanding. In all our ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain our paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMPC)

For the true remnant, there is no other that can satisfy the needs of our spirit than the one and only true God. We are not as those on Mars Hill who worshipped *"…TO THE UNKNOWN GOD…."* Acts 17:23 (KJV)

WE KNOW OUR GOD, AND WE FULLY TRUST AND RELY UPON HIM.



A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die…" Revelation 3:1-2 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant the word *dead* here in the Greek is *nekrós*, which means literally dead. Well, when something is dead, it is considered lifeless. This is speaking of the spiritual aspect of the church, of course, for the scripture indicates, "…*you have a name that you are alive…"*

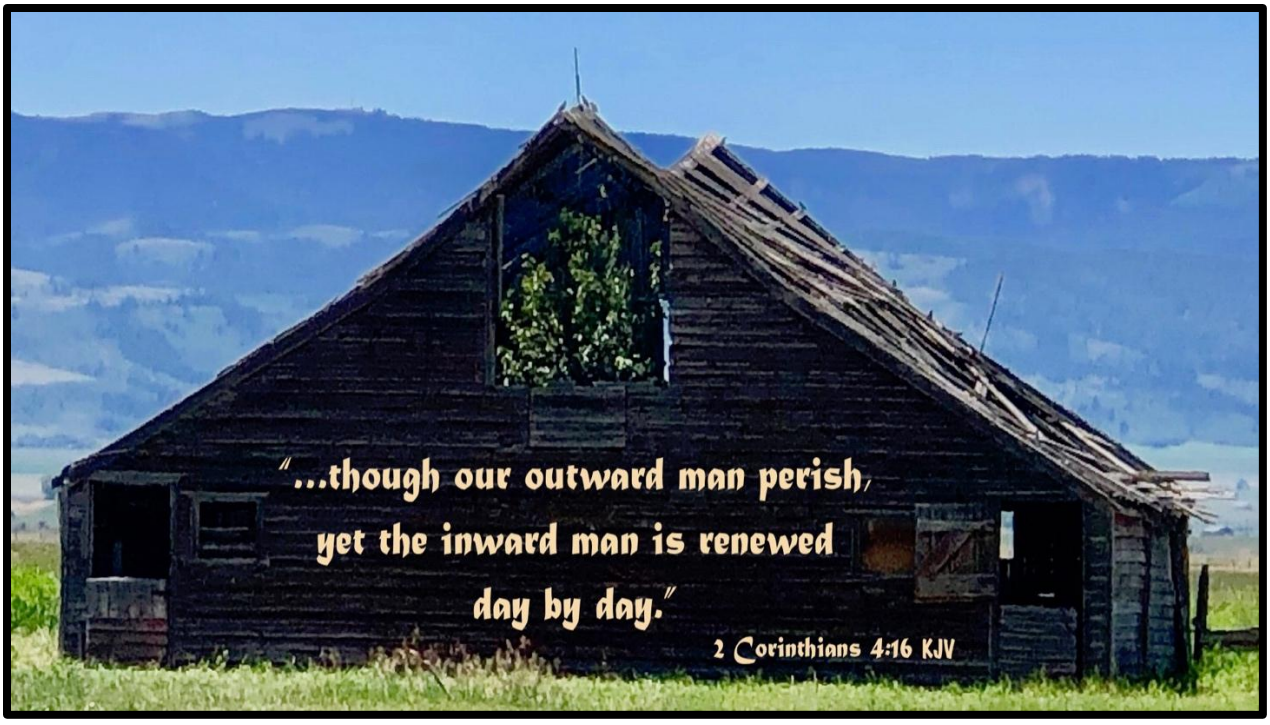
When one is spiritually dead, he is unresponsive and unable to perform what is expected. When a situation arises, a spiritually dead church only knows a carnal response, for *"…the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) A spiritually dead church is completely inoperative to the things of God; for God is Spirit. (John 4:24)

Therefore, what is the warning to this church? "***Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die**, for I have not found your works perfect before God. **Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent**..."* Revelation 3:2-3 (NKJV)

There are many churches of Sardis right now that need to be reminded to WAKE UP and BE WATCHFUL! It is crucial that these churches take heed to what is being commanded of them.

Many of us have heard all our life that "He is coming like a thief in the night." Well yeah, maybe to some. You see, verse three continues like this: *"…Therefore **if you will not watch**, **I will come upon you as a thief**,* (remember in context this is speaking of the church in Sardis) ***and you will not know what hour I will come upon you**."* Revelation 3:3 (NKJV)

To rightly divide the truth verses what we have been taught, we see in context that He is coming like a thief in the night, not to the remnant, but to the dead church that refuses to wake up, watch and repent.



THE POWER OF CHRIST DWELLS IN US

"This is my comfort and consolation in my affliction: that Your word has revived me and given me life." Psalms 119:50 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

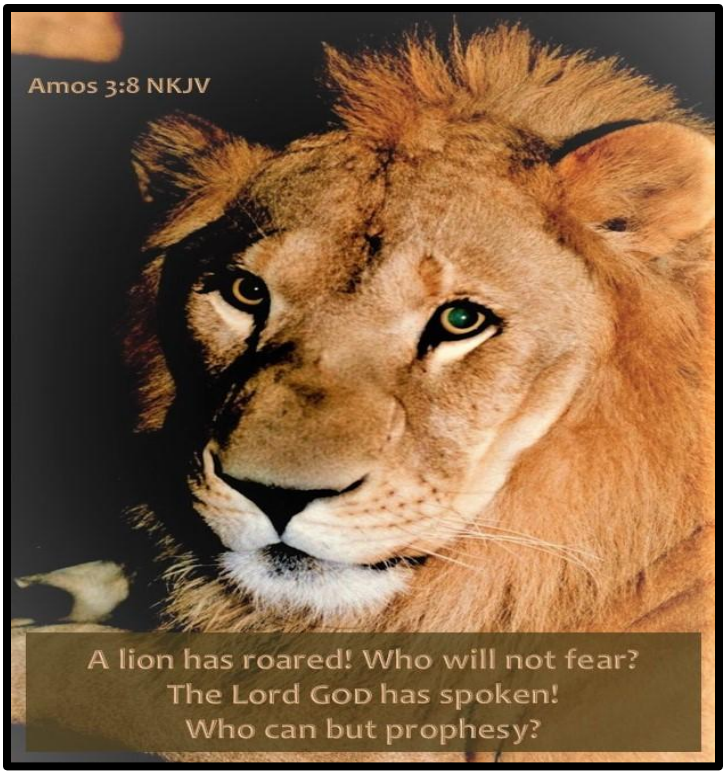
Remnant, in weaknesses, at that very last straw, and after the very last button has been pushed, that is usually when we really come to the revelation that this is **God's battle and not our own**. We know by experience that we cannot overcome at all without His strength; however, it is this time precisely that God comforts, refreshes, and revives us **BY HIS WORD**. This is where many of the remnant are today, so let us take comfort in His Word today.

".... My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness..." Meditate on this for a moment. His power is perfected in our weakness, that is precisely why Paul says next in this same scripture, *"...Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."* 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB) If we jump back just a few verses, we learn that this was a comment that Paul was fixed upon. *"...in my own behalf I will not boast, **except regarding to my weaknesses***." 2 Corinthians 12:5 (NASB)

Paul, like the remnant, had the knowledge that he could still have joy and even boast in his weaknesses. Those weaknesses opened the door for God's might that was in him to be released, performing far more than he could have ever done in himself; thus, it was God's perfect will.

One very famous verse that is used widely in spiritual warfare is this one: "*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*" Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) It is just that. His might, His power, His Spirit.

Today may we be a doer of the Word of God. "*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, **that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need***." Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)



WE ALL CAN PROPHESY GOD'S WORD

"Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."
Amos 3:7 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

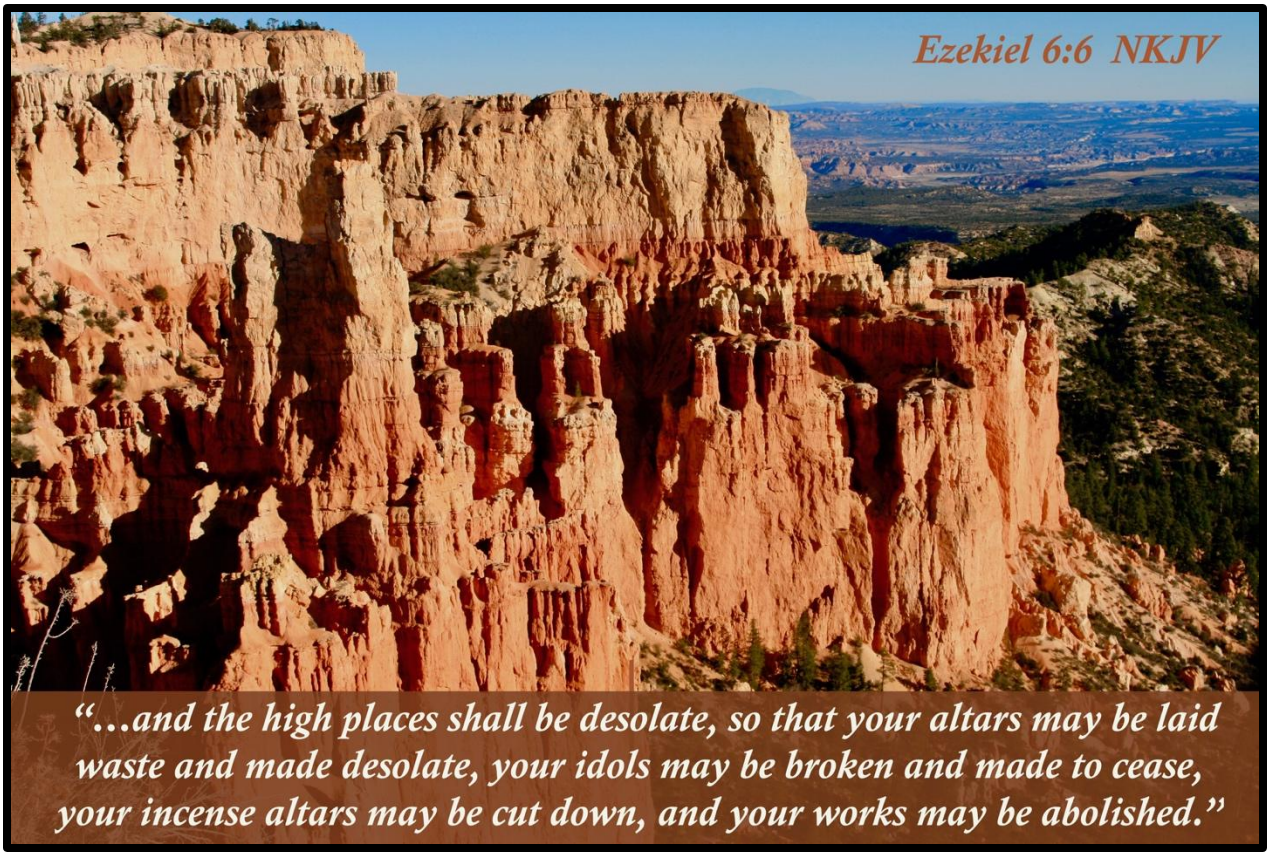
Remnant yes, it is true that God uses prophecy to communicate with His people; however, somewhere along the way there has been an awful malfunction in the body of Christ that suggests only certain people can prophesy. To rightly divide this teaching, we go to the trusted source, God's Word.

"For you can <u>all</u> prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged." 1 Corinthians 14:31 (NKJV) Here in 1 Corinthians we see it reads, *"…you all can prophesy…."* If this is not plain enough, we look at the meaning of this word *all* in the Greek. All in this verse is Strong's #3956 and means: each, every; each part(s) of a totality. Therefore, we see that it is God's will for <u>each part of the body of Christ</u> to prophesy. We are the ones who have been trusted with His Word, and it is up to us to speak it!

Many people want to go see a prophet for the simple fact that they do not believe that they can hear from God. Believers should all be able to hear from God <u>loud and clear</u>. Remember, most of the time, in the Old Testament the people who requested a prophet of the Lord were <u>unbelievers</u>. This should tell us something! In Hebrews 1 we see that we now have something much better than they had in the Old Testament! *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <u>has in these last days spoken to us by His Son</u>, …"* Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV) Do we see how much better we have it?

Let us be reminded that Jesus told us, "*I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, <u>because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him</u>.]"* John 15:15 (AMPC) We know what the Master is doing! Jesus openly declares that He has revealed to us everything that He has heard and learned from the Father! God never prefers one over another; we are all the body of Christ, and we can all prophesy God's Word - one by one!

***"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."* 1 John 2:20 (NKJV)**



TAKING CARE OF HIS BUSINESS

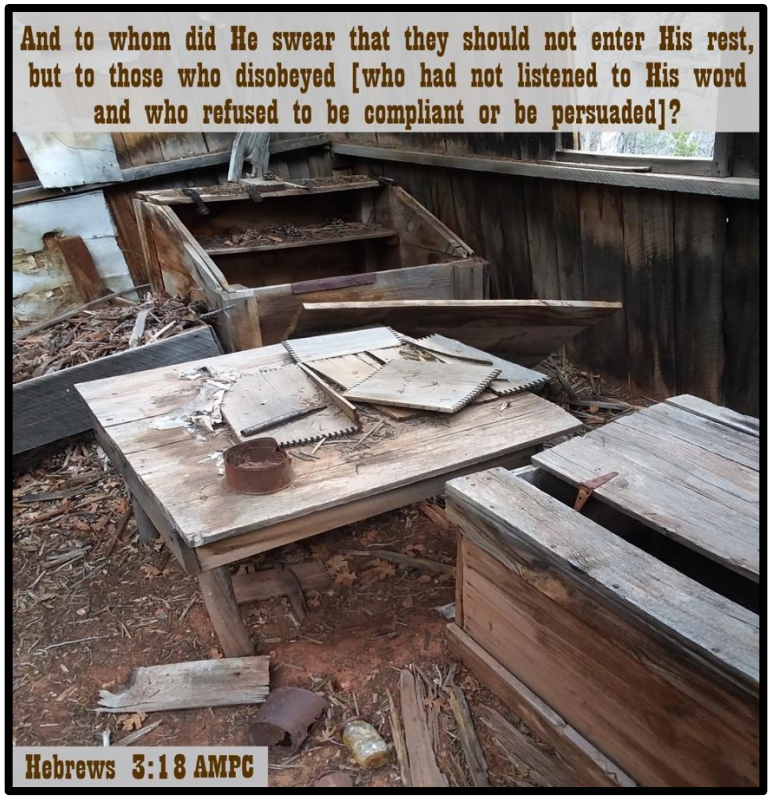
"…Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and <u>I will destroy your high places [of idolatrous worship]</u>" Ezekiel 6:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, if you study high places all throughout the Old Testament you will find many times this is where false worship existed. In association with high places in the Old Testament you will find incense, strange gods/images/ idols, altars, places of sacrifice, burnt offerings, etc. In addition, we also find that God was always commanding His people to destroy these high places and all their deceptive worship. God has not changed, and He is still speaking to His people today. As we read His Word, it is as if He is saying, "Go up to all these high places, and destroy the devil's kingdom, for you have all you need child - you have Me and My Word."

Let us not forget where the devil took Jesus upon one of his temptations; he took Him to a high place. *"Again, the devil took Him up on <u>a very high mountain</u> and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory (the splendor, magnificence, preeminence, and excellence) of them. And he said to Him, These things, all taken together, I will give You, if You will prostrate Yourself before me and do homage and worship me."* Matthew 4:8-9 (AMPC) Satan could not have had the power to give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus, unless he owned them himself. Remember satan is *"…the god of this world…,"* 2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV) and he is *"…the prince of the power of the air…,"* Ephesians 2:2 (KJV) right?

However; we also must remember that God is still higher than these high places, for in Micah we read, *"For behold, the Lord is coming out of His place; He will come down And tread on the high places of the earth."* Micah 1:3 (NKJV) Come on, He comes <u>down</u> from His place <u>to tread upon the high places</u>.

God is all about destroying all false gods, false worship, and all manner of demonic activity in the devil's kingdom. He desires for us to use His power, go forth unto the high places, and take care of business!



MAY EVERYTHING WE DO ORIGINATE FROM FAITH

"…For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin…"
Romans 14:23 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

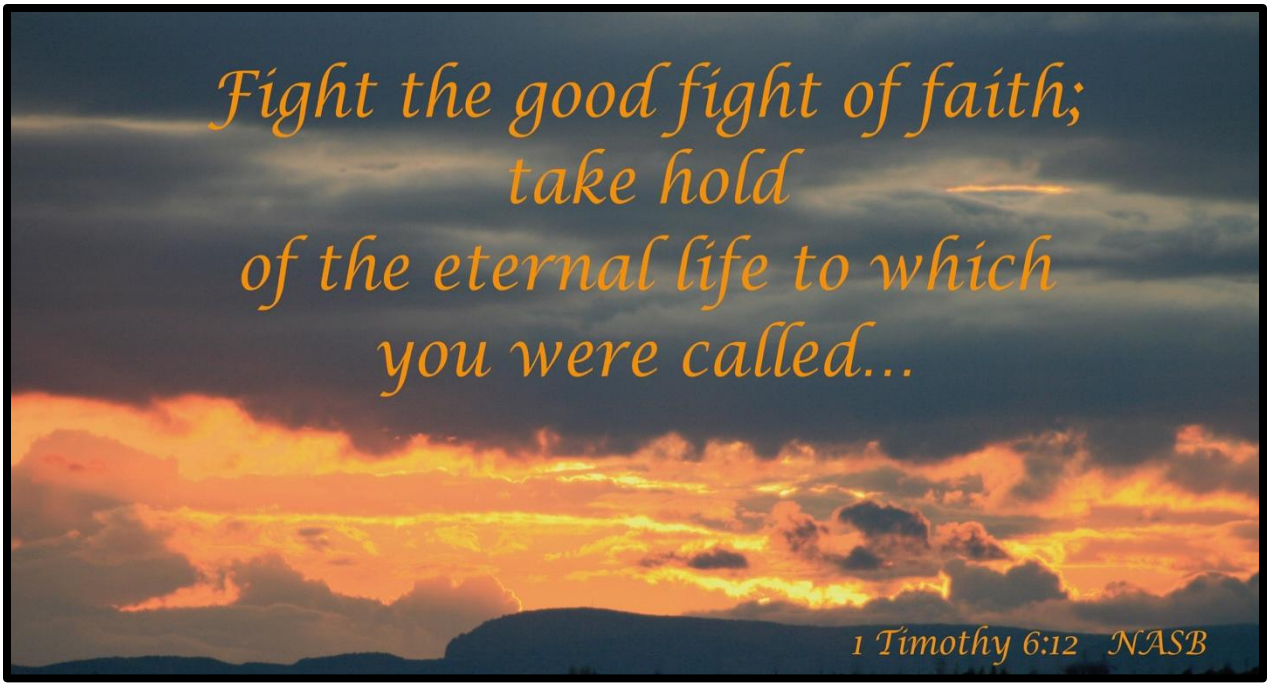
Remnant, we all know that God's Word plainly tells us, *"But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him…."* Hebrews 11:6 (AMPC) Therefore, as we regard God as first place in our hearts, our first objective every day should be desiring to please Him, right?

Romans 14:23 from above tells us that anything that does not originate from faith is sin. Sin is unbelief and disobedience. Therefore, Hebrews warns us in saying, *"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;"* Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV) Unbelief (disobedience) results in a departure from God.

"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]." Hebrews 3:19 (AMPC) You see, there is a rest that God desires His people not only to enter but to remain in. However, roots of unbelief (no matter where the source) paralyze the destinies of those who have not chosen to believe the good report!

Titus reminds us to not pay *"…attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth."* Titus 1:14 (NASB) We must remember that this passage is not just referring to worldly people because it goes on to read, *"They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed."* Titus 1:16 (NASB) In conclusion, we can see the connection here, for whatever we do must originate from faith in God, and when it is portrayed by and through our deeds, we are acting in faith with a spiritual mind looking into a realm where a carnal mind simply cannot see. *"To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled."* Titus 1:15 (NASB)

True faith comes only from ONE SOURCE: *"…faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (KJV) May everything we do originate from faith in the true Word of God.



FOUNDATION OF FAITH

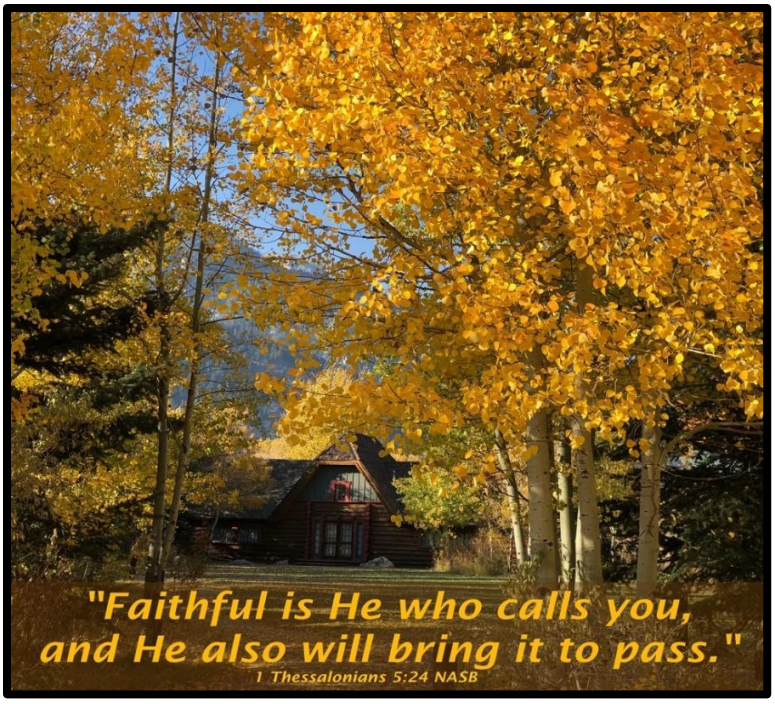
"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, though we all know this, it is necessary to be reminded sometimes of what is required to receive our promises. We have all been allowed to go through tests, and trials that have been set forth to bring us into perfection. You see, faith would not be necessary if everything was just handed to us without some perseverance.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3 (KJV) It can be a bit overwhelming to think about the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. We know that many, through faith, have *"…subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again…"* Hebrews 11:33-35 (KJV) God's Word itself is full of examples of faith, and we know that it is hearing God's Word that increases our faith! (Romans 10:17)

"Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward." Hebrews 10:35 (AMPC) Now is not the time to stop believing or throw away our confidence in God's Word. Maintaining faith is a requirement of a believer, not only to obtain the promises for others and ourselves, but it is the only way we can please God*. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him*…" Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

***"Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all."* Romans 4:16 (AMPC)**



GOD SAID IT, AND HE WILL DO IT

"With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our God may deem and count you worthy of [your] calling and [His] every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power may complete in [your] every particular work of faith (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness)."
2 Thessalonians 1:11 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the first step of the new birth is to believe and fully trust in Him. When we truly rely on and fully trust in Him, we believe that as we fulfill our responsibilities in the Word, God is faithful to fulfill His promises to us as well. When we are a doer of the Word of God, we can be confident always that God is fulfilling every promise in His Word that He told us that He would. There is no doublemindedness, no! God said it, and He will do it. That alone increases our ability to be able to be a faithful witness to others, as we proclaim the gospel daily. We know that the Words that we speak to others are Words of power and authority, and not some philosophy from a doctrine formed by man. Jesus Christ is the head of the church, not man. Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the church, not man! We doubt in man's ability; however, we never doubt in God's ability to work in us confirming His Word with signs following!

"*And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*" 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV) We too go out in the demonstration of the Spirit and of *dunamis* because we have God's Word working in us and through us! *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord*." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

The true remnant is fully trusting that God is empowering us constantly by His grace and power working in us and through us when we are in His Word. We are confident to share His Word and confident that He has prepared divine appointments for us, for His Word to be manifested!

"And [now] in His own appointed time He has made manifest (made known) His Word and revealed it as His message through the preaching entrusted to me by command of God our Savior;" Titus 1:3 (AMPC)



WE CRY, "ABBA! FATHER!"

"For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]" Ephesians 1:5 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

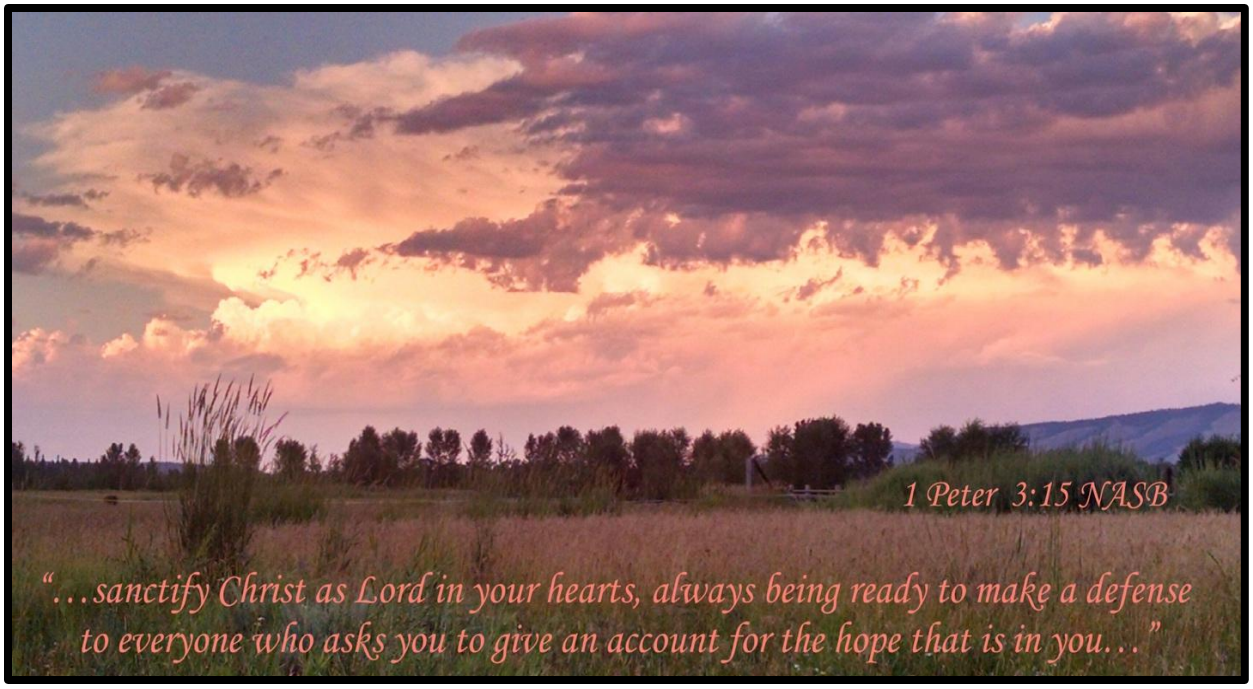
Remnant, we have all rights to read and receive this Word of God today, through our relationship with Him as being adopted by Him as sons and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We have the *pneuma- Christou* (the Spirit of Christ, also known as the sonship-spirit.) Often *pneuma- Christou* is translated and understood as the new nature. *Pneuma-Christou*, the new nature, indicates that we are no longer mere servants to God, rather we are His sons, thus indicating that sonship-spirit.

*"For they are Israelites, and **to them** belong God's adoption [as a nation] and the glorious Presence (Shekinah). With **them** were the special covenants made, **to them** was the Law given. **To them** [the temple] worship was revealed and [God's own] promises announced."* Romans 9:4 (AMPC) *"**To them**"* is interpreted as God's own remnant, His sons and daughters! No dear brothers and sisters, this is not referring to a particular time period or people; it is to all who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying!

"To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons]." Galatians 4:5 (AMPC) Because of His Son Jesus, we are recognized as adopted sons of God through our idiosyncrasies, character, and associations received from God as part of the new creation!

"For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God." Romans 8:15-16 (AMPC)

Be assured today, by and through His Word, you are His child, and you have ears to hear, and an obedient heart according to His perfect will!



IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM

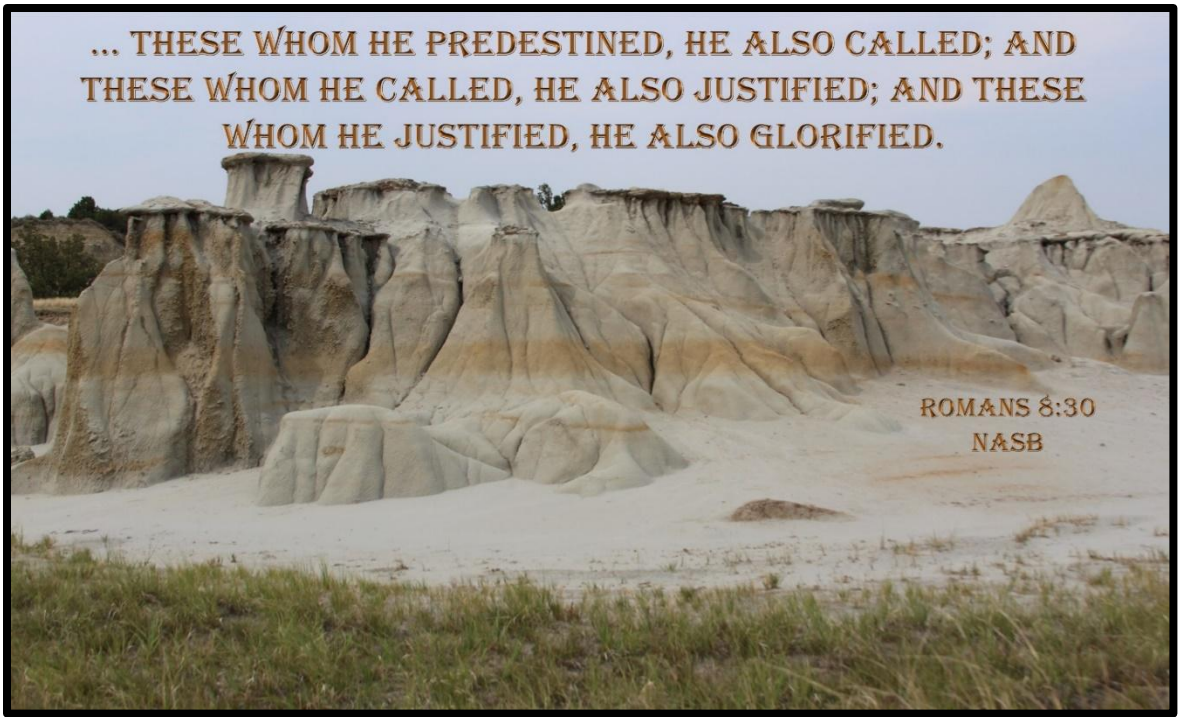
"Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to everything that we have heard with our ears." 1 Chronicles 17:20 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in our process of renewal through the Word of God, we find that our hearts tend to beat like that of John. *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* John 3:30 (KJV) We find ourselves truly not looking at what we see because our eyes are focused **ON HIM**. We find ourselves being so **full of Him** that **He** is all we can talk about! **His** love, **His** nature, **His** longsuffering, **His** patience, **His** forgiveness, **His** willingness, **His** grace, **His** compassion, and the list is endless!

God is the center of David's praise. *"For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the mighty [heavenly beings] can be likened to the Lord,"* Psalm 89:6 (AMPC) *"O Lord God of hosts, who is a mighty one like unto You, O Lord? And Your faithfulness is round about You [an essential part of You at all times*]." Psalm 89:8 (AMPC)

It is in our hearts to praise God as Hannah portrays here: *"No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.*" 1 Samuel 2:2 (NKJV) Father, in the name of Jesus, we praise You and worship You today and every day. We praise You not only for what You have done, what You are doing, and what You are going to do, but we just praise You, **FOR YOU ARE THE ALMIGHTY GOD**! We fix our eyes on You and let our praise and worship be pleasing and acceptable unto Your sight. You are the reason we are here. Let everything we do be pleasing unto You. Teach us each day to worship You more intimately than we have ever worshipped You before, with **ALL of our HEART**. As our transformation and renewal progresses through the Word of God, we see clearly into that spiritual realm which cannot be shaken!

"Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29 (AMPC)



OUR IRREVOCABLE GIFTS AND CALLING

"*For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called."* 1 Corinthians 1:26 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

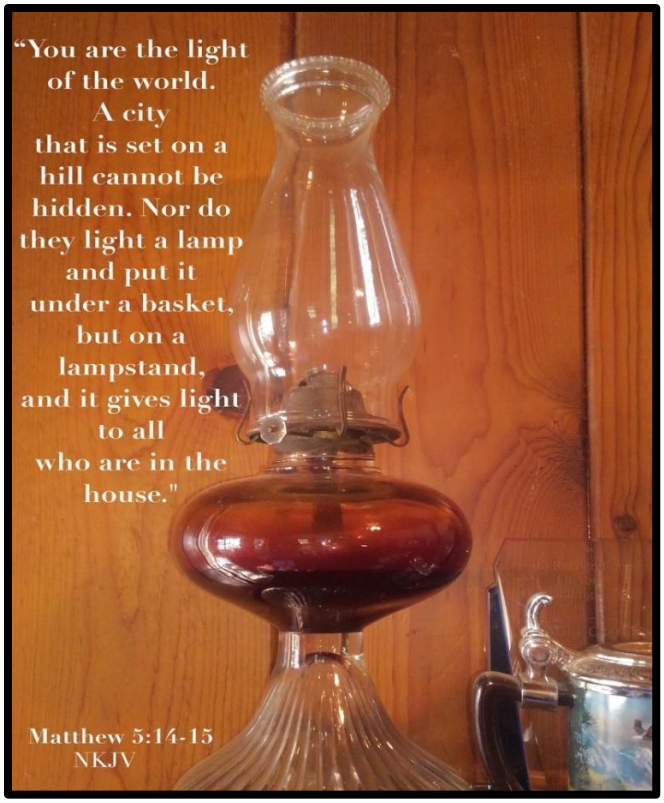
Remnant, we know according to Romans 8:28 we are called "*according to His purpose*." So, just when are we the most effective? We are the most effective when we are right where God has commissioned us to be, and when we are doing just what He has commissioned us to do. This is vital in the life of a true believer, and sadly so few ever truly walk in His personal commissions.

"*For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]*" Romans 11:29 (AMPC) In a world of everything constantly changing, one thing remains the same; God will never change. He never changes His mind. When He has given you gifts, talents, and so on and so forth to use specifically for your purpose and call, they are irrevocable! This is so POWERFUL!

One troubling fact about all of this is that we are all called to do something or to do many things, so what if we NEVER fulfill that call on our lives? Well, we will be judged according to our choice, as God offers us our own free will. We certainly do not want to be facing God and hear Him say something like, "You never did what I called you to do, despite the fact I told you I would never leave you or forsake you, and I promised to supply all of your needs." No, we are obedient, and we do what God has called us to do. We spread the gospel in our own special way in which He has qualified us. *"For all things are for your sakes, **so that the grace, having spread to more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God***." 2 Corinthians 4:15 (NASB)

It is in the heart of the remnant to hear "...*Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master."* Matthew 25:23 (NASB)

We have all been through different life experiences which God had used to help qualify us in a different manner than our brothers and sisters in Christ. **We must never be held back by comparing ourselves to others*. "...who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."*** 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV)



OIL LAMPS WILL NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT OIL

"… I am the light of the world …" John 8:12 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it was Jesus who told us that He is the light of the world here in John 8:12. However, in addition to that He also told us that we *"… are the light of the world…"* Matthew 5:14 (NKJV) Considering the fact that we are to walk as He walked and follow in His footsteps, this comes together in complete harmony. Yet, there are still a few things that we must know about light in order that we may keep the fire burning.

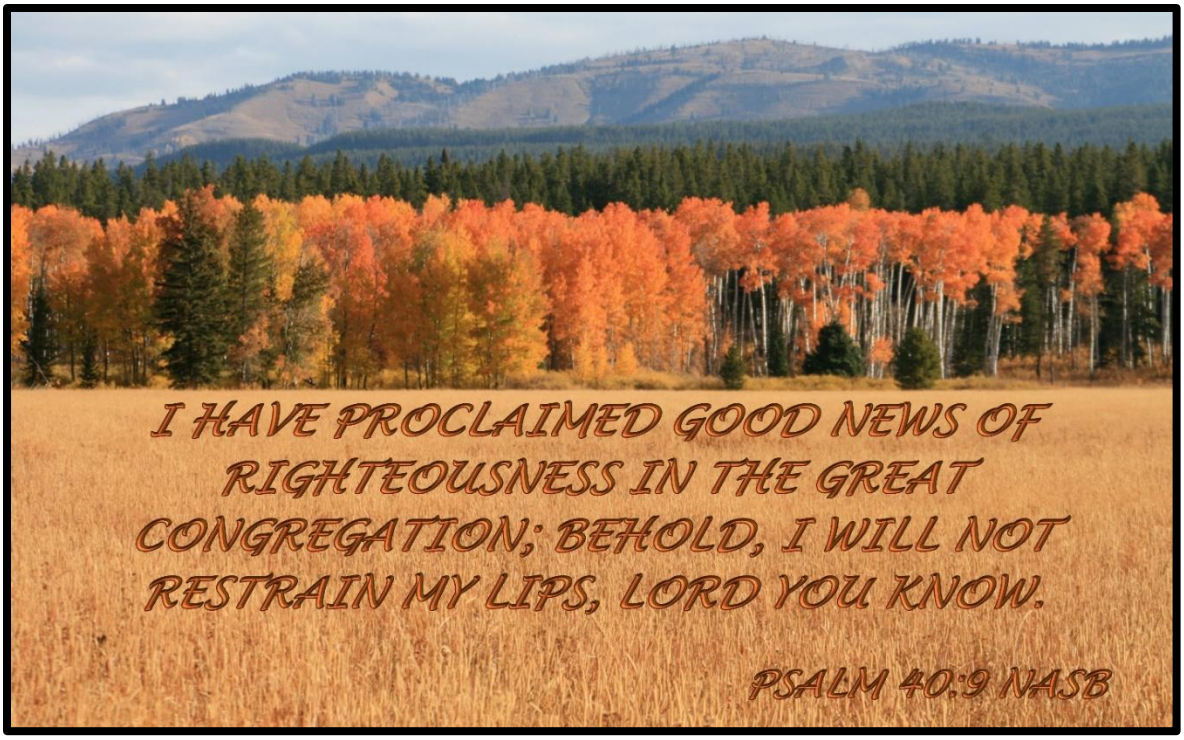
Consider if you will, an oil lamp. Though it has a very simple composition, every portion of an oil lamp MUST be present for it to bring forth light. The basic components of an oil lamp are the lamp itself, a wick, and oil. When each of these components is placed in the correct alignment, once the lamp is lit, it will maintain a bright flame. Now let's talk about this wick, for it is critical.

The job of the wick is to transport the fuel from the container to the flame. Then, capillary action draws the oil up the wick, which prevents the wick from burning up. Please note, without the oil the wick will burn up, and without the wick the oil cannot be transported to the flame to sustain the flame.

Now in conclusion, we see that as we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, we are comparable to this lamp. (1 Corinthians 3:16) When we allow ourselves to absorb the oil (the Holy Spirit) into our wick (our spirit man), this carries the light (Jesus, the Word of God) to the world in a way they have never seen or experienced. The lamps of religion have proved unsuccessful in carrying the light, for they are absent of the oil necessary, and without it, their wicks burn out.

Paul, being part of this flame, said, *"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom…"* Did you catch that? NOT OF HUMAN WISDOM! *"…<u>but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power</u>."* 1 Corinthians 2:4 (NKJV) Oh yeah, that is the oil that keeps the flame burning!

***"That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you…"* 2 Timothy 1:6 (AMPC)**



DOING OUR DUTY BY DECLARING HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

"…Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God." Genesis 6:9 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is therefore God's, people, as we see here, that are coming forth to declare His righteousness! His people who walk in habitual fellowship with Him! *"A posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed it."* Psalm 22:30-31 (NASB) If that is not shouting grounds, well frankly there just is not anything to shout about!

We are this chosen generation. Not only are we like Noah from the very first scripture who was just, righteous, and blameless among his evil generation-and thus praise God he was left behind! We are God's seed who declare His righteousness! Righteousness is right standing with God, and to be in right standing with God, one must walk in union, and communion with Him constantly in His presence, i.e., Shekinah Glory!

We are finishing the work that our Master Jesus began for **it is right** that people should be healed, so in Jesus' name we are preaching healing, and praying for the sick. **It is right** for people to be delivered; therefore, we have the boldness to bring awareness to this factor, and in Jesus' name we cast out demons. **It is right** in the sight of God to speak in an unknown tongue and bring forth God's message, therefore we also take up courage in this duty to the edification of the body!

We are the body God is coming back for, without spot, and blameless! Only a true servant can perform such tasks. We are His seed, set apart for His purposes, and His glory is being revealed in us, and through us, even when we do not see it.

"But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14 (AMPC) The time is here, and the knowledge of the glory is coming through His people, the remnant, the chosen, the Ekklesia!



THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF LOVE

"*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*." John 15:12-13 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

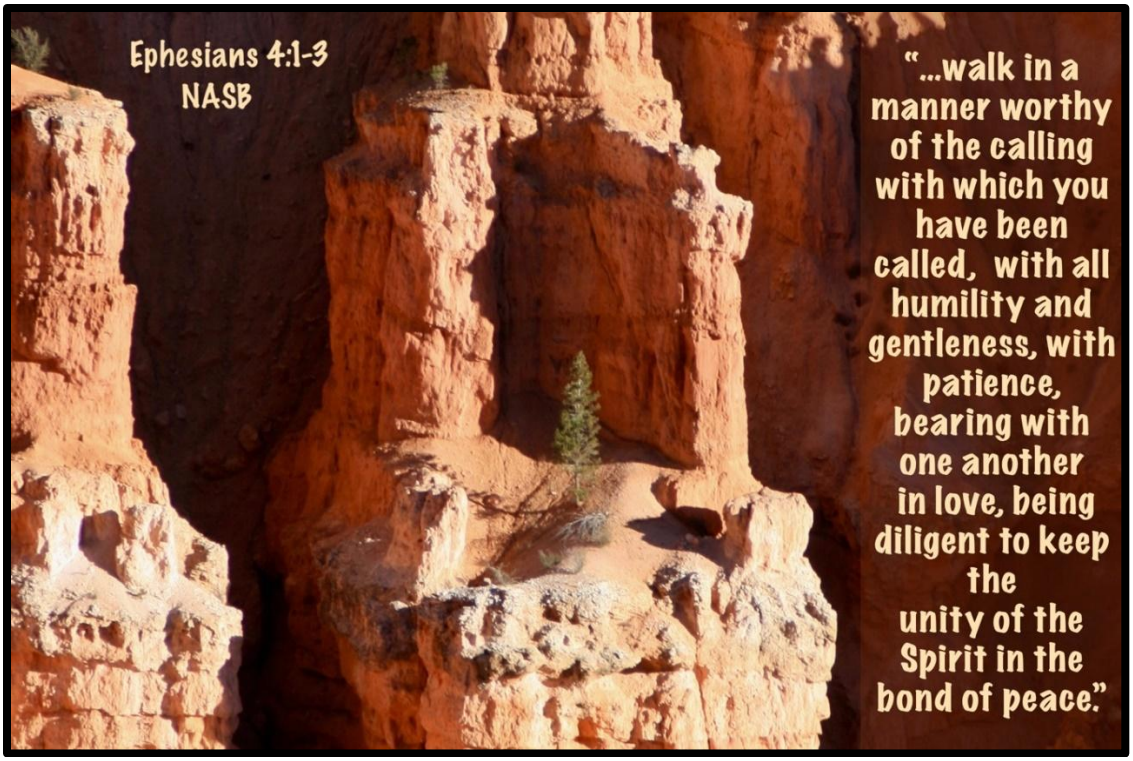
Remnant, we know that Jesus gave us this instruction here, and He is our example of the ultimate expression of love, but who else do we see in God's Word that grabbed ahold of this and was another powerful example for us? It was Paul. Paul had a revelation of the greatest kind of love that a man could ever possess. This kind of love demands the giving of one's life for another.

"Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent adrift at sea. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, ***there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches***." 2 Corinthians 11:25-28 (NASB)

He was subjected to all this willingly because of his deep concern for all the churches. He said this pressure was on him daily. He risked his life often for the spiritual welfare of his brothers and sisters. Then Paul even gives us some heavy advice here, when he says, "*Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ*." 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV) Can we see that he was certainly imitating Christ? You'd better believe it!

It is not easy to be a believer; however, the rewards are limitless! The true remnant live our lives with no regrets and prefers others over ourselves, laying our lives down for our brethren as we die to our flesh daily, for as Paul says, in our flesh dwells no good thing. (Romans 7:18)

"By this we come to know (progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand) the [essential] love: that He laid down His [own] life for us; and we ought to lay [our] lives down for [those who are our] brothers [in Him]." 1 John 3:16 (AMPC)



GOD HATES DIVISION, AND WE SHOULD TOO!

"Only be sure as citizens so to conduct yourselves [that] your manner of life [will be] worthy of the good news (the Gospel) of Christ, so that whether I [do] come and see you or am absent, I may hear this of you: that you are standing firm in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side and contending with a single mind for the faith of the glad tidings (the Gospel)."
Philippians 1:27 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

We are standing firm, united in spirit and purpose, striving side by side, and contending with a single mind. For what? For the faith of the gospel! This is the plan of the Father for all who are in the body, of which His Son is the Head.

Remnant, God hates division, and we should too. If we have renewed our minds through the Word of God, then we have the mind of Christ. Why else would God's Word contain this scripture? *" I appeal to you, brethren, to be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause divisions, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. [I warn you to turn aside from them, to] avoid them.*" Romans 16:17 (AMPC)

There is another seed out there. This is the antichrist 5-fold ministry, which has been placed **IN** the churches (and many other places) to deceive anyone who will fall prey unto its plan.

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Matthew 24:24 (NKJV) The true remnant is NOT called to be deceived, and they will NOT be. However, there will need to be more of a pressing into God as time goes on. This antichrist spirit is very cunning, and the fruit of its manifestation will appear to be authentic to many.

Remember, God's Word has given us warning in Romans 16:17. What we do with His warning is vital for the body!

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God;" 1 John 4:1 (NKJV)



GLORIFIED IN HIM

"All [things that are] Mine are Yours, and all [things that are] Yours belong to Me; and I am glorified in (through) them. [They have done Me honor; in them My glory is achieved.]"
John 17:10 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

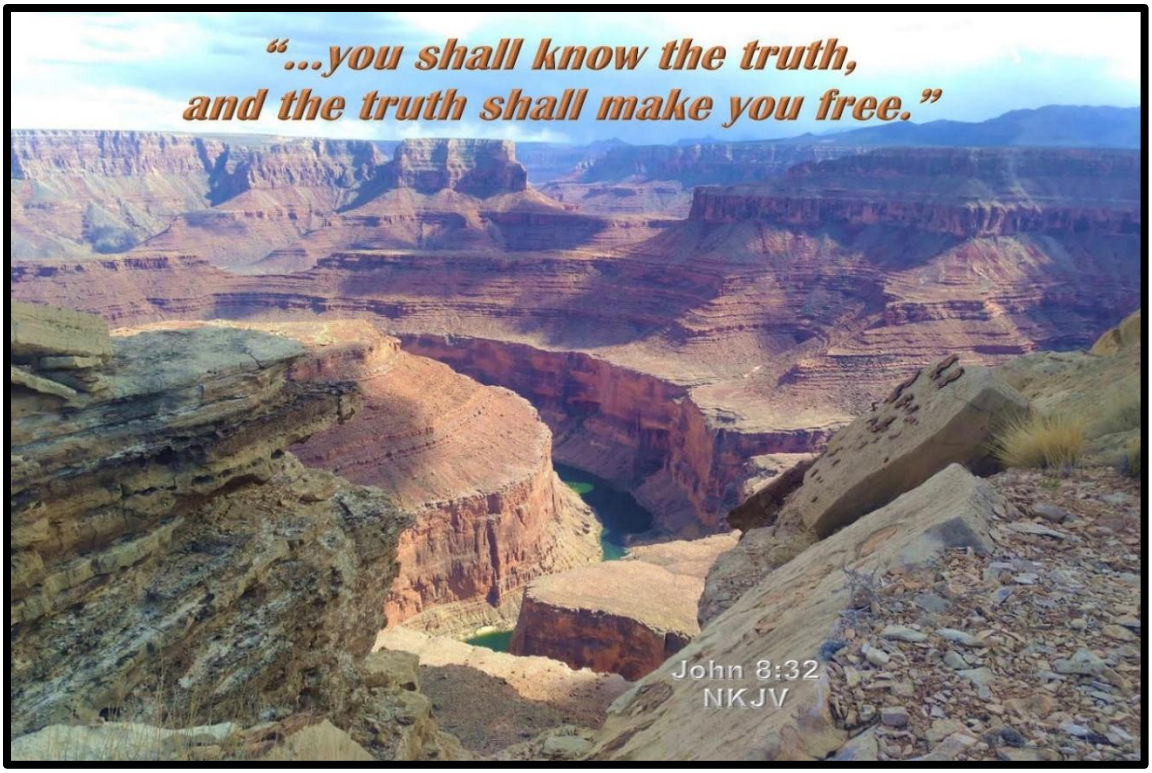
Remnant the word *glorified* here in the Greek is *doksázō* (Strong's #1392) meaning – glorify; properly, to ascribe weight by recognizing real substance (value). Having this understanding denotes such a deeper meaning to this scripture! When Jesus said, *"I am glorified in (through) them,*" His reference is to the remnant: His people!

As we know and understand we cannot separate the Written Word from the Living Word, thus we see that Jesus (the Word of God) is being glorified in His people properly. He is real in substance and value, as opposed to any substitutes!

Paul continues to further set this in concrete here in 2 Thessalonians. *"When He comes to be glorified in His saints [on that day He will be made more glorious in His consecrated people], and [He will] be marveled at and admired [in His glory reflected]…"* Wow, that is something to meditate on! We see the saints are those who are described as *"…all who have believed [who have adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Him]…"* 2 Thessalonians 1:10 (AMPC)

Jesus clearly told us that *"Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you."* John 16:15 (AMPC) This is another reason we should seek to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit if we have not received it!

"…the glory of the Lord will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together;
***For the mouth of the Lord has spoken"* Isaiah 40:5 (NASB)**



NOT IGNORANT CONCERNING SPIRITUAL LAWS PART 1

"…we know that the law is spiritual…" Romans 7:14 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, there are many people that are living a life defeated by the enemy every day because they are not aware of the reality of the spiritual laws in God's Word. To explain this in an elementary form, just because a person may be ignorant of what gravity is and what effects it has in the natural, does not mean that this person will not experience the effects of the law of gravity in their lives. Do you get it? Here are just a few basic spiritual laws that exist, and if people will just have a revelation of them and apply them to their lives, they can receive the spiritual breakthroughs that God has intended for them to have!

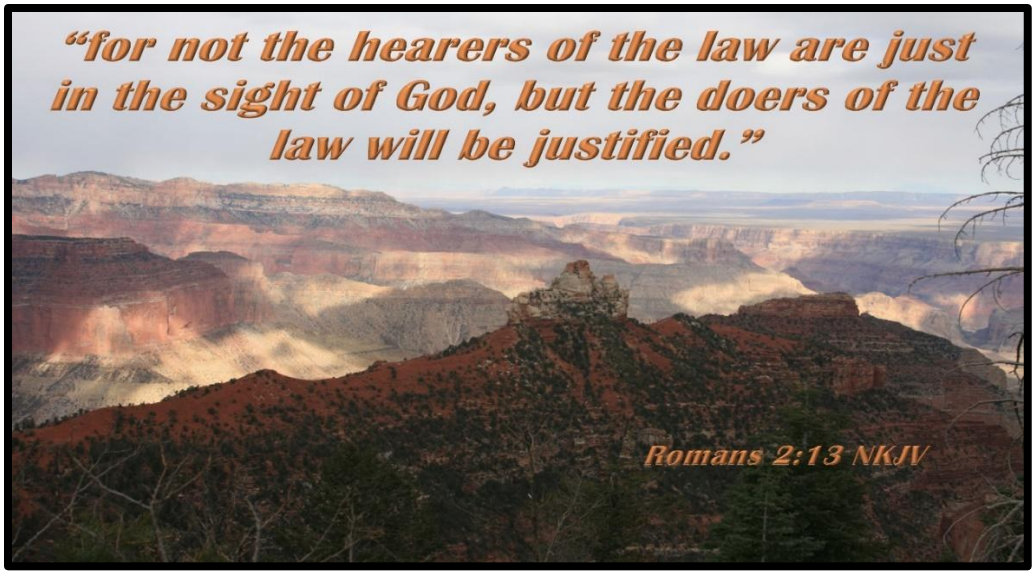
"…forgive others for their offences…" Why? It is because when you do, "… *your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offences."* Matthew 6:14-15 (NASB)

Why is it necessary to cleanse our hearts and keep our hearts clear of iniquity? *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me;"* Psalm 66:18 (AMPC)

"…confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another…" Why? *"…so that you may be healed…"* James 5:16 (NASB)

"…if two of you agree on earth concerning anything…" Why is it so important to come together with others who are believing and agreeing with you? It is because when you come together in agreement, your petitions *"…will be done for them by My Father in heaven."* Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)

Now, when we pray, why is it necessary to ask for things according to HIS WILL? It is because *"… if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* Do you see this? He hears petitions according to HIS WILL. Then we can be confident in our prayer that *"… if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."* 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV) When we pray in accordance with HIS WILL, it eliminates any doubt what-so-ever!



NOT IGNORANT CONCERNING SPIRITUAL LAWS PART 2

"The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold; Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, Your servant is warned by them; In keeping them there is great reward."
Psalm 19:9-11 NASB Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in continuing with spiritual laws, we may find that there are areas in which we have been struggling. As we begin to do our part to fulfill these spiritual laws, it will result in those mighty walls crumbling to the ground! There are examples all throughout God's Word, but here are a few more spiritual laws that we can begin applying today, which will bring much needed victory!

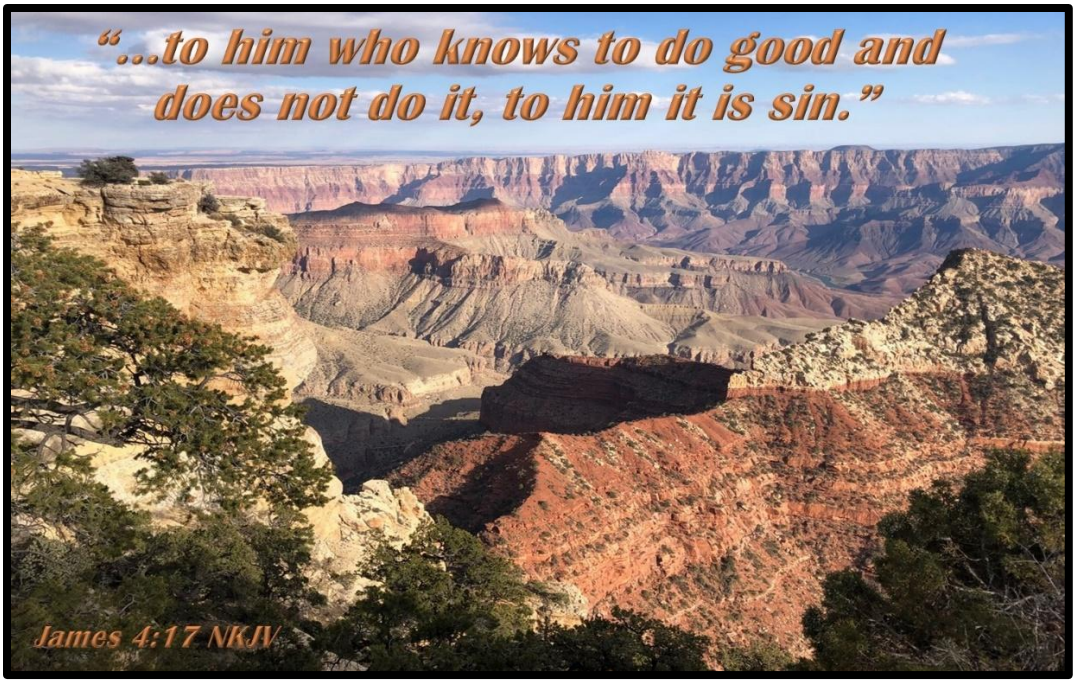
"But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk…" Why does it matter if we avoid it or not? It is because if we continue to be a part of it, this will *"…lead people into more and more ungodliness."* 2 Timothy 2:16 (AMPC)

"…there is no partiality with God." Romans 2:11 (NKJV) Therefore, it stands true that *"…if you show partiality, you commit sin..."* James 2:9 (NKJV)

"Judge not…" Why*? "…that you be not judged."* Matthew 7:1 (NKJV) Romans takes this a bit further in saying, *"…whatever you judge another you condemn yourself..."* Romans 2:1 (NKJV)

Some spiritual laws even coincide with one another, like these next two. Here in Luke, we are told to *"Give…"* Again, why is this important? It is because God's Word says when you give, *"…it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."* Luke 6:38 (NASB) Please remember this is not just referring to money; in fact, money is not even mentioned here. Now, in 2 Corinthians we see this law, which coincides with the previous one in Luke. *"…he who sows sparingly…"* (Pay attention here.) *"…will also reap sparingly…"* However, *"…he who sows generously will also reap generously."* 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NASB)

Finally, today we will conclude with this very essential spiritual law. *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."* Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) Why is this spiritual law so vital in the life of a believer? *"For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."* Galatians 6:8 (NKJV) What a promise to hold on to! Praise God, in the name of Jesus!



NOT IGNORANT CONCERNING SPIRITUAL LAWS PART 3

"I have treasured Your word in my heart, So that I may not sin against You." Psalm 119:11 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

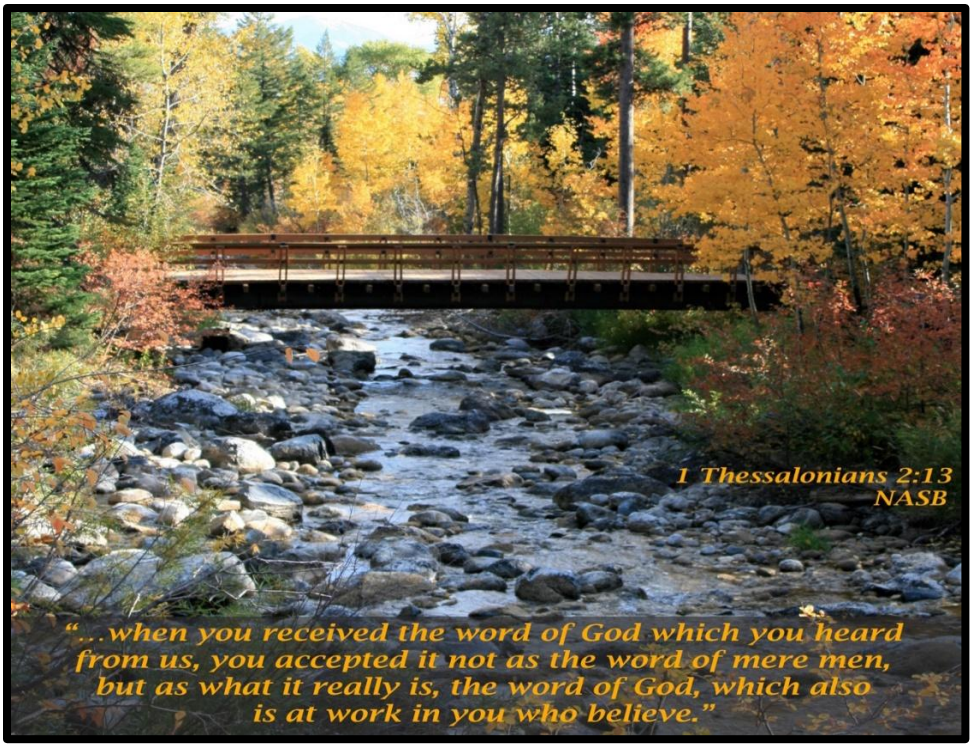
In continuing with spiritual laws and how they affect our lives, we look at the most vital topic of all, keeping the integrity of God's Word.

"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him." Proverbs 30:5 (NKJV) Since this is true, we have been given the command, *"Do not add to His words…"* Well, why is this so important? It is because if you do add to His Words, He will *"…rebuke you, and you* [will] *be found a liar."* Proverbs 30:6 (NKJV) Revelation coincides with this verse also; however, it is taken a few steps further in saying, *"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;"* Revelation 22:18 (NKJV)

Now, just as equally important as not adding to His Words, He also gives us strict instruction to not take away from His Words. Some doctrines take one verse on a subject and stand on it, throwing away all the other verses and contexts having to do with this topic because they do not support "what they believe." Dear friend, let us be reminded, *"if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."* Revelation 22:19 (NKJV) Maybe, just maybe, one might need to re-think his doctrines/beliefs and throw some of that away, before he begins to throw away verses not conforming to such doctrines. Remember, God makes no mistakes, and none of us want to mess around with losing our part out of the Book of Life, the holy city, and all other things written in His book, right?

Paul openly declares a spiritual law resulting in God's judgement by saying, *"…if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!"* Galatians 1:8 (AMPC) When people begin to teach and preach things contrary to a rightly divided Word of God, they are falling under a curse beyond a curse: anathema.

Spiritual laws cannot be reversed; therefore, we must be diligent to learn all we can concerning them, abide by them, and remain on blessing grounds, receiving the favor of God!



HIS PROMISES TO ALL WHO BELIEVE

"… what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe…"
Ephesians 1:19 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this prayer in Ephesians is for sure one that must be revealed to all of us. What is the boundless greatness of HIS power toward all of us who believe?

All of us who believe in Him have the Spirit of God residing inside of us, and it is the power of His Spirit that is giving spiritual life to our physical bodies! *"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."* Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

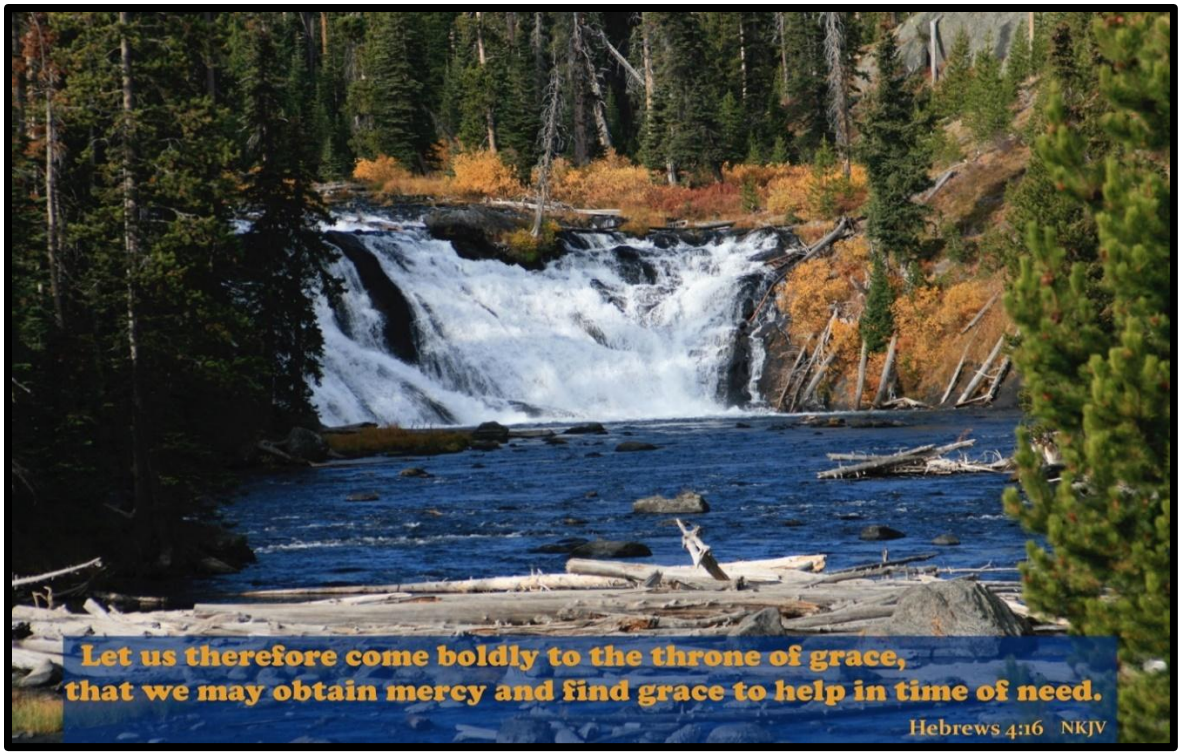
It is His power toward all of us who believe that is subjecting all things unto Him! *"… by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself."* Philippians 3:21 (NASB)

All of us who believe are striving according to His miraculous power, which is working in us mightily, and we are not performing in our own strength. *"To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."* Colossians 1:29 (NKJV)

All of us who believe are witnessing God do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we could dare comprehend, according to His power, which is working in us! *"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"* Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

All of us who believe possess a special treasure inside each of us, so that the superiority of His power may be made known to all. This power is in fact of Him, for there is no way it could be from man. *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."* 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV)

To all who truly believe in Him and the power of His might, all things are possible. Jesus said, *"...If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."* Mark 9:23 (NKJV)



HIS RIGHTEOUS MOVE FORWARD IN BOLDNESS; ALWAYS

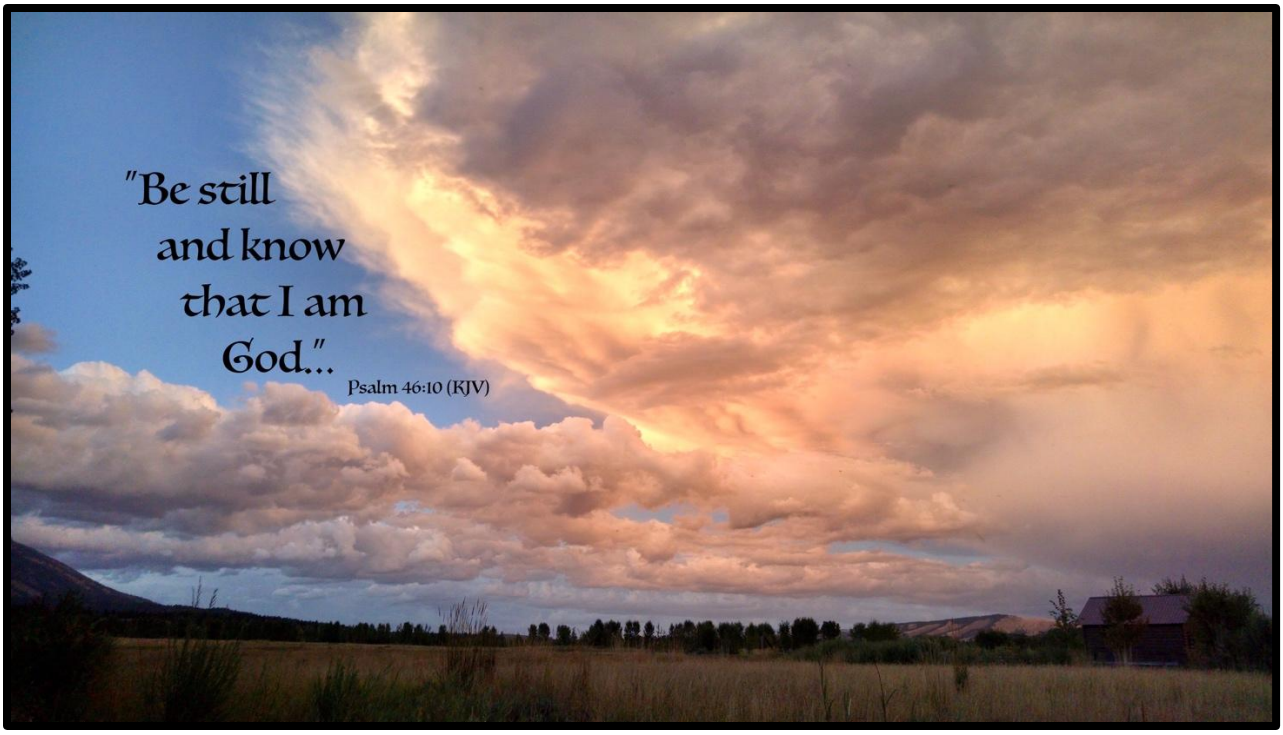
"…but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion."
Proverbs 28:1 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, Moses, an unnamed prophet, Elijah, Azariah, Shadrach Meshach and Abed-nego, Peter and John, Paul, and Jesus of course all shared a common thread. What is the common thread? <u>They are all uncompromisingly righteous and bold as a lion</u>! Certainly, you will find more examples in God's Word, but for the sake of space we will focus on these. [Moses (Exodus 32:20), an unnamed prophet (1 Kings 13:1-10), Elijah (1 Kings 18:19-40), Azariah (2 Chronicles 26:17-18), Shadrach Meshach and Abed-nego (Daniel 3), Peter and John (Acts 4:18-19;31 & 5:40-42), Paul (Acts 16:16-18), Jesus (way too many to list, study for yourself!)]

This word *lion* in Proverbs 28:1 is *kephir* (Strong's is #3715), which means a young lion. We must remember that the lion is considered king of all beasts, and <u>lions exercise their dominion</u>. This same word is used here in Isaiah: *"Their roaring will be like a lion, They will roar like young lions; Yes, they will roar And lay hold of the prey; They will carry it away safely, And no one will deliver."* Isaiah 5:29 (NKJV) When we read this in context, we see that God is bringing judgement through His people against those who *"…<u>call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight</u>!"* Isaiah 5:20-21 (NKJV)

What is the secret of their ability to be as bold as a lion? This comes from their trust and confidence in God. However, their trust and confidence in God comes from believing what God has told them. Finally, their believing began from being intimate with God, <u>so that they did hear His voice</u> and developed a relationship with Him, <u>and they know who He is</u>.

Oh yes, history is yet again repeating itself (Ecclesiastes 3:15), and God has many fearless lions in the land, who with all boldness and confidence, speak the truth of His Word, not polluting or compromising it for their own wealth or gain. His people KNOW Him and are strong and carrying out great exploits for Him! (Daniel 11:32)



JUST RELAX AND TRUST THAT HE IS GOD

"Be still, and know that I am God …" Psalm 46:10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

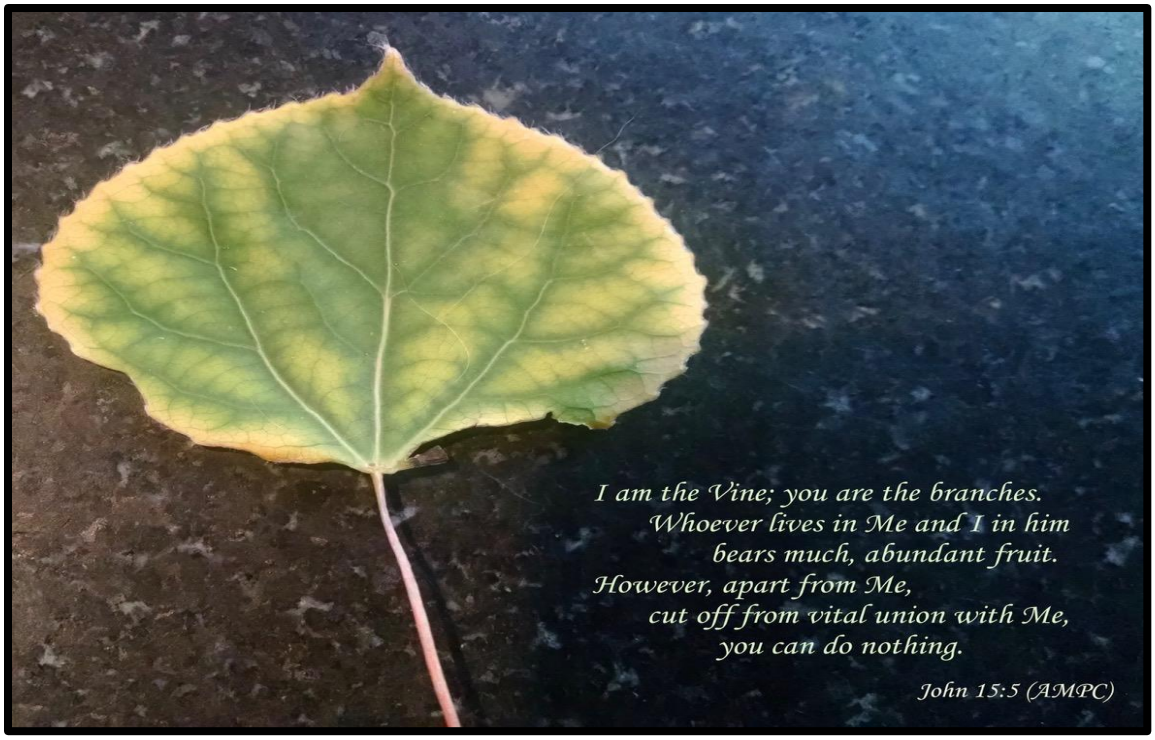
Remnant, we have heard this scripture repeatedly, but it is only when trials arise in our lives that we will truly KNOW if we are being a "doer of God's Word." Our fruits always tell the truth of the matter.

In this scripture above, the word *still* in the Hebrew is *raphah* (Strong's #7503) and is defined as sink or relax. Now, we are going to go on just a bit further in the Hebrew, for our learning! The word *know* in the Hebrew is *yada* (Strong's #3045). According to the Strong's exhaustive concordance, *yada* is defined as "acknowledge, acquainted with, advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, or be aware."

Now that we have that all broken down, let's put it together according to Hebrew—its original form—and see what it is really saying. The Hebrew is telling us that we are to completely sink and relax! How can we sink and relax at those times of trial and pressure? It is because we have acknowledged, been acquainted with, were advised, were answered, have been appointed, rest assured, and are fully aware that HE IS GOD! Wow, that is some great stuff for sure!

This ties perfectly with the New Testament, which reads, *"For we who have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest …"* Hebrews 4:3 (AMPC) No matter how high that mountain looks in the natural, we can relax and sink into His presence and know without a shadow of a doubt that *"… If God is for us, who can be against us?"* Romans 8:31 (NKJV) Most certainly God is for us, and it is our disobedience that results in us not being able to completely enter His rest, which He has already appointed for us! Go ahead sink and relax in Him and His Word, as He perfects what concerns you. (Psalm 138:8)

"So then, there is still awaiting a full and complete Sabbath-rest reserved for the [true] people of God; For he who has once entered [God's] rest also has ceased from [the weariness and pain] of human labors, just as God rested from those labors peculiarly His own. Let us therefore be zealous and exert ourselves and strive diligently to enter that rest [of God, to know and experience it for ourselves], that no one may fall or perish by the same kind of unbelief and disobedience [into which those in the wilderness fell]." **Hebrews 4:9-11 (AMPC)**



THE GREATEST ADDICTION WE WILL EVER HAVE

"I am the vine you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

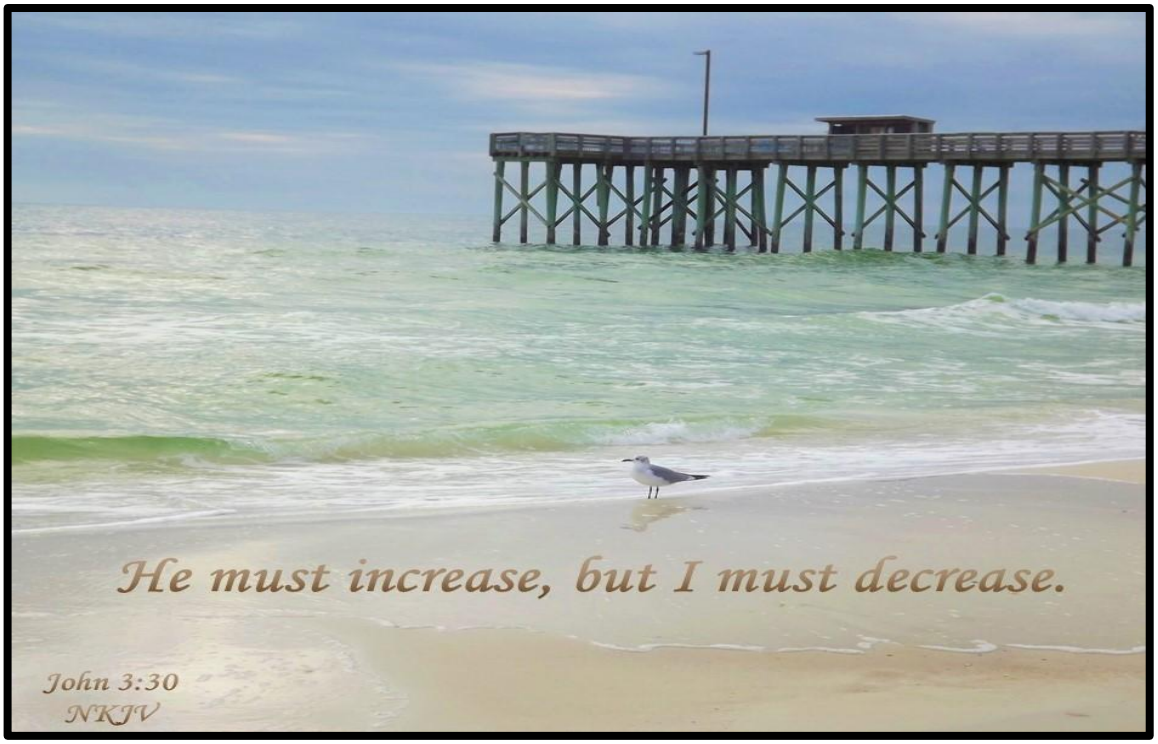
Remnant, as we all know there are many things that we can very easily become addicted to in our day, such as work, internet, pleasing others; and the list is endless. However, there is an addiction that once we as believers are truly addicted to will make every other addiction completely unsatisfactory and bring all carnality to a screeching halt.

What is the greatest addiction we will ever have? It is being addicted to Jesus; the Word of God. It is God's precious Word, Jesus that became flesh and dwells among us for ONE purpose: God's perfect will being established on earth, as it is in heaven! We too as the remnant of God have this burning desire in our hearts for this perfect will that God intended, and the ONLY way that can be perfected in earth as it is in heaven is through His Word. Oh yes, in the eyes of organized religions the good works of men are being perfected through their doctrines and commandments of men; but if we really want God's perfect will, we must REMAIN in the truth of His Word.

Let's go to the scriptures for our learning. *"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more…"* Think about this, these WERE Jesus' disciples. *"… Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?'"* This was a time of testing for sure for those twelve. However, praise God for their wisdom to remain in God's Word! *"… But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"* John 6:66-68 (NKJV)

As time goes on, we are seeing history repeat itself just as in the days of Jesus. What we are witnessing is the heartbreak of those who insist on departing from the true Word of God and remaining in the doctrines and commandments of men which have proved to make the Word of God fruitless!

There is nowhere else to turn to receive God's Words of eternal life. When we remain addicted to His Word, there is no mountain that can stand before us. There is no demon that can withstand our power. There is no sickness or disease that we do not have authority over. We cannot live in eternal life now without "our fix" of His Word daily, for it is the greatest addiction we will ever have!



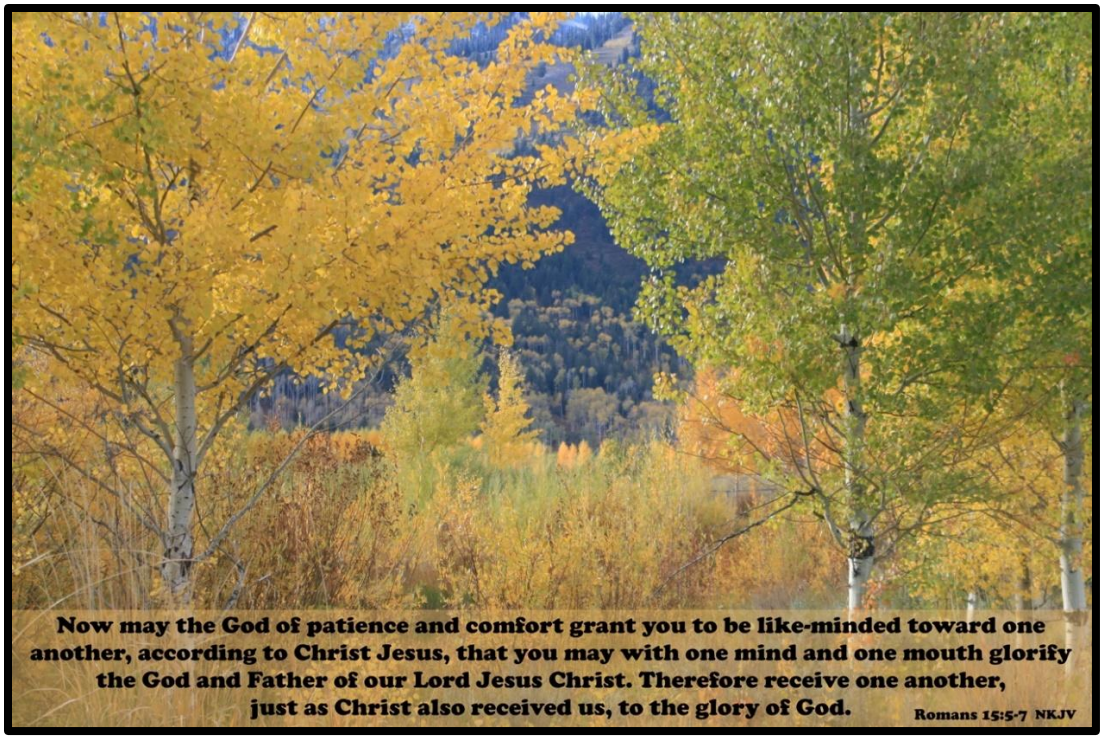
WE LOSE OUR LIVES FOR GOD'S TRUE WORD

"…I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ"
Philippians 3:8 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant as we are reminded of these scriptures today, let us not forget that there is no separation between the living Word (Jesus) and the written Word. Many will already know what is being presented today; however, it is necessary to be reminded of the integrity a true believer MUST keep for the Word of God. *"… Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas,* ***lovest*** *thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I* ***love*** *thee..."* John 21:15 (KJV) To get the full true meaning of this, we look to the Greek. The word ***lovest*** above in the Greek is *agapaō* (Strongs#25), which is to love unselfishly, even to the point of sacrifice. For instance, *agapaō* is used in John 3:16. In Peter's response the word ***love*** is *phileō* (Strongs #5368), which is a brotherly love or friendship cherishing someone. See the difference?

Jesus questions him again: *"…Simon, son of Jonas,* ***lovest*** *thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I* ***love*** *thee…"* John 21:16 (KJV) Here again the word ***lovest*** in Jesus' question is *agapaō,* and here again the word ***love*** in Peter's response is *phileō.* It must have been such a sad moment for Jesus (the Word of God) to have witnessed Peter say this openly to His face. It was like Jesus was saying, Peter do you love me more than anything else, and are you truly willing to forsake and lay down your life for Me (the Word of God)? (Remember Peter openly declares He would die for Jesus in Matthew 26:35 and John 13:37) However, it was like Peter was saying, well Jesus, you know I am your friend and all, and I love your fellowship, but you know I am not willing to sacrifice and lay down my life for You.

Jesus questions him one last time, but this time it is different. "*He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas,* ***lovest*** *thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I* ***love*** *thee..."* John 21:17 (KJV) You see this time ***lovest*** in Jesus' question was only *phileō,* not *agapaō.* This time Peter could tell Jesus (the Word of God) was hurting, and that is why he was grieved. Nevertheless, Peter continued in his reply, FOR when he said, "*thou knowest that I* ***love*** *thee,"* this love again was only *phileō.*



ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
Ephesians 4:4-6 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

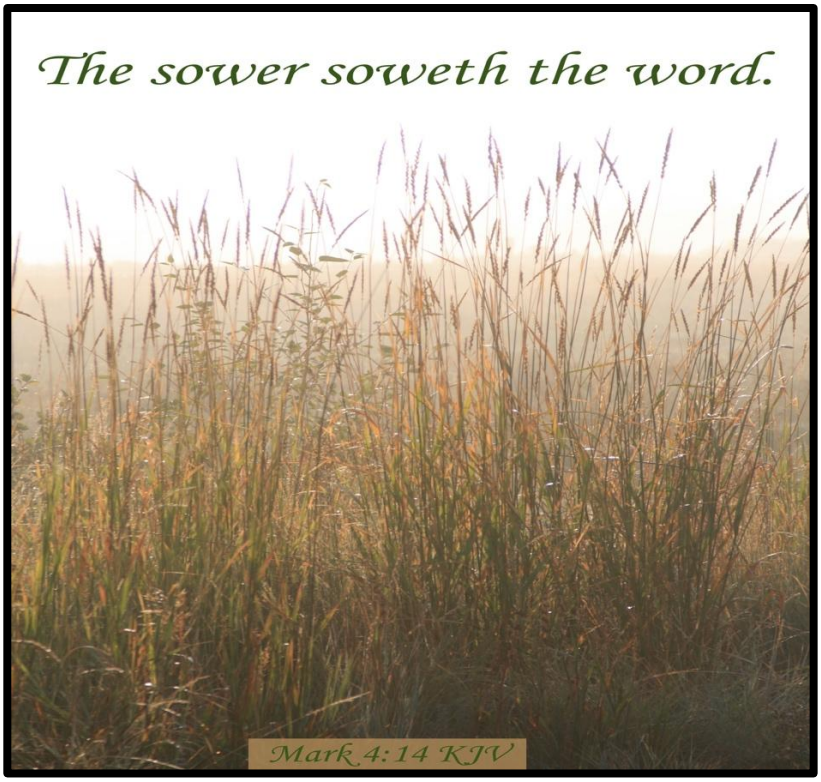
Remnant, here in Ephesians we can clearly see seven components associated with our Father. It is incredible how many times the number seven is used in God's Word, especially concerning spiritual aspects. The number seven is the number of spiritual perfections; therefore, it makes sense it could be the only number associated with the Holy Spirit, for He is Spirit! (John 4:24)

Now to take this a bit further, our focus moves to the word one, which is mentioned seven times here. Not only is the number one mentioned for all seven components of the Holy Spirit, but God's Word breaks it down plainly for us by specifying the oneness of each part mentioned individually. It could have been written there is one body, Spirit, hope, etc.., however, the Holy Spirit strategically placed the emphasis on the oneness of each part "for our learning."

As we read on here in the first three verses, we see how when there is a oneness in the body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and God and Father, it is that same power from on high which is working in us all and through us all. Who exactly is the "all" referring to? It is referring to all who are in unity, not those in division. The foundation of why many denominations do not have the true manifestations of the Holy Spirit operating in them all and through them all is because the Father (who is ONE) cannot be part of separation.

Concerning the body of Christ, God's Word declares, *"… we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones."* Ephesians 5:30 (NKJV) Please note, this plainly states that we are members of His body. The emphasis being His body here is singular, not plural.

When His people which are called by His name finally decide to get back to the foundation of His Word and search the scriptures together so that there would be no schism in the body, that is when we will begin to see His power working in us and through us, manifesting for His glory!



WE BELIEVE TO THE SAVING OF THE SOUL

"But we are not of those who draw back to perdition,
but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39 (NKJV)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all have loved ones, whether they be family or friends, for whom we are believing and praying for them to finally receive the Word of God—Jesus. Today, let this message be one of encouragement to continue believing for them, as we walk by faith and not by sight!

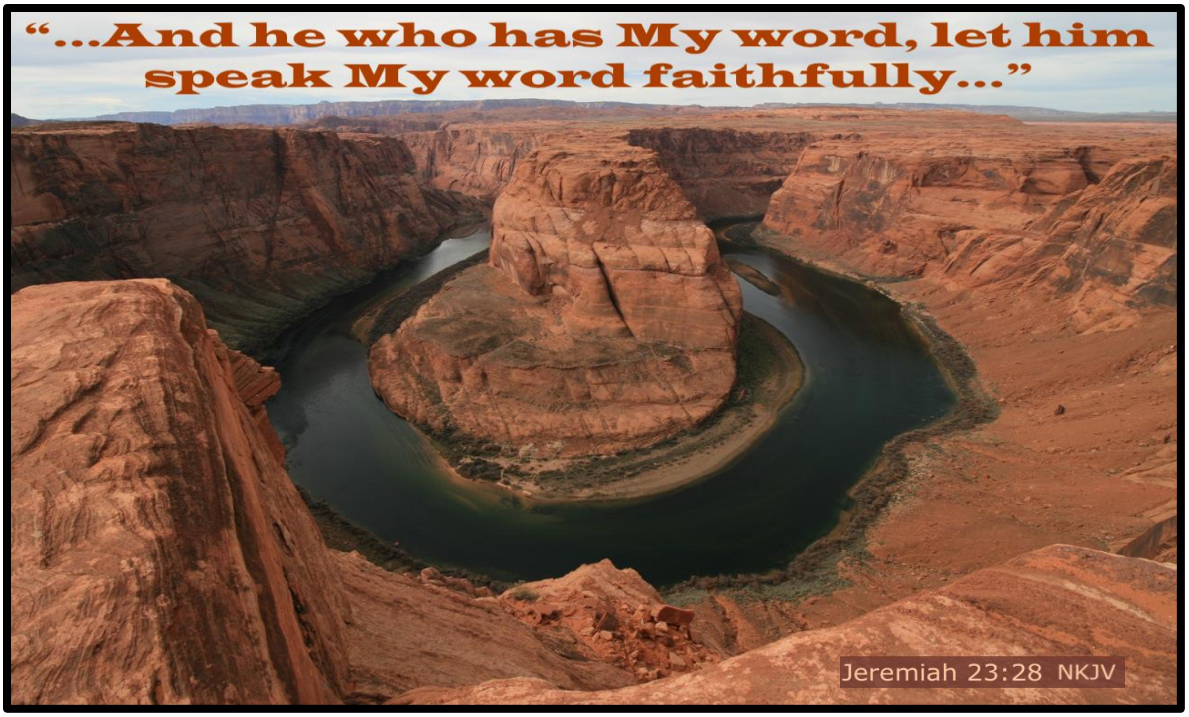
In Luke concerning the parable of the sower and the seed we learn that *"…The seed is the word of God."* Luke 8:11 (NKJV) Now, a little more foundation here.

What is the first thing that you picture when you think about the word metamorphosis? Likely a tadpole or a caterpillar, right? However, what about a seed? We all know that when a seed is planted, it begins to change first on the inside, which then becomes visible on the outside. "…*The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how."* Mark 4:26-27 (NKJV) As the Word of God says, we do not know exactly how this process works. Even the greatest of scientists can only go so far, but still their knowledge is limited. We just know it works.

We therefore conclude that seeds are alive. They may appear to be life-less, but when seeds are placed in the right conditions, these seeds will flourish and transform into more of their own kind.

Rest assured that as we - and others - continue to plant seeds in the lives of those who should be heirs of His salvation, we KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT those seeds carry life; and that though they may look dead on the outside, when the conditions become perfect, they will render a wonderful harvest within that precious soul!

***"For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."* Mark 4:28-29 (NKJV)**



POWER SOURCE OF THE UNIVERSE: THE SPOKEN WORD

"…no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment." Luke 1:37 (AMPC)
Please pray before reading.

Remnant, here we see that we are judged of no man; yet according to God's Word, "*…he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."* 1 Corinthians 2:15 (KJV) Yet, we will still be judged according to God's Word. We remember that Jesus, who is the Living Word, has a sword (Revelation 1:16 & 19:15). However, we also know that the Bible, the Written Word, has been given to us to USE AS A SWORD! (Ephesians 6:17) Therefore we look further into the definition of the Word of God today found in Hebrews.

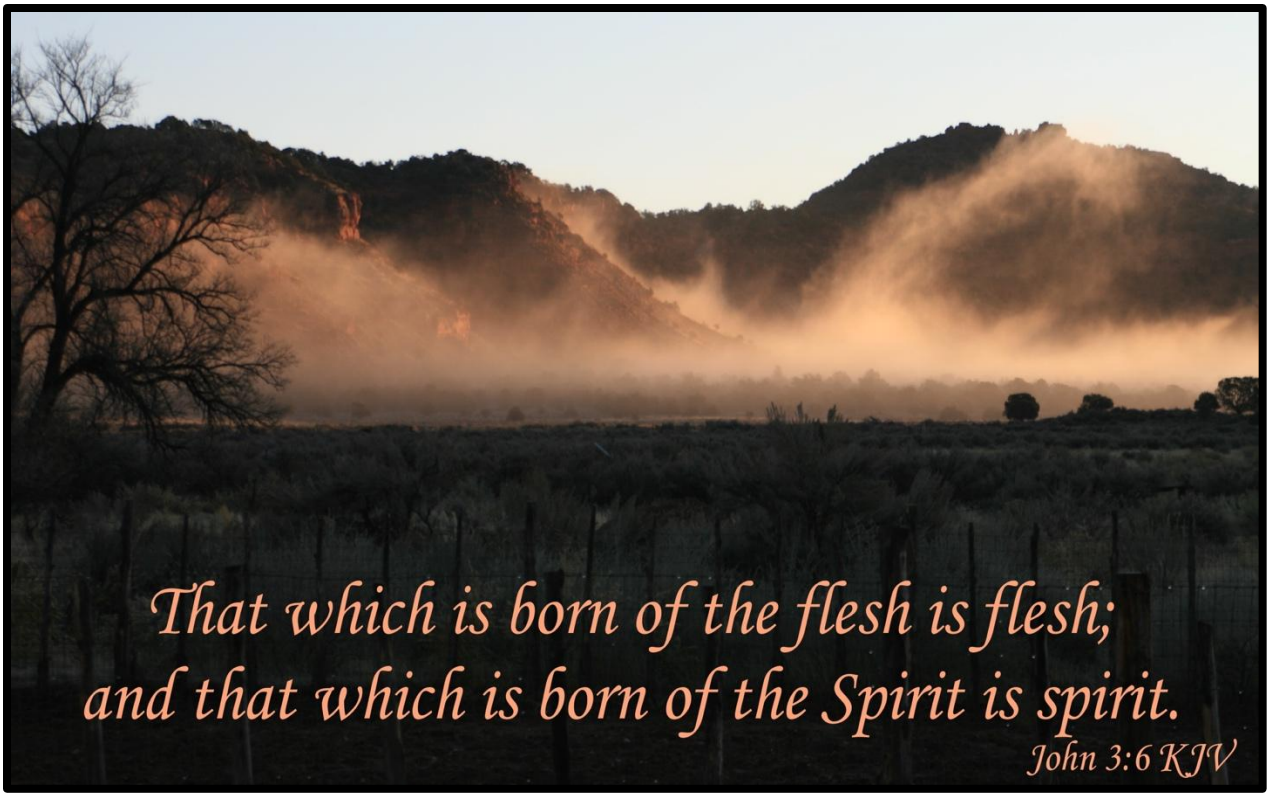
"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) God's people execute His judgments by speaking His Word!

In the natural it is human reasoning (without the Holy Spirit) that compares judging to discerning. Thus, in the human mind (again, without the Holy Spirit) criticism is birthed. When we all get back to the basics of God's Word (inspired by the Holy Spirit and written for our learning) and we use the foundation of God's Word in deciding legal matters, healing, and everything else, it is THEN that we shall be in the beginning stages of bringing His Kingdom to earth, as it is in heaven!

This is not at all about criticism; it is about using His Word to divide the soul from the spirit, divide the joints from the marrow, and discern the thoughts and intents of every heart!

"Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints." Psalm 149:5-9 (NKJV)

This is an honor that has been given unto ALL His saints! Isn't it time that we SPEAK His Word concerning all situations, and take advantage of this honor that has been given to us?



THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

"*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*."
Romans 8:6 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the carnal mind is our natural way of thinking. The Amplified Classic identifies the carnal mind perfectly in Romans 8:6 by saying the carnal mind is "*sense and reason <u>without the Holy Spirit.</u>*"

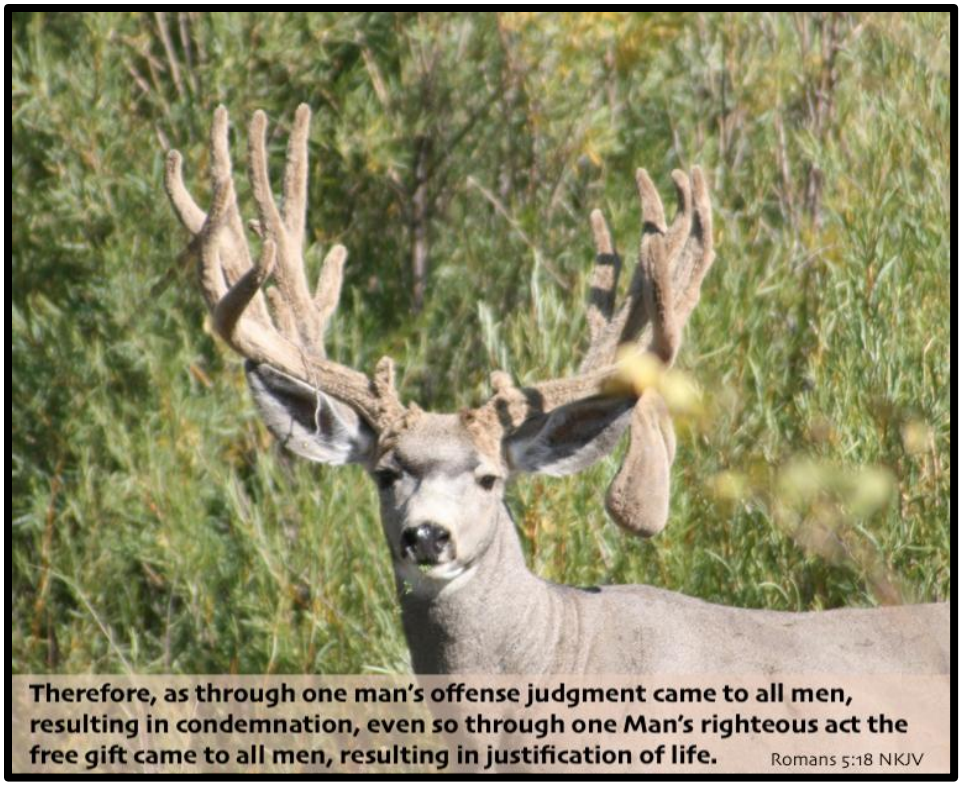
*"because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.*" Romans 8:7-9 (NASB)

There are two natures in this scripture and two different Spirits. It is referring to *pneuma-theo* (the Spirit of God) and *pneuma-Christou* (the Spirit of Christ, also known as the sonship-spirit). Often *pneuma-Christou* is translated and understood as the new nature. But the Holy Spirit being that is within us, which IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD, is not the same as the Christou. *Pneuma-Christou* is the anointing of God that is working out in the new nature. Christou is implying action. When we are praying in the Spirit, it is the new nature, as it is an action. Thus, the *pneuma-Christou* is at work within us.

Pneuma-Christou, the new nature, indicates that we are no longer mere servants to God, rather we are His sons, thus indicating that sonship-spirit. We have been grafted in as His adopted children, whereby we cry, Abba Father!

He is downloading to us that predestinated will. He is giving us the spirit of wisdom, and the desire to work and to do His good pleasure.

We are born of the Spirit, not of the flesh!



JUSTIFIED IN HIM

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

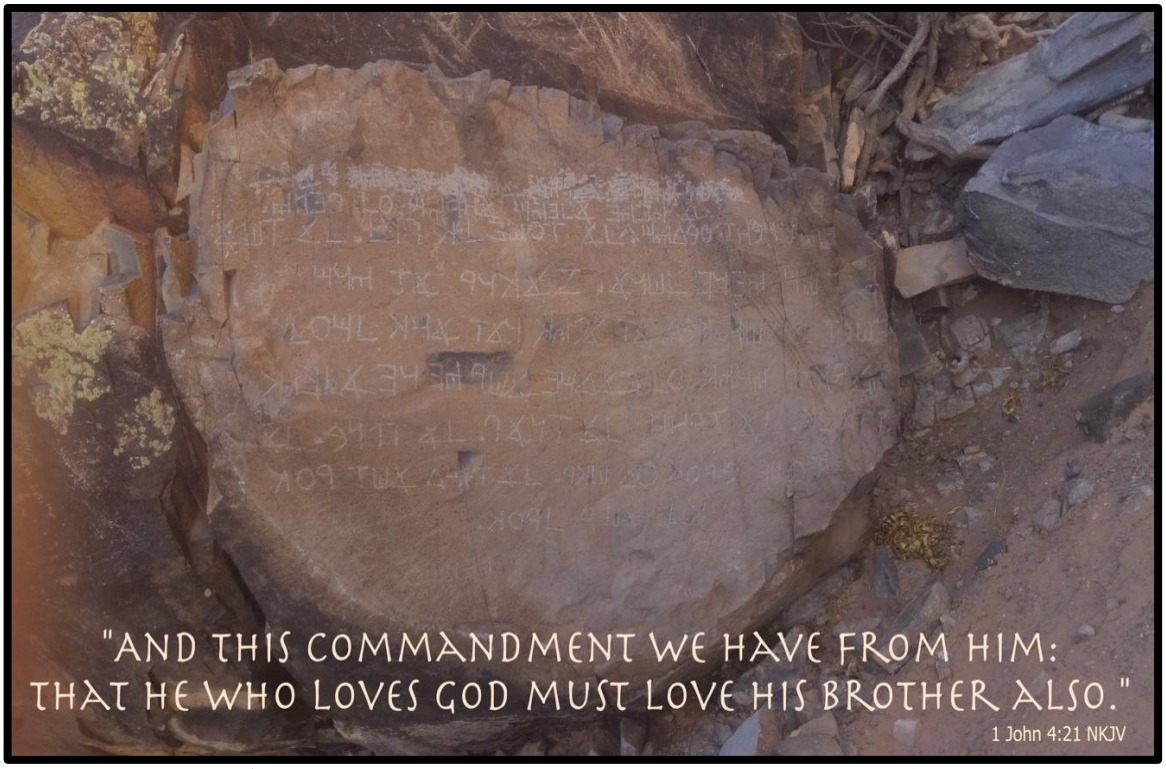
Remnant, many times when we do not "see" the whole picture that God is painting, if we are not cautious and guarding our thoughts, we can tend to wonder, "God, what is wrong with me"? Yes, it is great to allow the Holy Spirit to perform a "heart check" on us and show us any areas that we need to perfect; however once we have done that over and over and feel clean in our spirit man, we just need to recognize where this fiery dart is coming from and remember who we are in Christ.

Today, let us be reminded that through Christ we have been justified. Frankly, this means that once we have believed and received Christ, we have a "clean slate," and it is just as if we had never been an unbeliever! As Romans above states, once we are in Christ, we are set free from condemnation!

"Nor is the free gift at all to be compared to the effect of that one [man's] sin. For the sentence [following the trespass] of one [man] brought condemnation, whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification (an act of righteousness)." Romans 5:16 (AMPC) This word *justification* here in the Greek is, *dikaiósis* (Strongs#1347) and means the act of pronouncing righteous, acquittal.

This exact word only occurs one other time in God's Word, which is here, *"But [they were written] for our sakes too. [Righteousness, standing acceptable to God] will be granted and credited to us also who believe in (trust in, adhere to, and rely on) God, Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised* ***to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God****]."* Romans 4:24-25 (AMPC) That is pretty good, isn't it?

It is by and through Christ, that we have been pronounced righteous and acquitted from anything in the past; therefore, we are free to live in HIM in the future! We are more than complete IN HIM!



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"IF YOU LOVE ME ..."

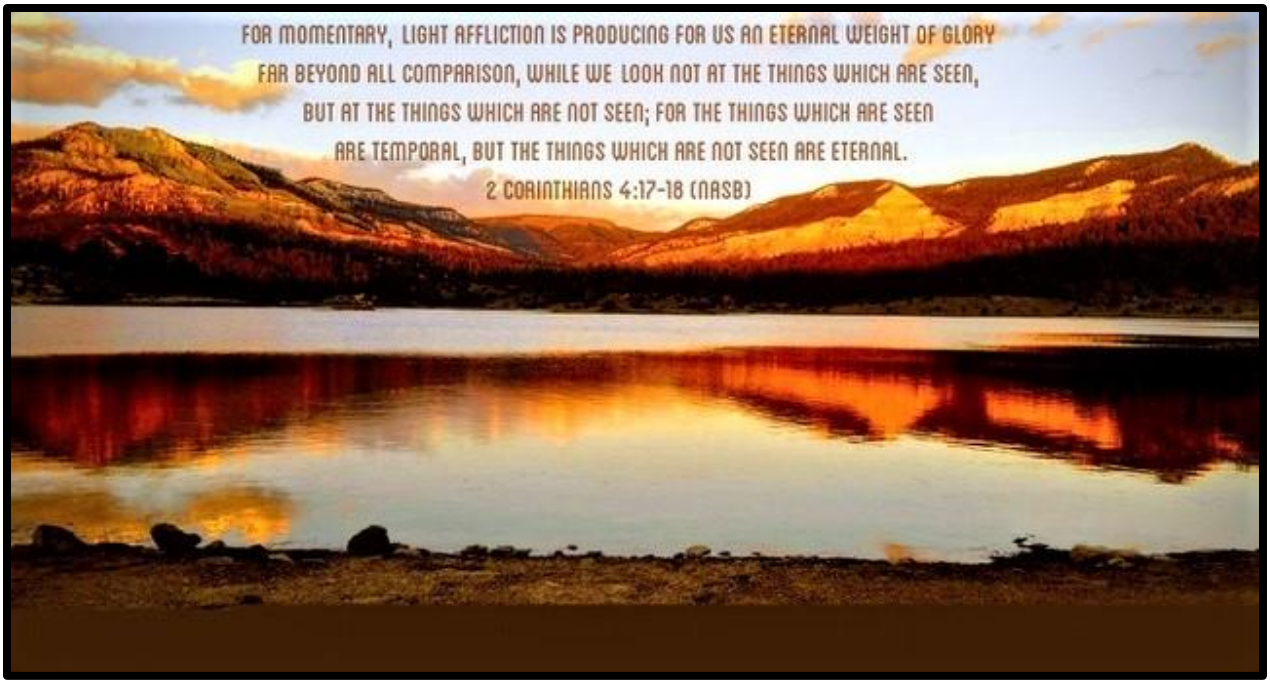
"All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers." Deuteronomy 8:1 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, today we will tackle a controversial topic, however in a way that truly applies to us. Many believe that we are still under the law of the ten commandments. The answer is no, we are under something greater. Let's go to the Word for the answer, as a lawyer and Jesus communicate in this passage. *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <u>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets</u>."* Matthew 22:36-40 (NKJV)

In short, if we love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind, then we will have no problem when it comes to obeying His Word. Does it not say if we hate our brother, we have already committed murder? (1 John 3:15) Does it not say if you look upon a woman (or man) with lust in your heart, you have already committed adultery? (Matthew 5:28) Sure it does! However, when the rubber meets the road, it all comes down to this; if we obey these two commandments, then we know we truly love Him.

Therefore, since we obey His Word, we love Him, and we live! We are multiplying! We are going in and possessing the land that God has promised us, just as Joshua and Caleb did. We are more than able!

The benefits to obeying His Word are endless. Jesus said, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."* John 14:15 (NKJV) We all know that "… *the Word* [Jesus] *became flesh and dwelt among us…"* John 1:14 (NKJV) Therefore we simply cannot separate the living Word from the written Word. Jesus is the Word of God, and we fully comply with keeping His commandments. However, the only way to keep His commandments is to abide in Him, for He fulfilled the law. We can do nothing in ourselves.



FAITH DOES NOT HAVE ANOTHER PLAN

"Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God." Philippians 4:6 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

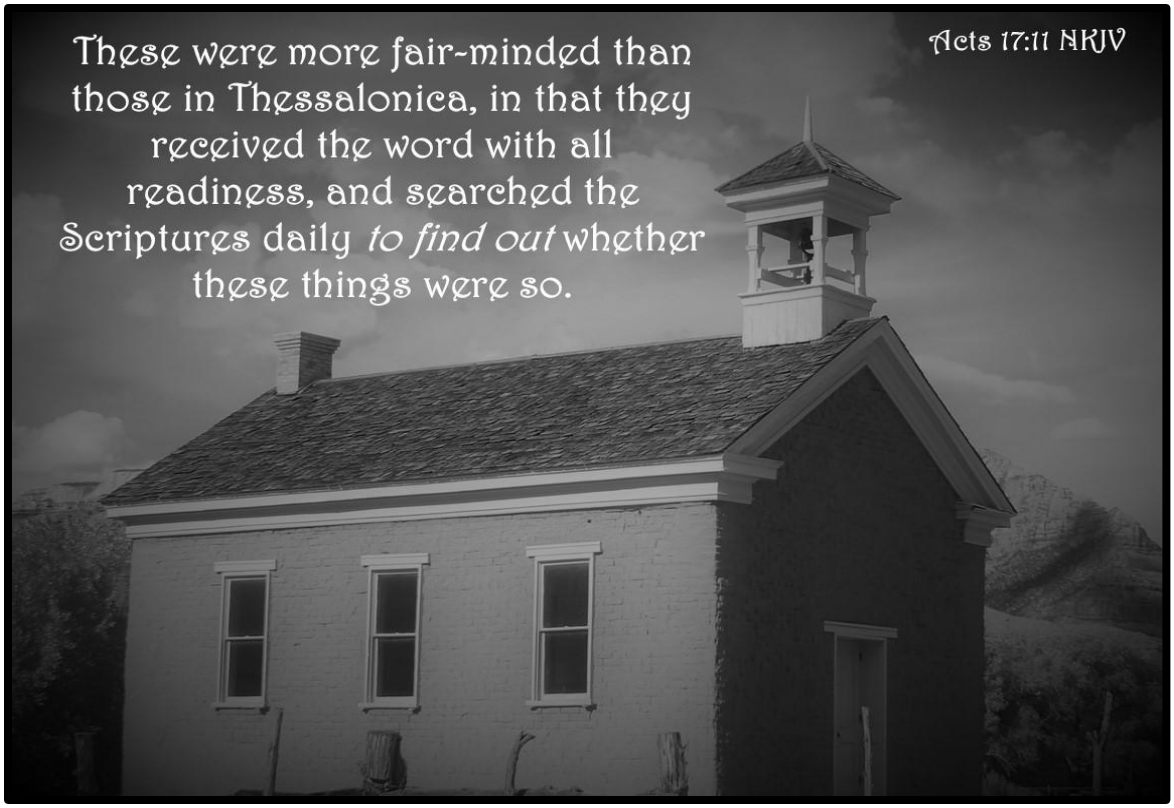
Remnant, anxiety is advanced worry or fear. We have got to learn to cast our care over on to Him. It is not like a fishing pole, where you cast your cares on God and then reel them back in. If we do not hand them over to Him, there is nothing He can do with them. When we worry about it again, we lose our peace and our joy because we will be caught up in something we do not need to be caught up in, simply because we have not given it over to God.

Yes, people may tell you that you are in denial because you are not willing to get all freaked out about something. However, when you walk in God's realm, you are in faith, and you are seeing something in the supernatural realm that they cannot see. You are looking at the promises of God. You are standing strong, and you are going to continue to stand strong. In God's realm we do not have a "plan B." Plan B is unbelief! People with a plan B tend to think, "Well, if God doesn't do this, then I'm going to do this." They are in unbelief. You might as well have a plan B if you are in unbelief, for in unbelief the enemy has consumed your mind, and there is no need to stand.

To carnally minded people, if you cast your care on God, that is foolishness. However, that is our first step of faith. That is why the Amplified Bible says we must trust and rely. That is our first step of faith. Are we really going to trust God? Can God really do this for us?

We walk by faith and not by sight. We look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are unseen. We need a hope from God; then, we need to stand on the things of God! "*Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law."* Proverbs 29:18 (NASB)

Are we firmly standing on a vision from God, which is based on the Word of God? Are we fully persuaded, casting all care upon Him?



WHAT MADE THE EARLY CHURCH SO SUCCESSFUL?

"All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;" 2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, the early church did not go around and teach these doctrines and commandments of men that we have today. No way! You know what the early church taught? They taught that *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God…"* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) When it comes to the Word of God, we need to realize it is ALL or NOTHING. We must use every Word rightly divided or we might as well be reading Aesop's Fables. This is because if **every** Word of God is not rightly divided, we have nothing more than a fable anyway! It is all or nothing.

In the early church they were teaching how to rightly divide the Word of God. It is obvious that there were already some who were attempting to pervert the Word of God at that time or it would not have been necessary to teach these precious scriptures!

Think about this for a moment. Jesus said, *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4 (KJV) HOW IN THE WORLD ARE WE GOING TO LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD, IF WE DO NOT KNOW THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF EVERY WORD OF GOD BY RIGHTLY DIVIDING EVERY WORD OF GOD? That is just how important this is because it does matter what we believe!

"We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of God to every man's conscience." 2 Corinthians 4:2 (AMPC)



SPEAK HIS WORD, AND IT WILL GO TO WORK FOR YOU

"For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment." Luke 1:37 (AMPC)

Remnant, meditate on this. "*Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to* ***what you have said****. And the angel left her."* Luke 1:38 (AMPC) We must realize here what exactly Mary did. **MARY ACTIVATED A PRINCIPLE**. No Word from God shall ever be void of power or impossible of fulfillment. Not only that, but His Word will never return void because it will prosper everywhere it is sent. (Isaiah 55:11)

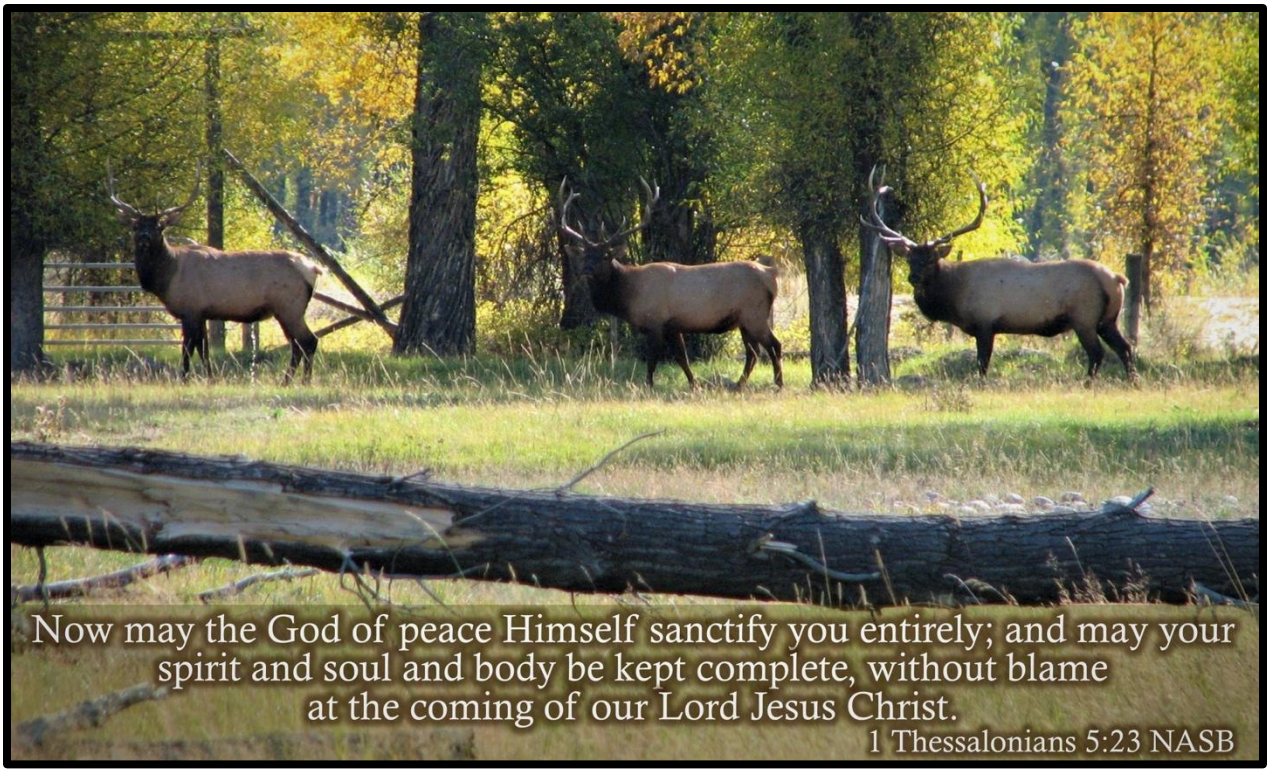
Mary received that Word from God through an angel. The moment she received it, God's Word was a seed planted in her. "*… The seed is the word of God."* Luke 8:11 (KJV) A woman does not have the seed. It must come from a man, right?

"And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35 (NKJV) The power of the highest shall descend upon thee! That which was found in her was what? A child of the Holy Ghost, and God is His Father. The Spirit of God (*pneuma Theo*) and God Himself cannot be separated. It is the same in our lives. *"... for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."* 2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

Will you choose to make His Word your confession today and allow that Word to grow as a seed? Will you choose to allow the power of the Highest to descend upon you? Will you speak His Word over your circumstances today and allow it to be activated in your life, your family, the church, and everywhere the Holy Spirit is leading you to speak His Word?

Once you speak His Word, it will go to work for you as you believe! The more you speak it, the more real it will become, for the Word of God is the Will of God!

***"having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"* 1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)**



LIFE AND PEACE

"…how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, people often refer to this scripture as one of a husband/wife team. Absolutely, we can see this in the natural; however, for a deeper look into this, let us be reminded today that though many things in God's Word have a natural meaning, not all of them do, but everything in God's Word most certainly has a spiritual meaning because *"…the law is spiritual."* Romans 7:14 (KJV)

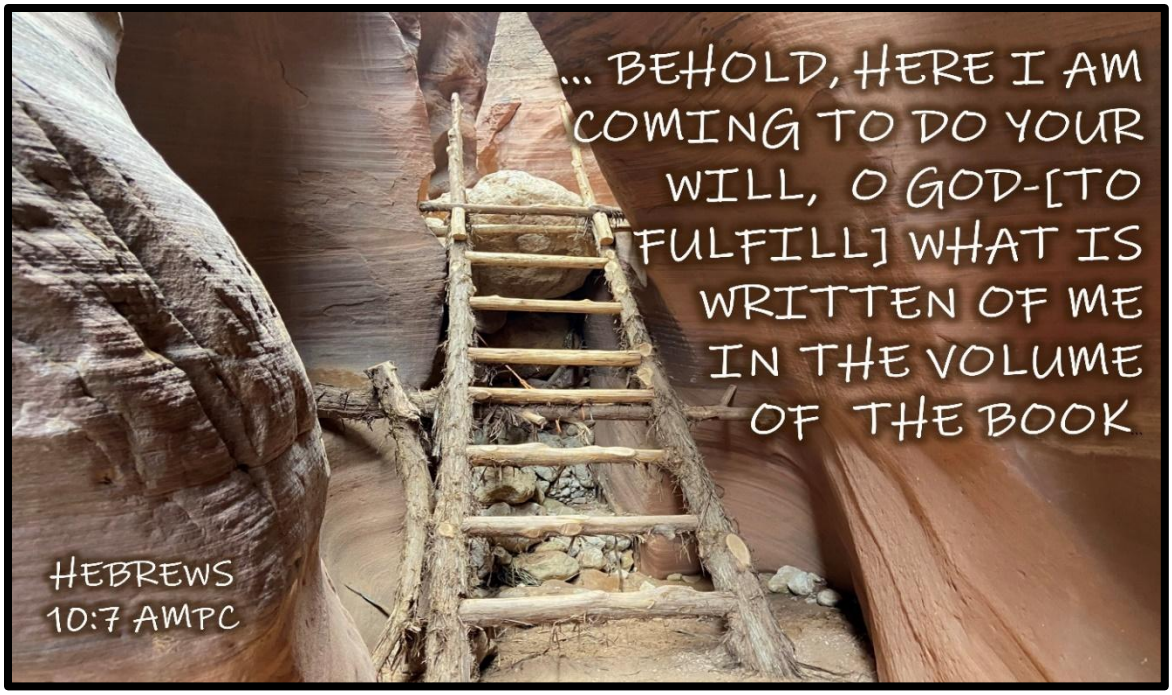
According to Number in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger, the number three "stands for that which is solid, realm substantial, complete, and entire." Keeping this in mind, we look at a remarkably familiar group of three that each one of us deals with on a second, minute, hourly, and daily basis. Keeping this critical grouping together and in the necessary order in which God intended for them to be is essential for eternal life here on earth and in the afterlife - the way God intended it to be.

This three, to live an abundant life the way God intended, we must give our spirit over to the Holy Spirit and then discipline the soul and body, making them subjected to the Holy Spirit of which we are the temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16)

"…Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV) The word *flesh* here in the Greek is *sarkos* (Strong's #4561) and means: flesh, body, human nature, materiality; kindred. Therefore, we see that it is the body.

As Ecclesiastes states, *"…one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him…".* The Holy Spirit is a gentleman, and He allows us to have free will. In many cases people allow the body and soul to take their places, overpowering the Holy Spirit inside.

Be encouraged each day to let the Holy Spirit rule over the soul and body, for this three-cord strand shall not be easily broken!



FIND YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD

"For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."
Matthew 3:3 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, this indeed was John the Baptist, and he was quoting from Isaiah 40:3. He had found himself in the Word of God! When John found himself in the Word of God, it changed him forever! John was not birthed out of the denominations/religions of the Pharisees or the Sadducees, was he? No. By relying on the Spirit of God, John was able to find himself in the Word of God and to fulfill his purpose and calling.

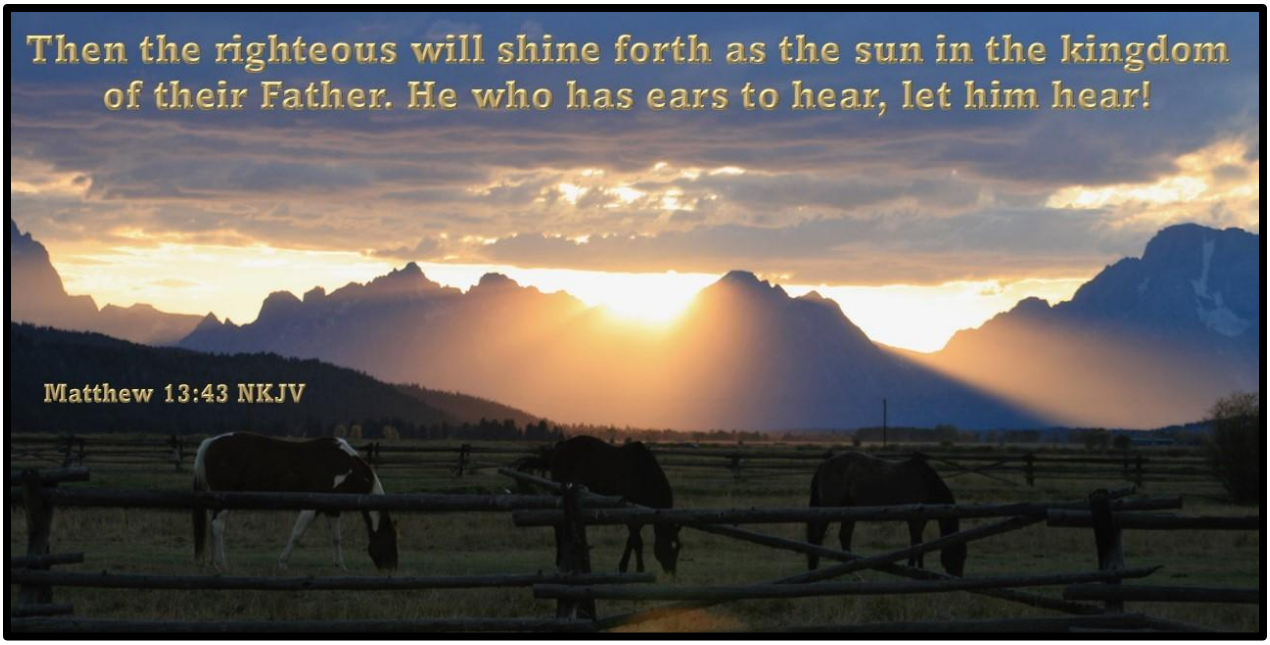
The same thing happened again in Luke 4:18-19, when Jesus went back and found Himself in Isaiah 61:1-3, where it says, *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me…"* He found where it was written, and then He began to confess it. Then, in Luke 4:21 (KJV) Jesus says, *"…This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."* This is truly a powerful revelation for all of us. Each of us can find ourselves in the Word of God and fulfill our purpose and calling according to God's precious Word. Amazing!

Sadly, when many people feel the Holy Spirit tugging at them, they tend to look to man to fulfill that calling. However, when it is God who calls us, how can man fulfill that call? <u>This is something that only God can do</u>.

Peter explains in Acts 10:34 (AMPC), *"…Most certainly and thoroughly I now perceive and understand that God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons…"* Since God revealed to John the Baptist and to Jesus where they were in His Word, <u>then God is bound by His Word to also reveal to us where we are in His Word to fulfill our purpose and call</u>.

As we read God's Word and pray, He will speak to us and through us. He confirms His Word with signs following (Mark 16:20) and makes known unto us every mystery of His will (Ephesians 1:9).

God cannot expect us to fulfill our purpose and call if we have no way of knowing what it is. That is why He has given us His precious Word, so that by His Word and the Holy Spirit we know all things. (1 John 2:20)



THE LIVING WORD

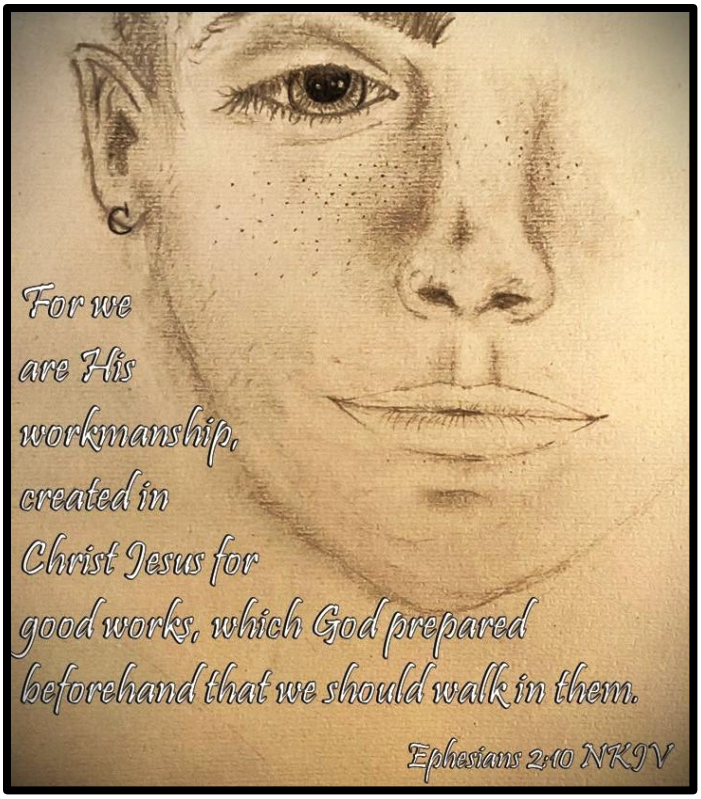
"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, again here in the Greek *the Word* is *logos*, and it indicates the same as John 1:1. Just as the spoken Word reveals an invisible thought, the Living Word also reveals an invisible God. Jesus was constantly about the Father's business and declaring Him in all that He did, for Jesus said, *"…the Father who dwells in Me does the works."* John 14:10 (NKJV) He dwelt among man for an appointed time in the flesh, all the while reproving, rebuking, and exhorting in accordance with the Father's will.

"In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten or unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (AMPC) Not only was Jesus, our Master, an example as He was the Living Word, but He also became an atoning sacrifice for us by His blood. He is that go-between by which we have eternal life, even now! If we should fall and believe a lie, it is by and through His blood that we can be reconciled back unto God.

Jesus openly declared, *"I and My Father are one."* John 10:30 (NKJV) This was another reason Jesus was sent. He held the thoughts and purposes of God's heart. They are in relationship together, as we too are in relationship with God, for we too possess the mind of Christ. *"…But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart."* 1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC)

Jesus came in the flesh to show us that God is real. The works that God did in and through Him can also be accomplished in and through us, for Jesus said, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* John 14:12 (NKJV)



RECREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

"But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." 1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

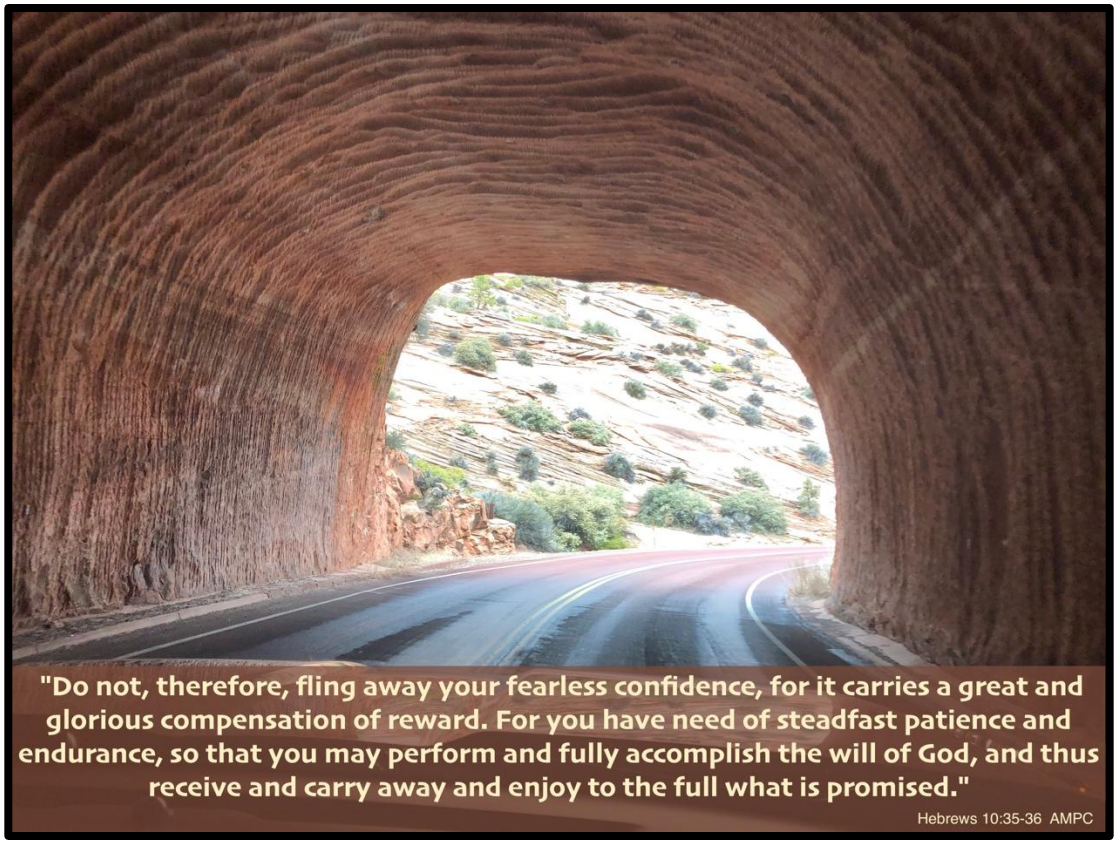
The true remnant knows that it is by and through suffering that we tap into spiritual perfection, i.e., spiritual maturity. For just as Jesus, the captain of our salvation suffered, we too being joint heirs with Him will also suffer. *"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings*." Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

By letting the Holy Spirit lead us and guide us through various trials, we can always have peace. *"Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing."* James 1:2-4 (AMPC) God does not want us lacking in anything! He has given us every tool that we could possibly need to walk in spiritual perfection/maturity. He has given us His precious Word!

When we go through various hourly, daily, monthly, or even yearly trials and let the Holy Spirit guide us, we experience that freedom of dying to the flesh and coming alive in spiritual maturity, for *"...**that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**."* John 3:6 (KJV)

We begin to seek the fruits of spiritual perfection when we no longer live by the flesh. When a problem or trial arises out of our control, we seek answers from the Holy Spirit, not from human fleshly counsel.

"And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died,
and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:2-3 (AMPC)



HIS EXPECTED END

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

As the remnant of God, we are One with Jesus, the Word of God, because *"… we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart."* 1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC) This scripture is in complete harmony with Proverbs, as it reads, *"Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed."* Proverbs 16:3 (AMPC)

We have the same purposes and feelings of Jesus, and our thoughts are agreeable to His will. Therefore, there remains an expected end that God has for us. The question is, "are we expecting the expected end that God has for us?" Since we are agreeable to His will first and foremost, are we expecting that His plans for our lives are being established right now, and His plans are always successful!

Yes, when we read the message concerning Christ, we see the reality of how it didn't always look like God's plan would be successful, but the expected end was that death had no sting. Yes, God's expectation for the end was that death was swallowed up forever in victory, both now and forevermore! Thus, the outcome, both now and forevermore, for us is eternal life, here and now!

We must remember that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) Therefore, as we do possess the same mind of Christ, we remain unchangeable in our thoughts. When storms come, we are unshakable, unbreakable, and fully persuaded without even a shadow of doubt that we will have nothing short of God's expected end of pure success!

"Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5 (AMPC) We move forward in faith looking not at the natural circumstances but at the expected end that God has for us, KNOWING that He will most certainly bring it to pass!



DANGERS OF SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION

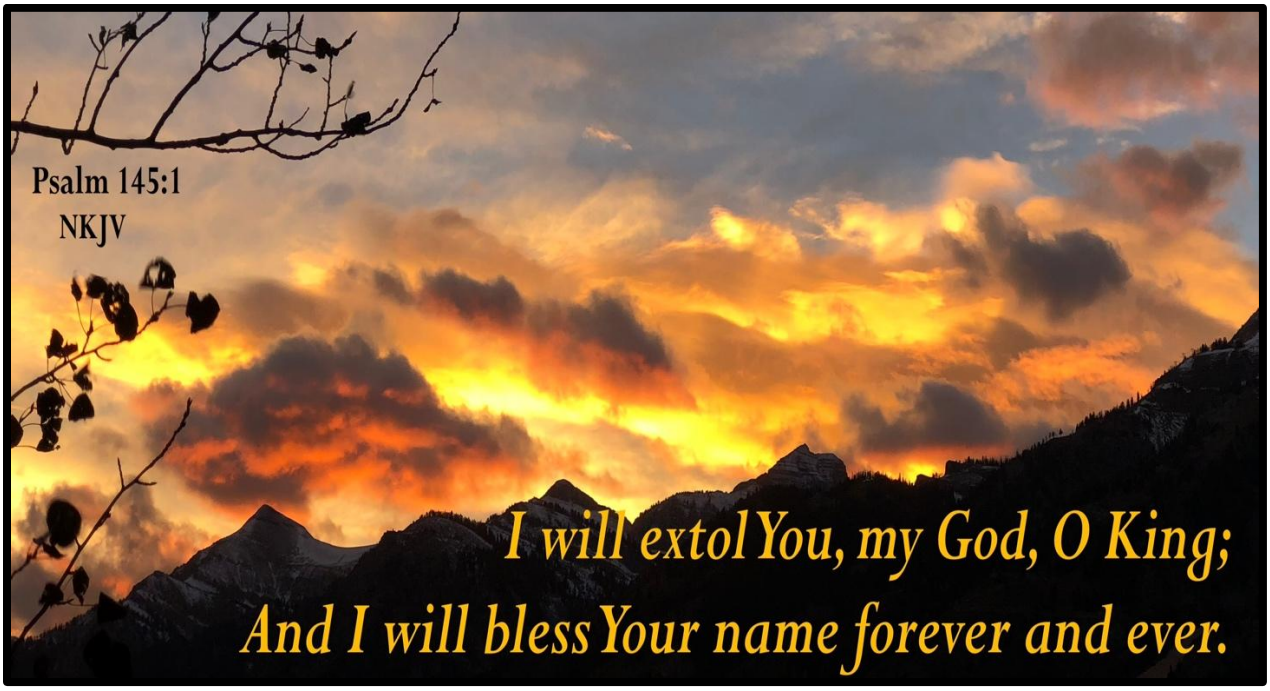
"…What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."
Matthew 19:20-21 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, an in-depth study of these verses reflects an exact mirror replica of the two seeds today: the heavenly seed (as the stars in the heavens) and the earthly seed (as the sand of the seashore). In this young man's eyes, he had already reached his spiritual satisfaction, for *"All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits."* Proverbs 16:2 (NKJV) Therefore, we see it took the power of Almighty God operating through Jesus to weigh his spirit.

In their own eyes, many people in religion see that they have "kept the commandments" just like this fine young man had done, and they cannot identify any areas in which they are lacking. However, how did Jesus respond to this man's spiritual state of mind? Jesus told him where he was lacking. (This was assuming that his goal was to be perfect and completely sell out for God.) Jesus was telling this young man to rid himself of himself, his own works, and his self-righteousness. This is a valley of decision that many people are in right now. The question is, "What are we still lacking?"

The true remnant is never spiritually satisfied. Dying to our flesh is only the beginning, and it only goes up from there! This is not just about selling out to material things; this is about becoming dead completely to the flesh (our own way of thinking, without the Holy Spirit) and resting in peace through faith in Jesus, knowing that just as Jesus was sold out to advancing the kingdom of God, we too are walking in that same perfection! We continue to strive for spiritual satisfaction, as we walk in the Holy Spirit. Nothing in the religious world of man can ever satisfy the true remnant!

"But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing."
James 1:4 (AMPC)



TWO WAYS OF WORSHIP

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:24 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

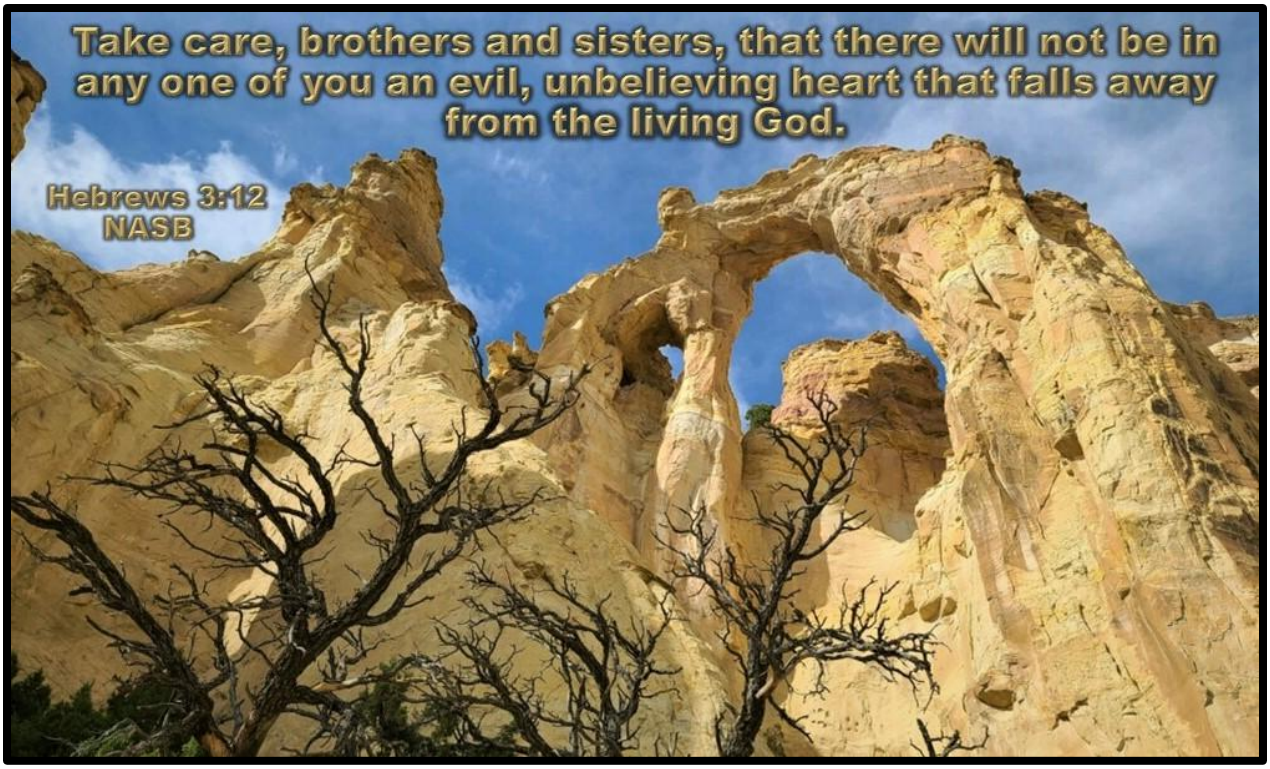
The remnant knows that this scripture is not a suggestion, rather this is an absolute, for it states we **must** worship God in this manner. If our worship is to God, and we want Him to accept it, our worship **must be in spirit**. Any other way of worship outside of the spirit is of the flesh and is not pleasing to God. *"…those who are in the flesh cannot please God."* Romans 8:8 (NKJV)

To worship in the flesh would be to follow in the way of Cain, as he presented an offering from the ground, which was cursed. If one should attempt to worship God in the flesh, this too would not be acceptable, for the flesh (which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit) would be cursed. *"Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death…"* Romans 8:6 (AMPC) Death is a curse.

Paul said, *"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing…"* Romans 7:18 (KJV) We are also reminded that Jesus declared, *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing…"* John 6:63 (NKJV) Therefore, if the flesh is under a curse, and if there is nothing good that dwells in the flesh, nor is it profitable, then why would anyone believe that any type of worship in the flesh would be acceptable unto God? This is enough evidence to support the fact that worship to God **MUST** be in the spirit!

Any worship that would demand the need for the five senses (touch, taste, see, hear, or smell) is worship of the flesh, for it is all fleshly. If a believer's worship depends on anything that has to do with the flesh, (which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit), then it cannot be of the spirit. *"For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another…"* Galatians 5:17 (NASB) One cannot be worshipping in the flesh and in the spirit for the two are contrary to one another.

We have two ways in which to worship: a true way and a false way, in the spirit or in the flesh, an offering acceptable to God or an offering not accepted by God.



OBEDIENCE BRINGS BLESSING

"Who hath believed our report?..." Isaiah 53:1 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all have a choice and rest assured we will receive what we are believing, according to God's Word. The true remnant reaches for the blessings of God. Therefore, our choice is evident because of our decision. Every day we are blessed with the opportunity to choose, and may our decisions always result in God's blessing. *"Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, <u>if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today</u>; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today…"* Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (NKJV)

To obey His Word and to walk in His Word are essential for blessing. There is no middle ground here. This is specifically why there is <u>no place</u> for a lukewarm Christian.

Repeatedly in His Word we have the phrase, "Do not fear." Fear is believing the devil's report. True faith believes God's report. To obey God's Word means to be in perfect rest in His will and to have no fear. When we walk in faith, not fear, then we receive the blessings, according to God's Word. When we are afraid, we are not doing as His Word commands, and we stumble in cursings and torment, for *"…fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love."* 1 John 4:18 (NASB)

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

Without being fully persuaded in our faith, there is no way in which we can possibly think about pleasing God. Faith shows we are more than able in the sufficiency of our Master Jesus Christ!

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)



CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTERS BRING HIS EVERLASTING KINGDOM

"…let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]." Philippians 2:3 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

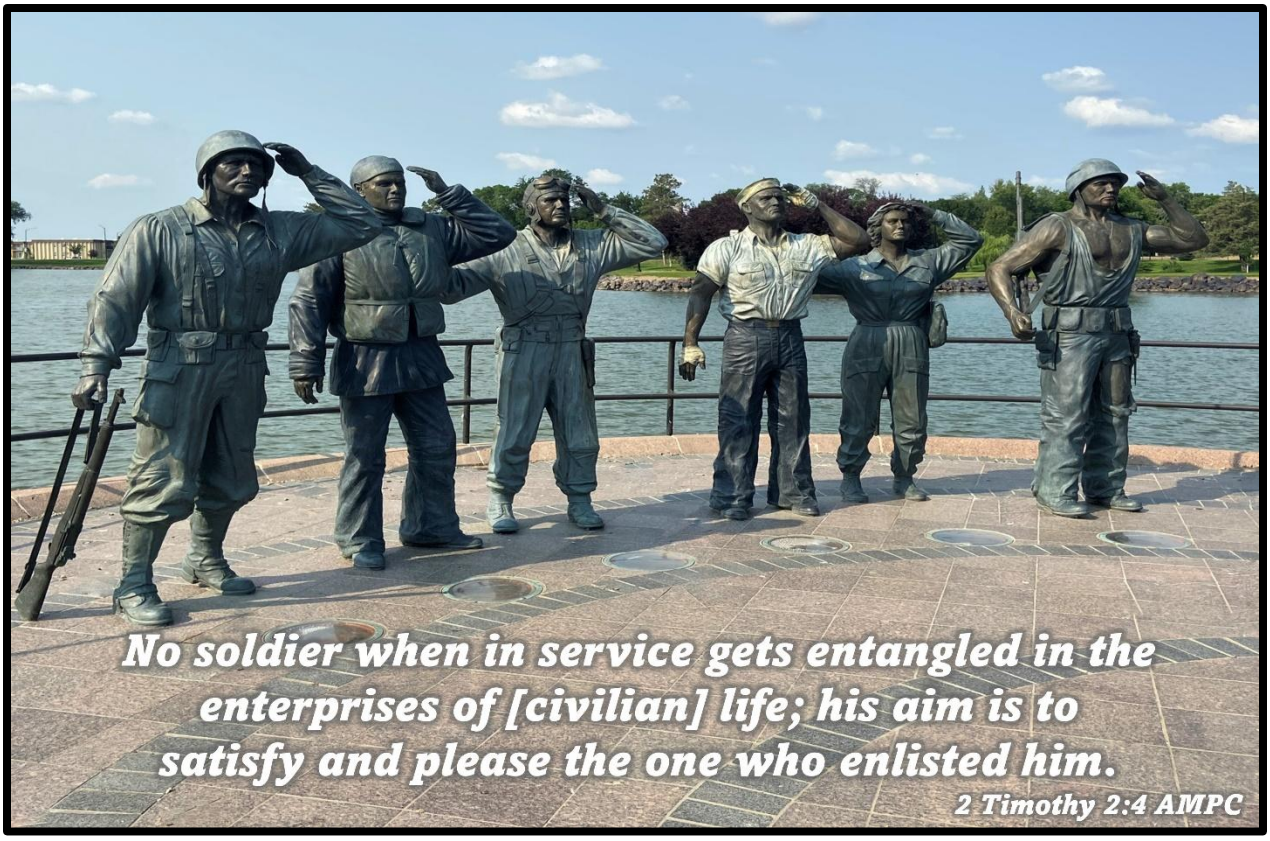
Remnant, the word *strong* in this verse above describes a group of people whom God has appointed to bear the weaknesses of those without strength. This word *strong* in the Greek is *dunatos* (Strongs #1415) meaning: strong, mighty, powerful. When *dunatos* is used to describe people (like in this verse), it means they are powerful and able. Now let's look at an example for our learning.

Here is the passage about the man whose son had been overtaken by an unclean spirit. He tells Jesus, *"…if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"* Mark 9:22-24 (NKJV) We see two things here. First, Jesus was explaining to us that healing for a child requires belief on the part of the parents. Second, it is our responsibility as strong, powerful sons of God to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and those standing in unbelief.

Paul explains to us that we need to *"…admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone."* 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NASB) The word *unruly* here means undisciplined. We, as the remnant, are disciplined in our believing as God is using us to work with those who may be going through a weak moment. Paul clarifies that by us bearing one another's burdens, we are fulfilling the law of Christ. *"Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete what is lacking [in your obedience to it]."* Galatians 6:2 (AMPC)

It is abnormal behavior like this which shows the love of God, and it places His royal dominion in its proper place by His law (the Word of God) being fulfilled in us!

"Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4 (AMPC)



SOUL AND BODY IN GOD'S SUBJECTION

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law he meditates day and night."
Psalm 1:2 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

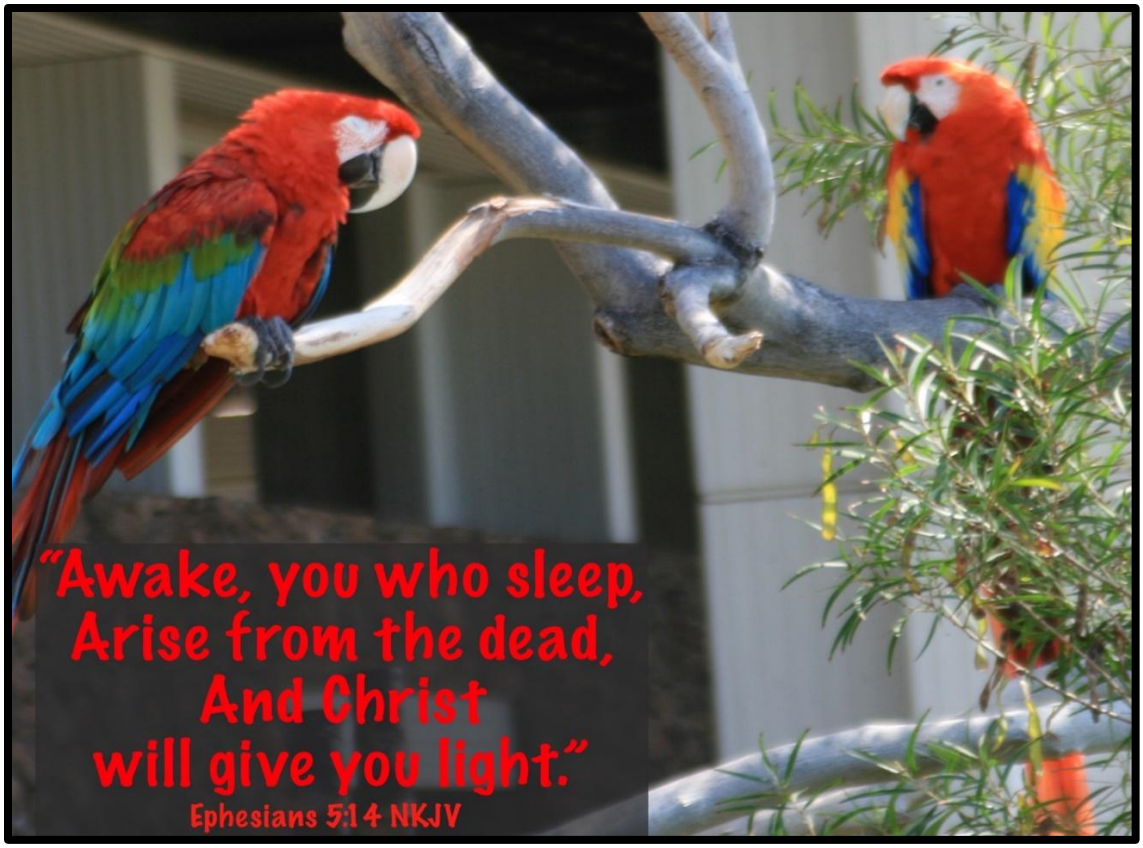
Remnant, we have Psalms 1:2 and Joshua 1:8 right here together and we must allow these scriptures to perfect their work in us! *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* Joshua 1:8 (KJV)

We know that it is the Word of God that is going to do this for us, when we are doers of His Word. The first battleground we must conquer is our minds. Everything that this world has is in the mind. *"And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind…"* Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

Paul mentions ten times, "I serve God with my spirit." Where do we do our believing? In our spirits! Where do we hear from God? In our spirits! *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."* Romans 8:14 (NKJV) Serving God deals with our spirit.

Paul said, "*Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary. But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit]."*
1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (AMPC) This reveals to us that the Holy Spirit in Paul was exercising dominion over his flesh. This is surely something we need more of in the body of Christ!

The remnant is not a counterfeit, for we choose to renew our minds daily by and through the Word of God. We let the Holy Spirit dominate our soul and body, bringing them into subjection to God's Word. Therefore, we are not considered reprobates, and we possess the ability to be used by God daily!



AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SIN NOT

"For sin shall not have dominion over you…." Romans 6:14 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

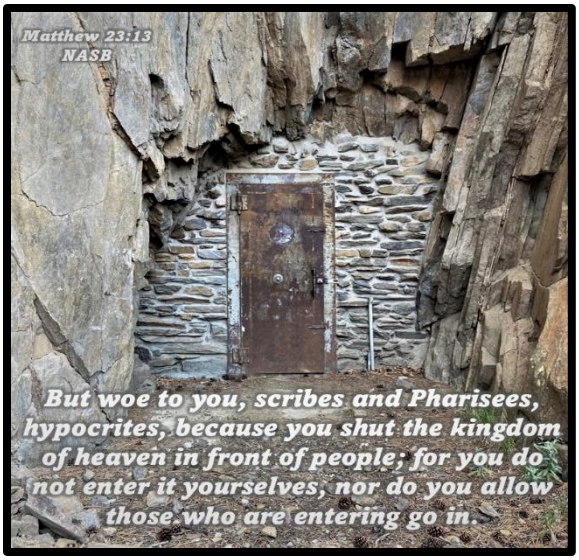
Remnant, all throughout the Word of God, as our eyes are opened to new revelation, we see necessary types and shadows engrafted in scriptures to bring in even more revelation about certain topics. Let's take a deeper look at the Red Sea experience written for our learning.

As we know, when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, it was necessary that they crossed the Red Sea. To go any further, we must understand a little foundation about the color red. Isaiah says, *"…Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."* Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV) Therefore we see that red has an association with sin. Keeping this in perspective, we now we move on.

We know when Moses and the children of Israel got to the edge of the Red Sea it looked very overwhelming, despite the fact they were in the will of God. Moses began crying unto God, and at this moment God said, *"…Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea."* Exodus 14:15-16 (NKJV) We see that since they were in obedience to God in departing from Egypt (i.e. the world/religion), they were sinless because they were not in unbelief. The Red Sea in this case represents sin and its overwhelming characteristic in our lives. It was because of their faith in God that they were able to pass through "sin" and forward into victory.

Remember God told Moses to tell the children of Israel to "go forward." Faith always takes us forward, and unbelief always takes us backwards. Praise God, in the name of Jesus, that we have victory over sin (unbelief) and pass through all waters. *"…When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you..."* Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV)

***"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."* 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)**



BEWARE OF RECONCILIATION AT THE COST OF TRUTH

"But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord..."
1 Peter 3:15 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

A true sign of the remnant of God is that they have acknowledged Jesus (the Word of God) as Lord of their lives. Please note, this revelation is also found in what this scripture does not say. It does not say that such a person has acknowledged a certain religion, church, or denomination as Lord of their lives. No, it is acknowledging Jesus and Him ONLY as Lord of our lives. Now, since Jesus is Lord of our lives, it is our responsibility to defend Him as Lord of our lives but be aware that standing in defense of the true gospel will cost you certain relationships and fellowships.

In Acts 2 we read that Peter, and the other disciples, were being tested in the presence of religious people in the church, of all places. You see, Peter and the disciples were preaching the Word of God and believers were increasingly being added to the Lord. People were being healed and delivered of unclean spirits. (Acts 5:14-16) This is exactly what happens when truth is being taught. Then what happened? What happened was that the religious people became outraged, and as a result the disciples were put in prison and beaten. However, did they comply and join the church when they were rejected for standing for the Word of God? No way. They said, *"We ought to obey God rather than men."* Acts 5:29 (NKJV)

After they were released, they *"… departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."* Acts 5:41-42 (NKJV)

God has not changed. When we decide to stand and preach Jesus (the Word of God) and refuse to conform to religion, though we will suffer rejection and persecution, loneliness, and heartbreak, we can rest at night with sweet sleep, knowing that we are certainly in the will of God. Things are coming to pass on earth as they are in heaven, as the signs and wonders are sure to follow us everywhere we proclaim the Word of God!

Beware that there is a cost of having fellowship with organized religions who have silenced the kingdom by their traditions, which have made the word of God of no effect and have bound up His perfect will.

"Or what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell among them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you." 2 Corinthians 6:16-17 (NASB)

May this be a prophetic word for us today and increase our zeal like never before!



OUR INHERITANCE AS GOD'S CHILDREN PART 1

"*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just*." Proverbs 13:22 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

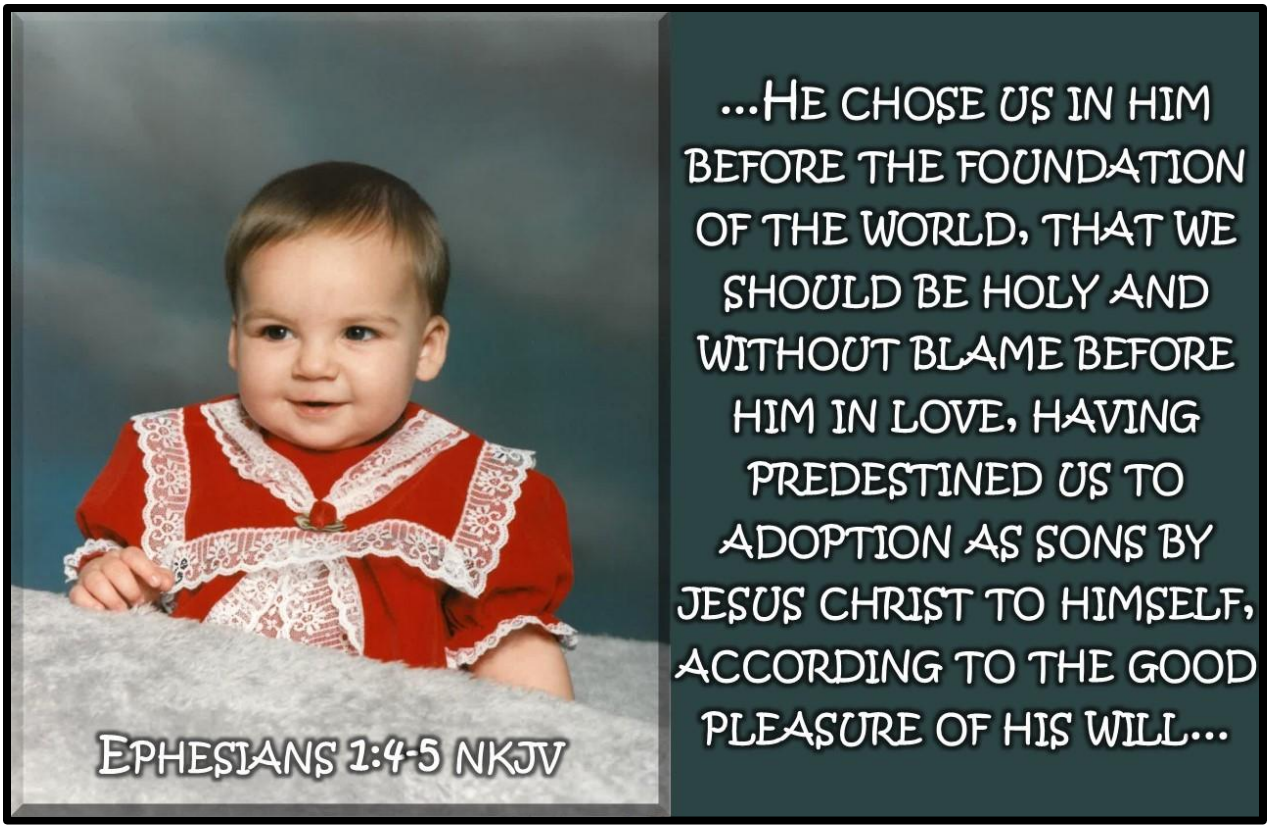
Remnant, since God's Word gives us this promise, it is obvious that He would also abide by the same Word, and He has! He has given us His Word for our inheritance. It is for us and for our children's children, because we are the sons and daughters of God! "*For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God*." 2 Corinthians 1:20 (AMPC)

That is why Jesus made a very necessary statement when He was approached by satan. He said, "…*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but* ***by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God***." Matthew 4:4 (KJV) It is because the Word of God is our inheritance! Think about it. When you are an heir to an inheritance, you do not have to do anything to receive it. This inheritance is yours not based on anything you have done but on what Jesus Christ did for us.

"*The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit,* ***[assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him****]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory*." Romans 8:16-17 (AMPC) What did Jesus suffer? Not pain and sickness, but rather persecution from the religious people.

"*The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance*." Psalm 16:6 (NKJV) Yes! What a confession for us! Praise God in the name of Jesus! Because of the Word of God, we are entitled to receive our inheritance right now <u>when we believe</u>!

"*Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light*" Colossians 1:12 (AMPC)



OUR INHERITANCE AS GOD'S CHILDREN PART 2

"*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*" Hebrews 6:12 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, since God's Word is our inheritance and we are entitled to all the promises in it, we must remember that we do have tasks to do in this process. To receive the promises, we must be disciplined to continue in the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

Every day we have a job to do, with God as our boss so-to speak. "*Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men, Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward…*" Colossians 3:23-24 (AMPC)

Naturally everyone wants to receive an inheritance. There is not a reward in this world at all that could ever be compared to our inheritance - which is our real reward.

Think about it. It does not matter what your background is or was. Once we are the royal seed of Abraham, we receive the real inheritance which no amount of money could ever buy! "*Listen, my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and in their position as believers and to inherit the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him?*" James 2:5 (AMPC) Amen, He absolutely has, through His Son Jesus! "*For where there is a [last] will and testament involved, the death of the one who made it must be established,*" Hebrews 9:16 (AMPC) Through the death of the Son, Who is now alive and with us in ministry, we now have God's inheritance!

"*In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will,*" Ephesians 1:11 (AMPC)



A LITTLE "SOMETHING" WE LIKE TO CALL FAITH

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21 (NKJV)
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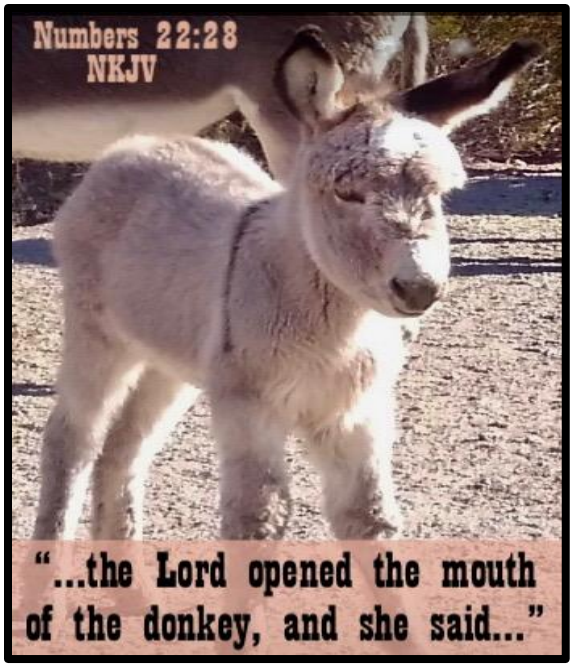
Remnant, have we fully laid aside every manner of unbelief that flows from an evil heart (Hebrews 3:12) and wholly received the implanted Word of God, which is able to save our souls from all destruction (Psalm 107:20)? This is what qualifies us to call ourselves believers, when we believe God's implanted Word over any circumstance or situation in the natural!

In James 1:21 the word *implanted* in the Greek is *émphytos* (Strong's #1721) and means to implant, bring into living union, like with a successfully engrafted shoot; (figuratively) what is "planted" and hence "inborn, congenital, natural", i.e. placed in ("established"), which enables something to develop. This is the only time that the word *émphytos* is used in God's Word. Yes, this is very wordy in the Greek, so for the sake of simplicity, let's look at some key points in this meaning.

Merriam Webster defines implant as: to fix or set securely or deeply. Implant is a past tense verb, meaning it has already been given. Therefore, it is when we permanently fix ourselves in God's Word that we will grow and flourish according to God's Word in all our believing, and thus our actions grow and flourish too, as we step out in our believing. This kind of believing enables "something" to develop; but what is that "something"? That "something" that is developing is a little something we like to call FAITH! God's Word tells us that *"… faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (KJV)

Just a quick word study here, the word *hearing* in the Greek is *akoḗ* (Strong's #189) meaning hearing; used in inner (spiritual) hearing that goes with receiving faith from God, i.e. spiritual hearing (discerning God's voice.) Did we catch that? This is hearing that goes along with receiving faith from God! It is the receiving of this implanted word that gives us the faith to develop the mind of Christ, where we have the faith to believe for all things in accordance with God's perfect will.

".. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"
Galatians 3:2 (NKJV)



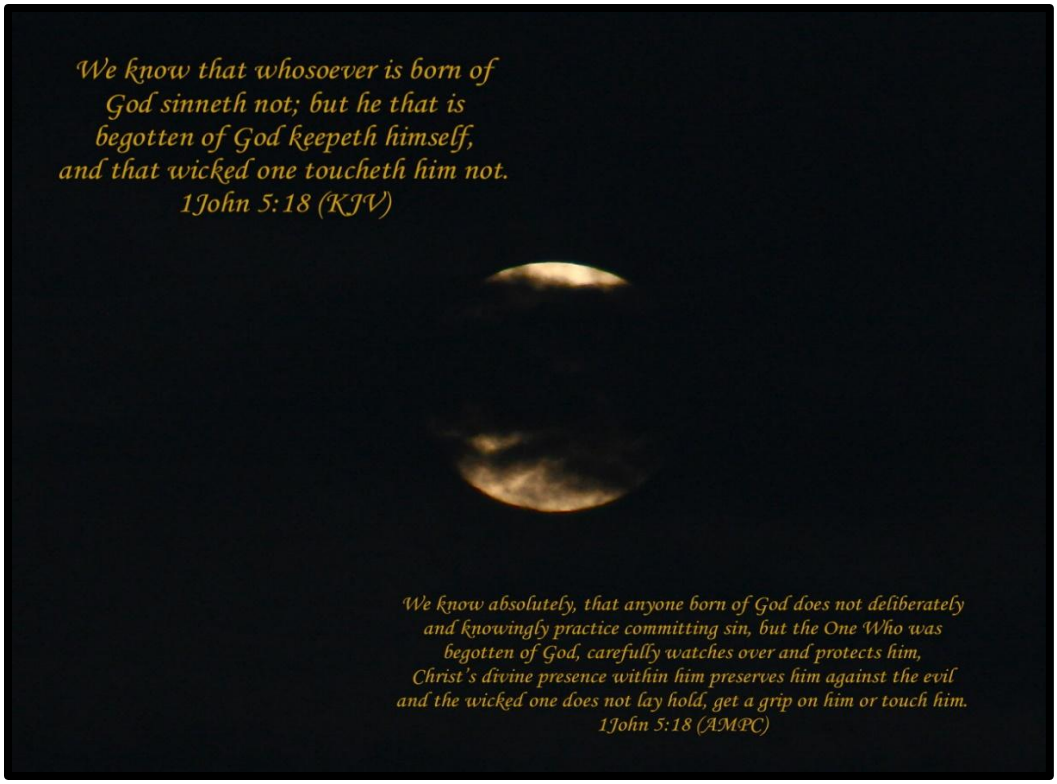
GOD WILL USE ANYONE WHO SEEKS HIM

"Seek the Lord and His strength; yearn for and seek His face and to be in His presence continually!"
1 Chronicles 16:11 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Since we are the elect/chosen of God, Paul really hits the nail on the head concerning where we **MUST** remain spiritually. "*Yet indeed I also count all things loss **for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,** for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,** being conformed to His death*,"
Philippians 3:8-10 (NKJV)

Let's back up to the Old Testament just for a bit. King Nebuchadnezzar told Daniel this, *"... I know that **the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you**, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation."* Daniel 4:9 (NKJV) There was a **power from on high** working in Daniel, and even the king knew it. None of the Nebuchadnezzar's wise men of Babylon were able to give to him the interpretation of his dream, but he knew that Daniel could not only give him the interpretation, but also tell him what his dream was to begin with! Daniel of course told him his dream and the interpretation! Daniel was not a stranger to this, however, he gave all the glory and credit to God, as he said, "… "*Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, **For wisdom and might are His**. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; **He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things**; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; **You have given me wisdom and might**, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand*." Daniel 2:20-23 (NKJV)

God will continue to use anyone that seeks Him, and His perfect will.
Even though God is not a respecter of persons, to hear from Him and have this kind of knowledge, we must be in harmony with His Word.



UNTOUCHABLE - PART 1

"We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him]." 1 John 5:18 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that according to John 3:16, it is whoever believes in Jesus (the word of God) who possesses eternal life. Then in John 10 Jesus says, *"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all [else]; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand."* John 10:28-29 (AMPC) Pretty powerful, huh? However, the root of all this protective power that we have through Jesus (the Word of God) rests entirely on our believing in Him: the Word of God.

When we truly believe the Word of God, we become born of the Word of God. (1 Peter 1:23) When we are born of God's Word, we are born of Him, right? We are new creations, the seed of God! We now have the mind of Christ! Our new mind will not allow us to deliberately live the way we were when we were ensnared by the lies of the enemy into unbelief. No way! We are born of God, and sin/unbelief no longer has any dominion over us because of Jesus, our vindicator. (Romans 6:14)

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) God has given us His Son as the way of escape from unbelief, i.e. sin.

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21 (NKJV) Do we see the connection we have here? Do we see our responsibility with the renewed mind? It is God's Word that is implanted in us which allows our souls to be saved from all destruction.

We remain untouchable by the blood of the Lamb and having the precious Word of God as our testimony. (Revelation 12:11)



UNTOUCHABLE-PART 2

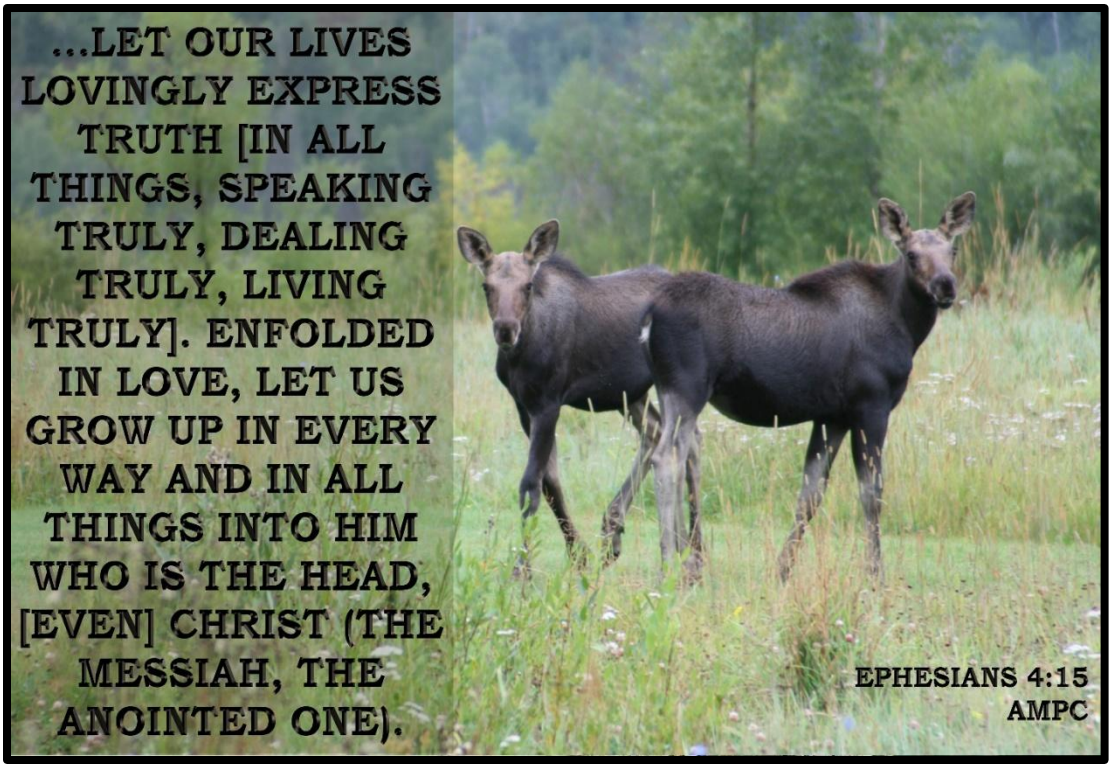
"I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]" John 14:30 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we must understand that when we keep ourselves from unbelief - which is the root of all evil - we possess this same power that Jesus explained He has in John 14:30! Oh yeah, the enemy may continue to come at us with his lies and malicious scheming, but we have our renewed minds made up. We will stand believing God's Word - which is always true - over any lie that the enemy brings to us, no matter how real in the natural it may look.

"But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one." Matthew 5:37 (NKJV) There is a powerful lesson to be learned from this scripture here in Matthew. You see, once we know the truth about our situations according to God's Word (note… according to His Word; not man-made religions) then we MUST let our *"… 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'"* We must stand firm in the things of God, if we expect to receive His promises and His expected end in every situation!

One example we have for our learning is back in Genesis. When the enemy came to Eve, instead of her standing firm in her "Yes and No," she began to reason with the enemy. Thus, she received the fulfillment of Matthew 5:37; she then received from the evil one. Jesus, however, did not reason with the enemy. Jesus continued to come at satan with the Word of God and abolish every lie with which satan was attempting to fill Him!

Do we remember who we are? We are the remnant of the almighty God, and we *"… are not ignorant of his* (satan's) *devices."* 2 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV) No, dear friend, through the Word of God we have been made free from unbelief which results in sin, and we have been given *"… authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Luke 10:19 (NKJV) When we continue to believe His Word and speak His Word, we continue to remain UNTOUCHABLE, just like Jesus.



GROW WITH THE INCREASE OF GOD

"and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God." Colossians 2:19 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, in the natural we know that a headless body simply cannot survive. Just as this scripture above implies, the whole body is nourished through the head. When the proper nourishment is not received which comes through the head, the body dies. This is all a type and shadow of the spiritual side of this element.

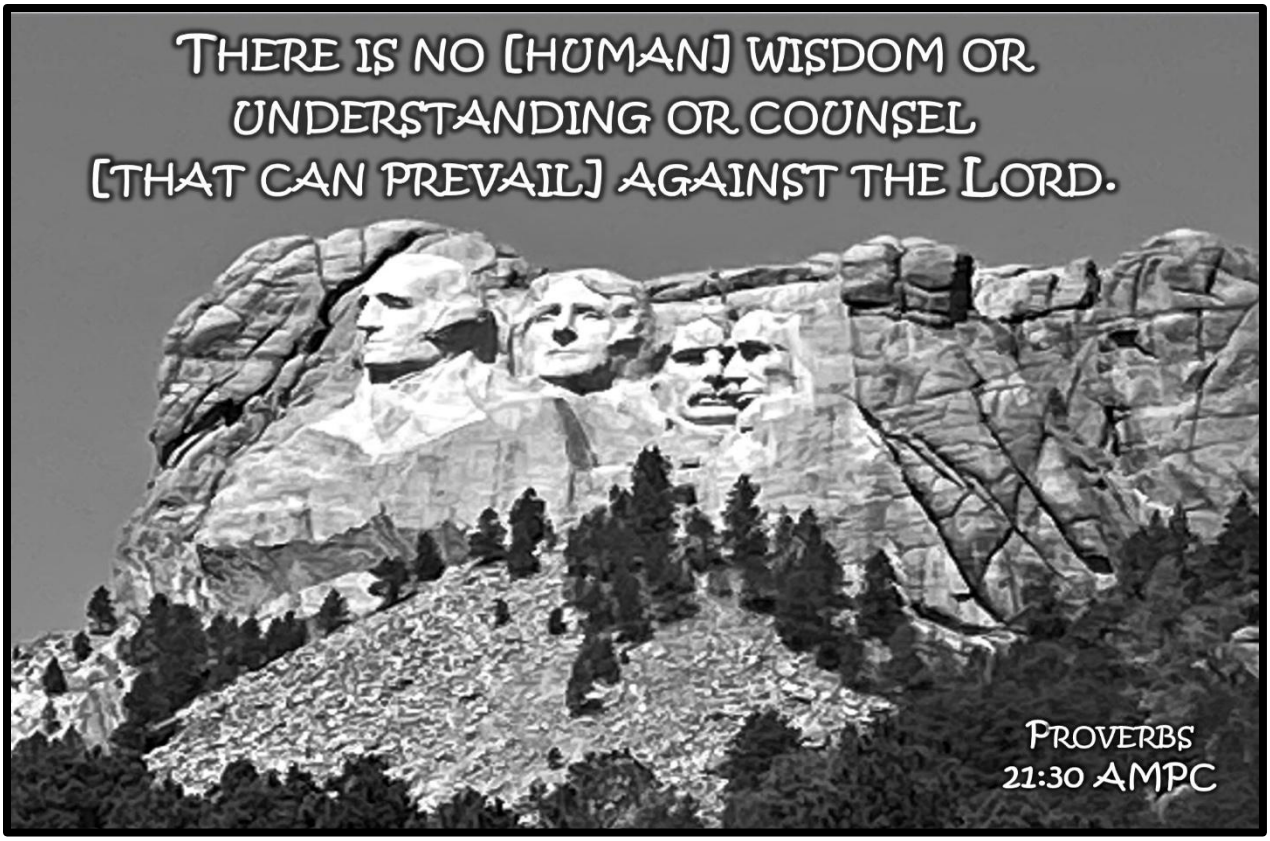
We know that *"He is also head of the body, the church …"* It is Jesus who is the Head of this body of whom we are all members one of another. However, this scripture goes on to say, *"… and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."* Colossians 1:18 (NASB) Do we fully understand that? Jesus is supposed to have first place in everything!

Now to take this a step further we must be reminded that, *"… the Word became flesh and dwelt among us …"* John 1:14 (NKJV) This is Jesus, right? Therefore, we see that the revelation here is in order for the body to be fully nourished and knit together and grow with the increase of God, we must hold fast to the Word of God, and allow His Word to have first place in everything!

Remember those famous scriptures that we all know? *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV) We see how the scriptures tie together in such a beautiful harmony here. We must hold fast to the Head (the Word of God), and not our own understanding.

If we truly want to increase with the increase of God, there is no other source that can produce this in our lives but the Word of God. There is no doctrine of man, that can cause such a supernatural increase of God in ones' life. Therefore, as His body, it is vital that we rely solely upon Him as our Head always.

"In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord]." **Ephesians 2:21 (AMPC)**



NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO STOP OR DESTROY US

"… For if this doctrine or purpose or undertaking or movement is of human origin, it will fail (be overthrown and come to nothing); But if it is of God, you will not be able to stop or overthrow or destroy them; you might even be found fighting against God!" Acts 5:38-39 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

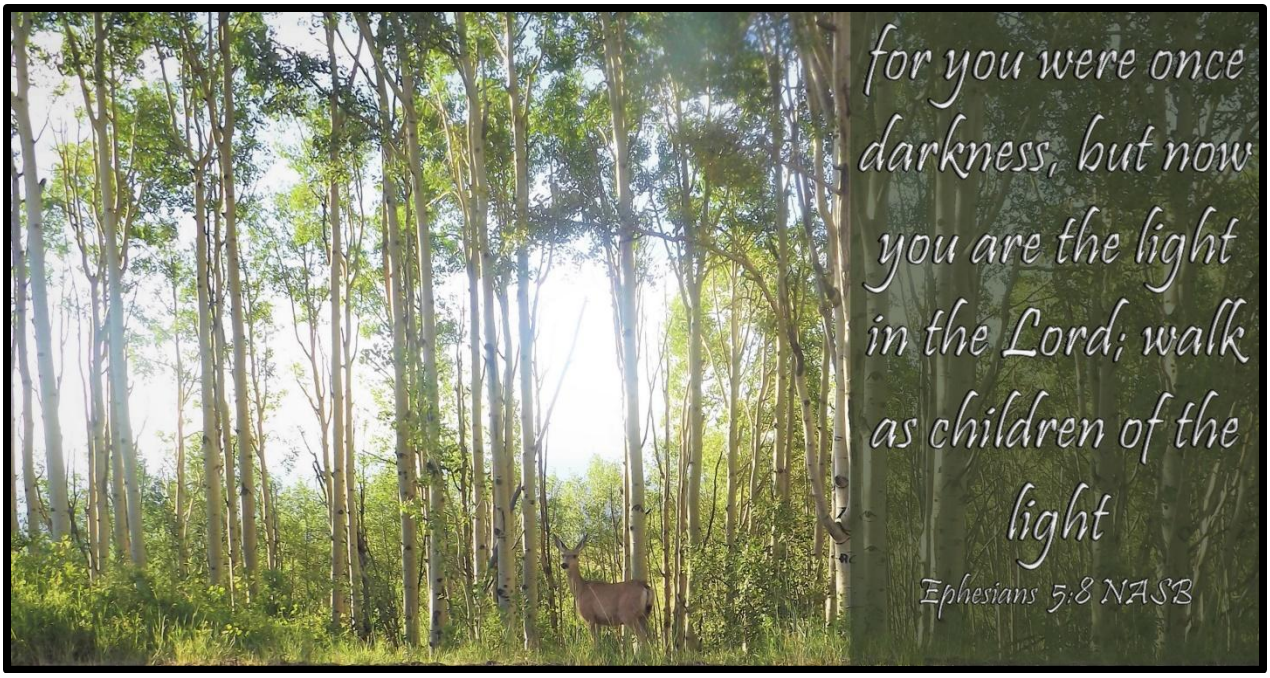
Remnant, we are reminded this is what Gamaliel (a Pharisee in the Sanhedrin council/ a teacher of the Law/Paul's mentor before he came to God) told the crowds (the Sanhedrin council), as he stood in defense of Peter and John for preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus!

The question is, when are the churches going to have a revelation of this? Previously in this defense, Gamaliel reminded the people that *"…before our time there arose Theudas, asserting himself to be a person of importance, with whom a number of men allied themselves, about 400; but he was killed and all who had listened to and adhered to him were scattered and brought to nothing. And after this one rose up Judas the Galilean, [who led an uprising] during the time of the census, and drew away a popular following after him; he also perished and all his adherents were scattered."* Acts 5:36-37 (AMPC)

If churches continue to be from human origin, they will fail, for they are no more than another social group, and we know them by their fruits.

Recently there was a man who is no longer a Christian, and he explained that one of the main reasons he left Christianity was because when he read God's Word, he saw that Christians were supposed to do the same works that Jesus did (i.e., healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, etc.) He went on to explain how all the years he went to church not ever did he witness even ONE miracle; therefore, he knew it was NOT real. This type of religion is not of God; therefore, it must be of man.

We know that the whole creation is groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:22-23), and religion from human origin is failing terribly. However, the remnant, whose origin is from God (1 John 4:4), are doers of the Word (including Mark 16:17-18), and NOTHING will be able to stop, overthrow, or destroy them! It matters not that the remnant is small, for we have God backing us, as we are in His Word!



YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"*… Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* John 8:12 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that Jesus instructed all who follow Him to have the light of life. There is a misunderstanding that many Christians have, and that is that we cannot be like our brother Jesus. There are many scriptures that destroy that, but today know this. Jesus spoke this to the multitudes in Matthew: "***You*** *are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let* ***your*** *light so shine before men, that they may see* ***your*** *good works and glorify* ***your*** *Father in heaven.*" Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

Notice in John 8 Jesus openly declares that **He** is the light of the world, and then in Matthew 5 He says, *"…**You** are the light of the world."* Does that not mean that we are supposed to be and can be like Jesus? Well, where did Jesus inherit the right to say that He was the light of the world? It was because He was full of God. "…*God is light and in Him is no darkness at all*." 1 John 1:5 (NKJV)

Jesus is **in Him.** *"For **in Him** the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]*." Colossians 2:9 (AMPC) Oh, but remnant, we must NOT stop reading here, for **we too are in Him**! *"And **you are in Him,** made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ **you too are filled…** with the Godhead—**Father, Son and Holy Spirit**—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]."* Colossians 2:10 (AMPC)

We have already received the inheritance of the fullness, and now we just need to do something with it! We need to be a light to the world.

"*For out of His fullness (abundance) <u>we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift</u>*." John 1:16 (AMPC)



QUALITY VERSES QUANTITY

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him…" 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we see everywhere new gimmicks and strategies that have been created by man to build the church. We need not mention these tactics today, for they are endless. As so often in history, God is permitting this dual work, which is a worldly emphasis on "quantity" and a spiritual emphasis on God's Kingdom work of "quality." We find the importance of the quality of a believer, versus the quantity of believers, all throughout God's Word. Men and women alike allowing God to use them have been earth shakers for His Kingdom. For example, Elijah, Gideon, Deborah, Esther, Daniel, David, Paul, and the list goes on! We too join these spiritual warriors, and scripture defines us here saying, "…*the people who know their* (our) *God shall prove themselves* (ourselves) *strong and shall stand firm and do exploits [for God]."* Daniel 11:32 (AMPC)

We are non-compromisers who understand what God is saying. His spotlessness and His manifestation are only obtainable by paying a price, not through obtaining a new-found dimension that combines "quantity" and "quality" wherein many Christians find another Jesus and another gospel. (2 Corinthians 11:4)

"Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it. But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it." Matthew 7:13-14 (AMPC)

Many are being deceived by leaders into entering a wide gate, not willing to be contracted by the pressures involved with entering the narrow gate, **which leads to His abundant and eternal life, and begins now**!

"…We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." **Acts 14:22 (NKJV)**



THE NEW NATURE ACCOMPANIES A CONTINUAL FEAST

"All the days of the desponding and afflicted are made evil [by anxious thoughts and forebodings], but he who has a glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of circumstances]."
Proverbs 15:15 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, it is rather amazing how God's Word ties together perfectly from Genesis to Revelation. Even here in Proverbs, this scripture is comparing the old nature with the new nature! We see it begins with *"All the days of the desponding and afflicted <u>are made evil</u>…"* What exactly is the reason their days seem so evil? As we read on, we see that it is *"… <u>[by anxious thoughts and forebodings]</u>."* Having anxious (worrisome) thoughts and forebodings (fearful apprehension or fearful thoughts something bad will happen) is a characteristic of the old nature, without the renewed mind.

Now let's look at a renewed mind: "…*but he who has a <u>glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of circumstances]</u>."* Proverbs 15:15 (AMPC)

The word *glad* here in the Strong's concordance is #2896, which means pleasant, agreeable, or good. The word *heart* here in the Strong's concordance is #3820, which means inner man, mind, will, or heart. Therefore, we see further that something must happen to us, so that we may have a pleasant, agreeable, and good outlook in our inner man, mind, will, and heart. We must undergo a necessary heart transplant and allow God to give us *"…one heart, and put a new spirit within…"* Ezekiel 11:19 (NASB)

This is not to say that when we graduate into this new nature, we will not have afflictions. This is to say that once we pursue taking on this new nature day by day, we will see the trials and afflictions for what they are, <u>our perfection</u>! This is how we enjoy a continual feast in God, for we have renewed our minds by and through the Word of God, and we refuse to go backwards into the old nature. In the name of Jesus, we pray that God *"…would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit <u>in the inner self</u>,"* Ephesians 3:16 (NASB) Consider this: <u>If you had no enemies, then how would God prepare a table before you in the presence of them in order that you would be able to feast continually</u>?



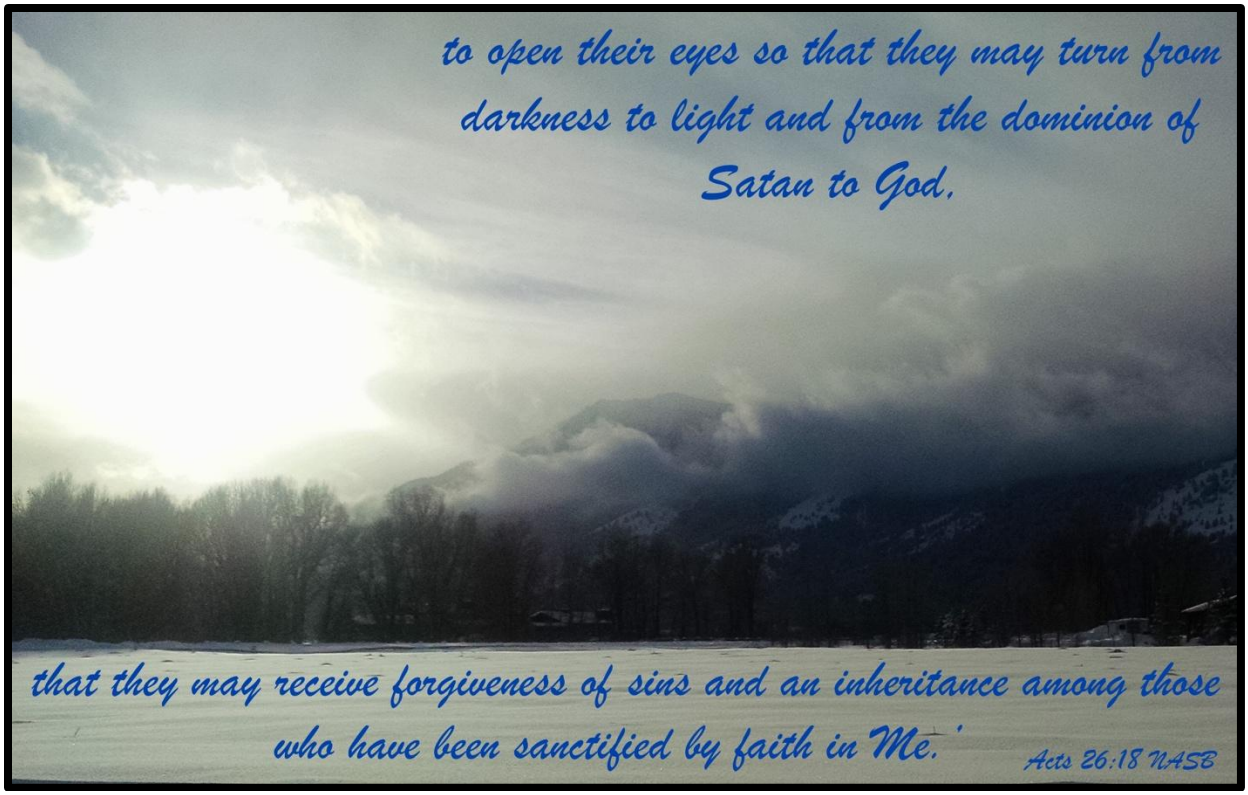
DISCONNECTING FROM CARNALITY - ENTERING INTO PRAISE

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

While we are waiting patiently for God to confirm His Word, in addition to reading His Word and prayer, our praise causes us to enter our inheritance. *"...Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever*." Now notice what happens in the next verse because of their hearing, believing, and praising. *"Now when they began to sing and to praise, **the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated***." 2 Chronicles 20:20-22 (NKJV)

We should never discount the power in praise and worship. David said, *"I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise shall continually be in my mouth**. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together*." Psalm 34:1-3 (NKJV) We can praise God in any situation!

Praise should not be difficult. Through praise we step into an intimate level with God. *"Come close to God and He will come close to you…"* James 4:8 (AMPC) We are able to hear Him more clearly and know Him more clearly. It is through praise that we disconnect from all carnalities (all five senses in the natural), and we engage in a spiritual connection under an open heaven! We now can touch, taste, see, hear, and smell in the spiritual realm! This is where God wants us to be. Why? *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*." John 4:24 (NKJV) We step into that spirit realm where we *"...do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal*." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)



COMING TO THEIR SENSES; RAISING FROM THE DEAD

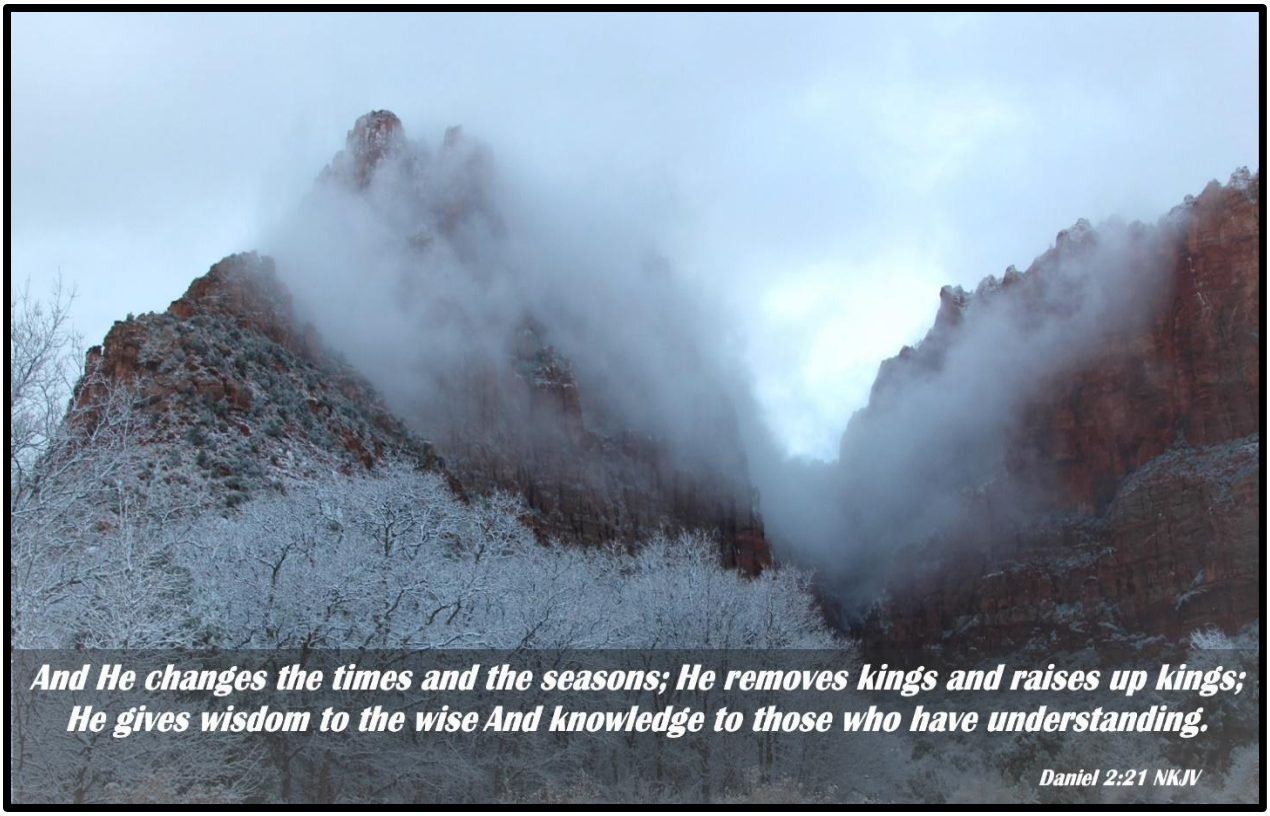
"But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger!" Luke 15:17 (NASB) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, whether it be a spouse, a child, brother or sister, a close friend, or anyone else in our lives, we should be expecting the same result that happened here in Luke with the prodigal son. No matter how long we have prayed for them, faith does not have a time limit. No matter how grim the situation looks and feels to the five senses, the just shall live by faith; i.e. *"… the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

We must remember that the closer a person comes to the "valley of decision" (like this prodigal son), the more hopeless it may seem to the five senses. This is exactly what your adversary wants you to believe, a lie. If he can just get to you to believe that your prayers have never been successful and will never be successful, then he has got you, for your believing equals your receiving. Remnant, it is time to dust that vision off and know that it is God's will that your loved ones will not only confess Jesus (the Word of God) as Lord of their lives, but also come forward and serve God with boldness fulfilling their purpose and call!

"But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39 (NKJV) Now is not the time to draw back, but to pursue after the enemy with the Word of God! No, we must *"… not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."* Hebrews 6:12 (NKJV)

Think about this for a moment in relation to the prodigal son. In Hebrews we read of this testimony: *"Women received their dead raised to life again..."* Hebrews 11:35 (NKJV) Remember how the prodigal son confessed, "…*I am dying here from hunger!"* No, he was not dead yet, but the spiritual hunger came first, long before there was a physical hunger. We must believe that as we continue to pray that God is bringing them back to life again in the realm of the Spirit! They are being raised from the dead! We challenge you to have a "praise party" and be like Abraham who *"… believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;"* Romans 4:17 (NKJV)



SOUND INSTRUCTION

"Then I [Wisdom] was beside Him as a master and director of the work; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always," Proverbs 8:30 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we all know that God's Word tells us, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally …"* James 1:5 (KJV) However, do we really know what we are asking for when we are asking for God's wisdom? First, let's go to God's Word and define what His wisdom really is.

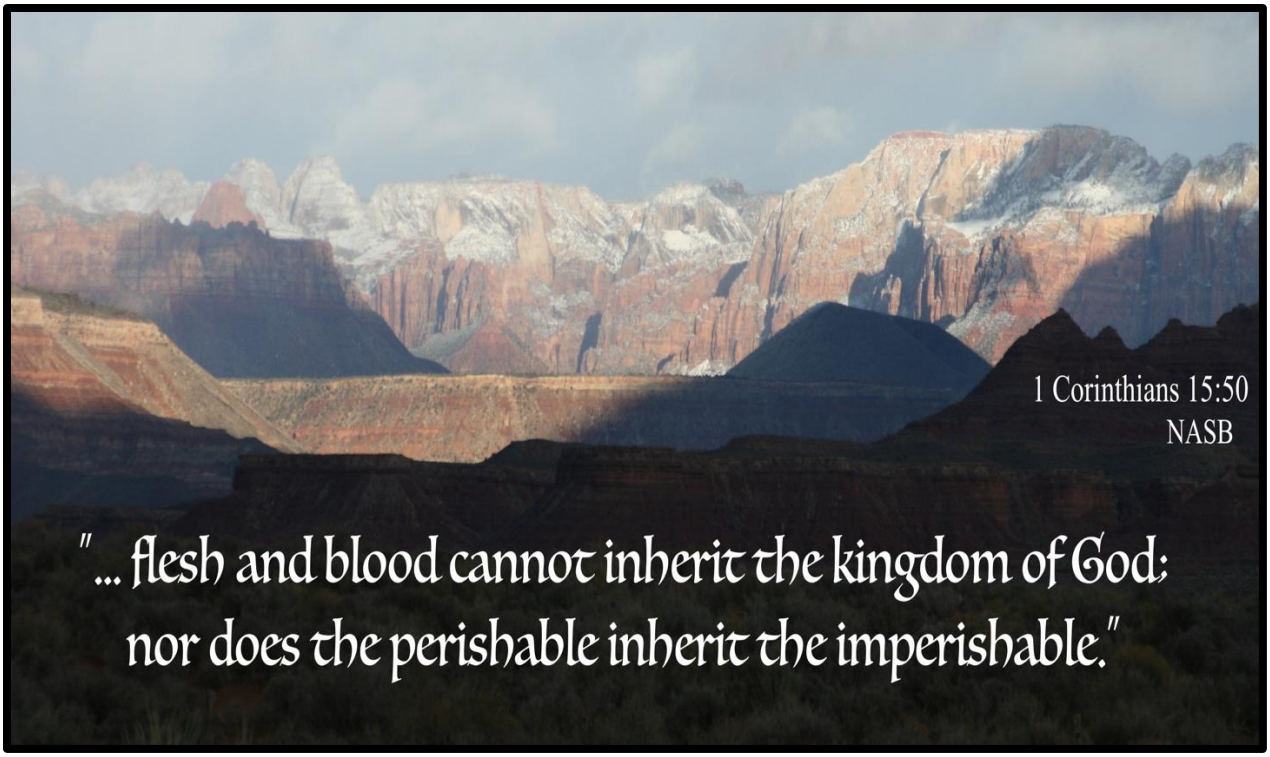
"… the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity)." James 3:17 (AMPC) Did we catch that? There are seven characteristics of God's wisdom. Seven is the number of spiritual perfection; therefore, this wisdom simply must come from God for the Holy Spirit (*pneuma Theo*) is seven fold! (Revelation 1:4; Revelation 3:1; Revelation 4:5; Revelation 5:6)

Now, in contrast what does man's wisdom look like? Well, His Word says, *"… if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, **do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of and false to the Truth**. This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal)."* James 3:14-15 (AMPC)

You see, when we have God's wisdom, *"…we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual."* 1 Corinthians 2:13 (NKJV)

Why is it so crucial that we desire God's wisdom over any other form of wisdom? Well, God plainly tells us that He will *"… destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."* 1 Corinthians 1:19 (NKJV)

In conclusion, we see that when we are asking for God's wisdom, we are in fact submitting to God and believing that He will give us His wisdom, which is spiritual and something man simply cannot give.



HIS UNCHANGEABLENESS TOWARDS US

"[*Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you*,"
1 Peter 1:4 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, we rejoice today for what we have in Him at this very moment! Once we became born from above, we were born anew into this "*inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable*],"! Yeah, God is not willing that any should perish, and this just puts it in concrete! Being born from above, by and through the Word of God, qualifies us for every promise in God's Word, and He cannot lie. "*Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before [us]*." Hebrews 6:17-18 (AMPC)

Having our minds renewed constantly by His Word, and meditating on things above, we see His plans for us, His future for us, and our inheritance in Him, which is unfolding for us! What is it that has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men? It is the truth that "*…the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel*" Ephesians 3:6 (NASB) We have been grafted into this position as fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, and we will not turn back.

We know His future for us is unchangeable: therefore, we choose to believe He has chosen us for such a time as this. We choose to believe that as the whole creation is in travail at this very moment, God will NOT disappoint them, and He will manifest Himself through us for His glory! We know that we do not do the works, but the Father that is in us does the works, and rest assured He is at work right now!



JOSEPH AND MARY SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED

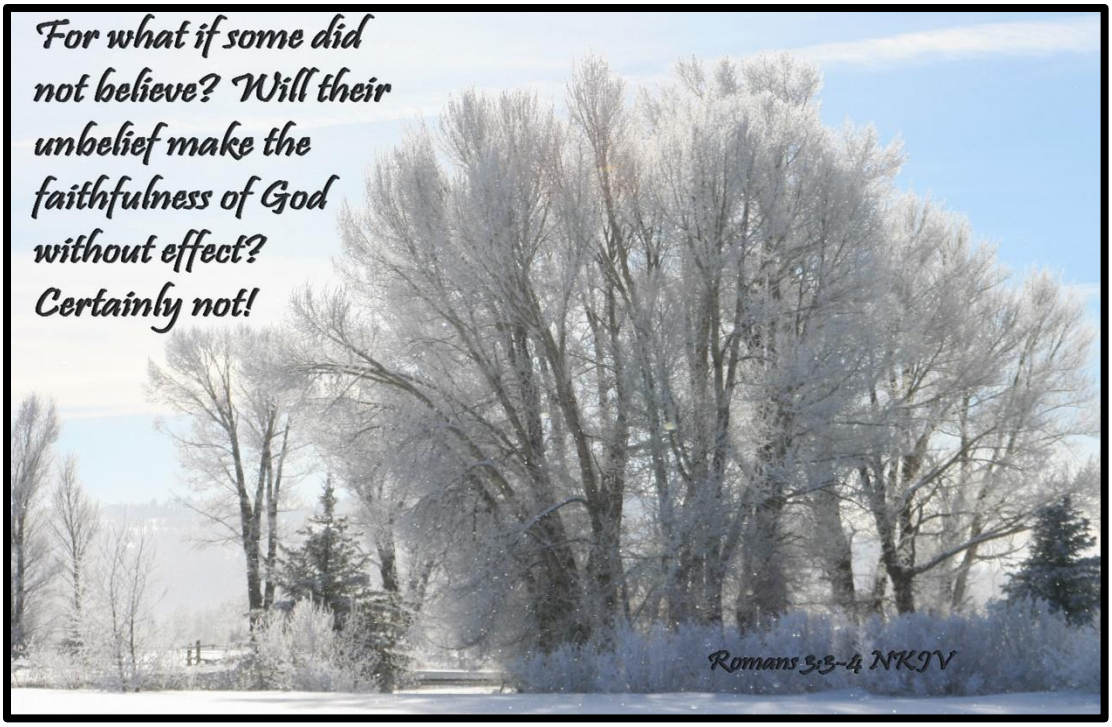
"And when they [Joseph and Mary] saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, Child, why have You treated us like this? Here Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You [distressed and tormented]." Luke 2:48 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as we all recall this passage was recorded when Jesus was a child (12 years old.) He was found by His parents, astonishing people with His wisdom. Instead of being delighted with Him, they reprimanded Him. Then Jesus shared His wisdom with His parents as well, for He responded to their rebuke saying, *"… How is it that you had to look for Me? Did you not see and know that it is necessary [as a duty] for Me to be in My Father's house and [occupied] about My Father's business?"* Luke 2:49 (AMPC)

We remember it is recorded that some of Jesus' last words were "It is finished." What was finished? He was declaring that He had finished the fulfillment of the Father's business that the Father had put in His heart, even as a child. Mary and Joseph were so caught up with their own distress and torment of not being able to find Him, that they were blinded to the many prophecies that had already been spoken concerning Him.

The question of the day is, "Do we remember the prophetic words that have already been spoken over our children?" Or are we too living in torment and distress by what we are seeing and experiencing in the natural? God's Word has already given the promise of the Holy Spirit, not only to us, but also to our children. (Acts 2:39) His Word has already prophesied that He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and *"… Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy …"* Joel 2:28 (NKJV) We need not be in torment concerning what we see in the natural with our children, for the Father promised that *"All your* [our] *children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children."* Isaiah 54:13 (NKJV) Without a shadow of a doubt we are convinced that since our children are the spiritual seed of Abraham, they will possess the gates of their enemies; no matter what it looks like now. (Genesis 22:17)

"May the Lord give you increase, more and more, you and your children." **Psalm 115:14 (AMPC)**



PURITY OF GOD'S WORD

"Every word of God is pure: He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him."
Proverbs 30:5 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

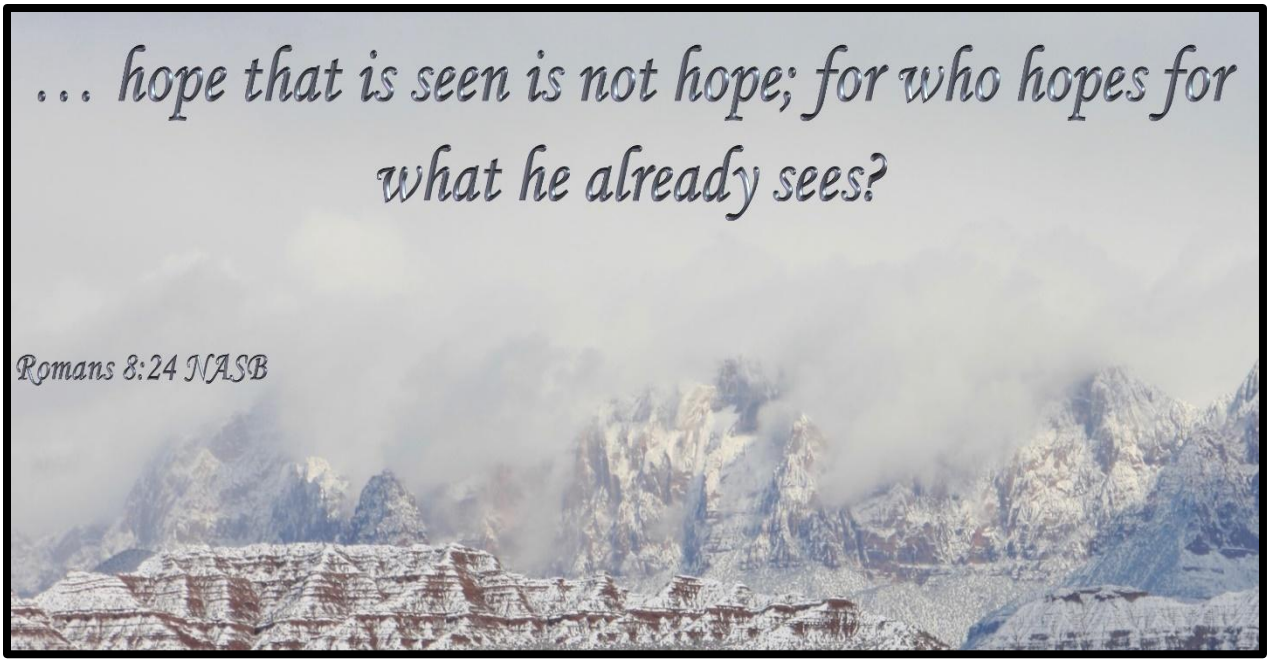
Remnant, God wants us set free from all bondages. It is by faith in His Word that we will be. *"And behold, some men were bringing on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed, and they tried to carry him in and lay him before [Jesus]."* Just a moment here, please note that in this case there was a crowd so large they could not get to Jesus through the door. Thus, some men, moved by faith, lowered the paralyzed man through the roof. *"But finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him with his stretcher through the tiles into the midst, in front of Jesus. And when He saw [their confidence in Him, springing from] their faith, He said, Man, your sins are forgiven you!"* Luke 5:18-20 (AMPC) If you read on, you will see that this man was healed.

The example that has been given here extends far past physical healing; however, physical healing is absolutely included! God wants us to be completely whole physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, and above all spiritually. The freedom from all bondages comes from knowing His Word and the promises that we are entitled to. *"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him," if you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

No matter how long things have "always been like this" or how dark the circumstances are, we challenge you to believe, and then put some action to your faith. Begin to imagine it is already done.

The words that God spoke to Jeremiah still ring true to us today, for God is not a respecter of persons. *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for Me?"* Jeremiah 32:27 (NASB)

Remember the purity of God's Word is not contingent on whether people believe in it.
God's Word remains pure and true always!



OBSESSED WITH THE UNSEEN

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

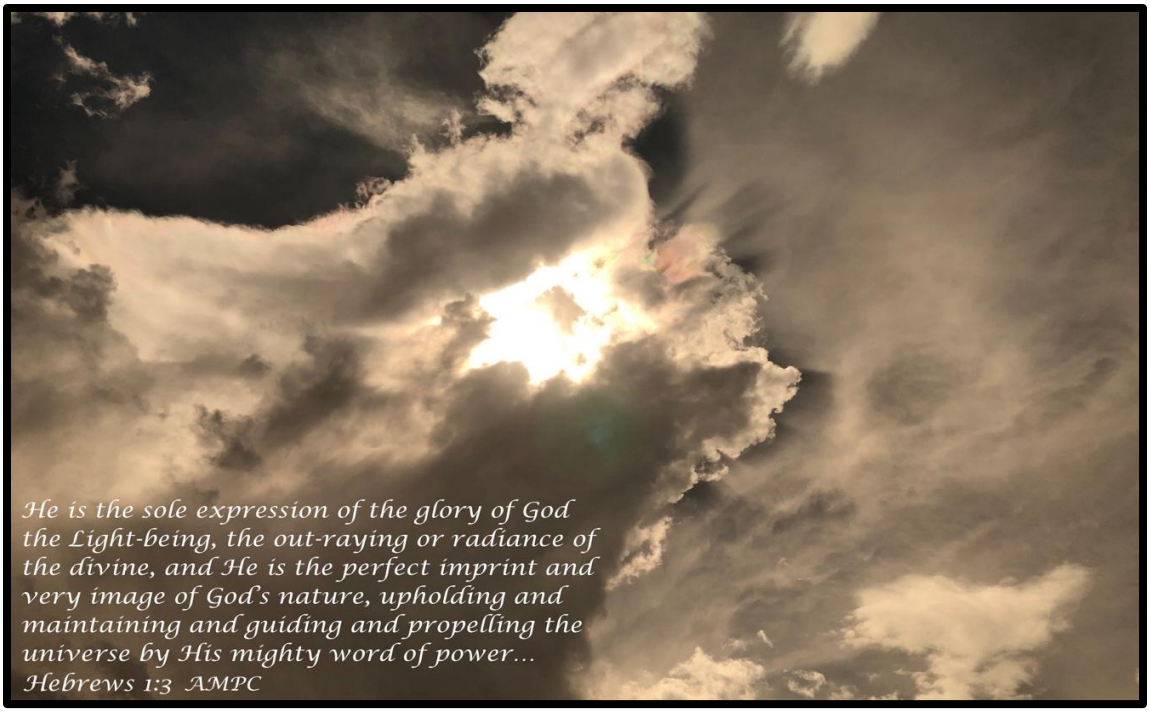
Remnant, we know that in these final seconds of the last days, as believers we are truly exercising the scripture, "the just shall live BY FAITH." We see many falling away in fear because of all that is appearing, i.e. the things which are seen. However, as true believers we MUST take the advice of our Master Jesus when He said, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by <u>every word that proceeds from the mouth of God</u>.' "* Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) When we truly live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, we walk in a higher plane, for His Word is an incorruptible seed which has been placed in us, and <u>that seed has taken root</u>. (Luke 8:11 & 1 Peter 1:23) That seed has flourished so much that instead of being choked out by the seeds "proceedings from the mouth of the adversary," it is choking and rooting out any seed that would attempt to be thrown on this fertile ground as a result of things which are seen. Praise God!

Our living BY FAITH is only possible when we are persistent in the things of God and are adamant to discipline our minds to reject anything that is seen, for we KNOW that the things which are seen can and will change according to God's Word. We continue to guard our hearts more than anything we guard, rejecting any false seeds no matter how real they may appear in this natural realm.

In the life of a true believer, it is the "things which are seen" that are doubtful and unreliable, for we are so focused on conducting our lives by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God, that we CANNOT receive the things which are seen as "the way things are."

May we continually be obsessed with "things to come" in the heavenly unseen realm. May we be so infatuated instead with things unseen, through which the Father has promised us the victories, that the "things which are seen" are instead the things which we doubt.

Instead of wondering about and fearing the things which are temporary, may we be preoccupied with having our eyes fixed upon the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who will most certainly bring to pass the unseen - which is eternal.



JESUS - THE REFLECTION OF GOD

"But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence)…"
Galatians 5:22-23 (AMPC) Please pray before reading.

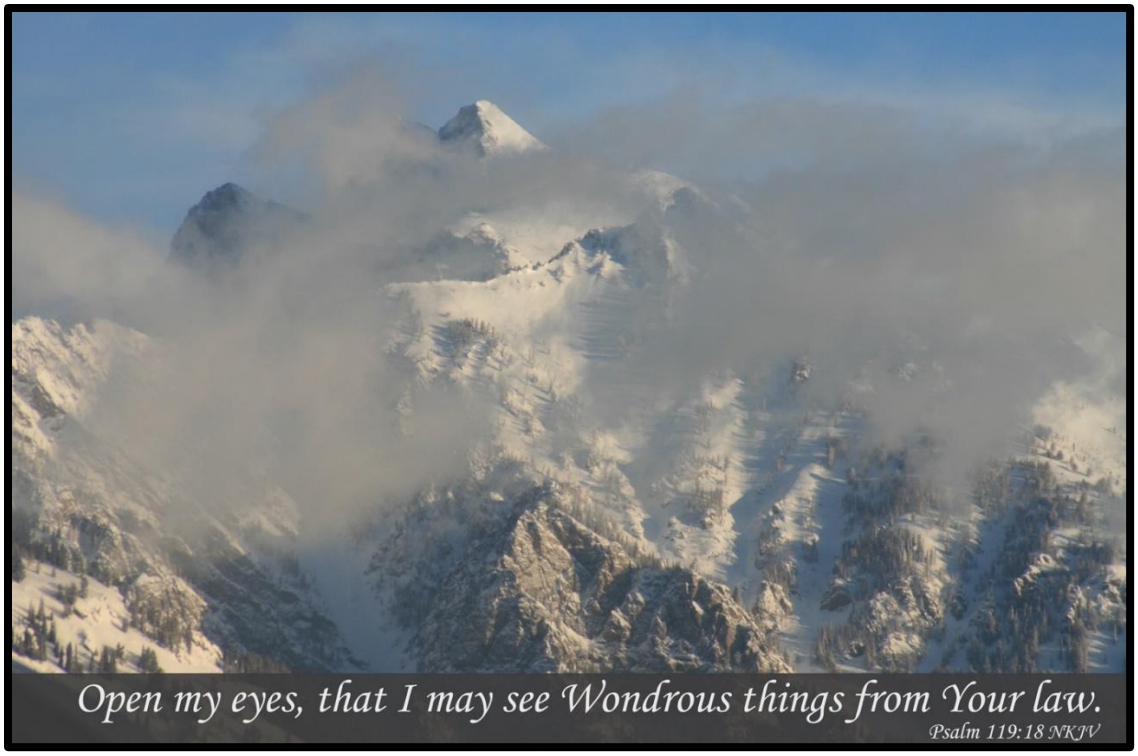
Remnant, we all know that these are the nine fruits of the Spirit. The word "Spirit" here is with a capital "S" – and is *pneuma Theo* (Spirit of God). This means these nine fruits are coming directly from the Holy Spirit and not from us, nor can they be. However, have you ever thought about what else all these fruits have in common? They are all invisible, just as is their Creator, from Whom they are drawn. Just as with the wind, gravity, time, and even our thoughts and feelings, you can see their manifestations, however that is all. Each is invisible; yet we cannot deny their existence.

"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him." John 1:18 (NKJV)

"No one has seen God at any time…" John 1:18 (NKJV), however, it was Jesus Who presented Himself as an image of God. *"He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."* Colossians 1:15 (NASB) The word **image** here in the Greek is *eikōn,* which means it resembles what it is to represent, like a mirror. The word *eikōn* always assumes a prototype and a reflection from which it is drawn. Jesus is a prototype in the natural, drawn from God Who is Spirit. Therefore, there is no denying God, Who is invisible.

Just as every manifestation of the Holy Spirit is invisible but undeniable, so is our God and Father. God is real because Jesus is real. Jesus is the reflection of God Who is real and not just a figment of our imagination.

We too take on this prototype, when we choose to be believers, and God manifests Himself in us, and through us, declaring that what appears invisible to the naked eye, is real indeed!



GIVE US REVELATION

"...the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" Ephesians 1:17 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, Merriam Webster defines the word revelation as "**a**: an act of revealing or communicating divine truth **b**: something that is revealed by God to humans." It is God's desire that we receive revelation concerning all He has given us, for He does not want us to fall short in any good thing. Therefore, today we pray and believe Him for revelation for all of us!

Father, we ask this all in Jesus' name. Give us revelation that we have indeed overcome every antichrist spirit, because You are dwelling in us, and You are greater than the one who is in the world! (1 John 4:4) Give us revelation that we already have power over ALL the power of the enemy, and NOTHING shall by any means hurt us! (Luke 10:19) Give us revelation that no evil will befall us, and no plagues could possibly come near our dwellings! (Psalm 91:10) Give us revelation that not one weapon formed against us will prosper. (Isaiah 54:17) Give us revelation that when the enemy comes in, like a flood Your Spirit will lift a standard against him and put him to flight! (Isaiah 59:19) Give us revelation that You are most certainly increasing us and making us stronger than our enemies! (Psalm 105:24) Give us revelation that we are already delivered from any control of the powers of darkness and translated into the kingdom of Your Son! (Colossians 1:13) Give us revelation that we are the heavenly seed of Abraham; therefore we are possessors of the gates of all our enemies! (Genesis 22:17 & 24:60) Give us revelation that You have anointed our heads with oil, and our cups are continually running over, and goodness and mercy continue to follow us all day, every day! (Psalm 23:5-6) Give us revelation that You are teaching our hands to war and our fingers to fight in this spiritual battle! (Psalm 144:1) Give us revelation that You are blessing those who bless us, and You are cursing those who curse us. (Genesis 12:3) Give us revelation that You are indeed satisfying us with long life and continually showing us Your salvation in every circumstance! (Psalm 91:16) Give us revelation that all evildoers are being cut off, and the wicked will not be found anymore; therefore Your people will inherit the earth and live in an abundance of peace! (Psalm 37:9-11) We thank You Father that all Your promises to Your children are yes and amen. (2 Corinthians 1:20) We receive everything You have revealed!



HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD, WITHOUT WAVERING!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Remnant, as many Christians encounter various trials, they walk in defeat. This should not be, for God's Word has openly declared that *"…we are more than conquerors…"* Romans 8:37 (KJV) **This applies to every situation and every circumstance**!

Remember what God asked satan here in Job? *"Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? **And still he holds fast to his integrity**, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."* Job 2:3 (NKJV)

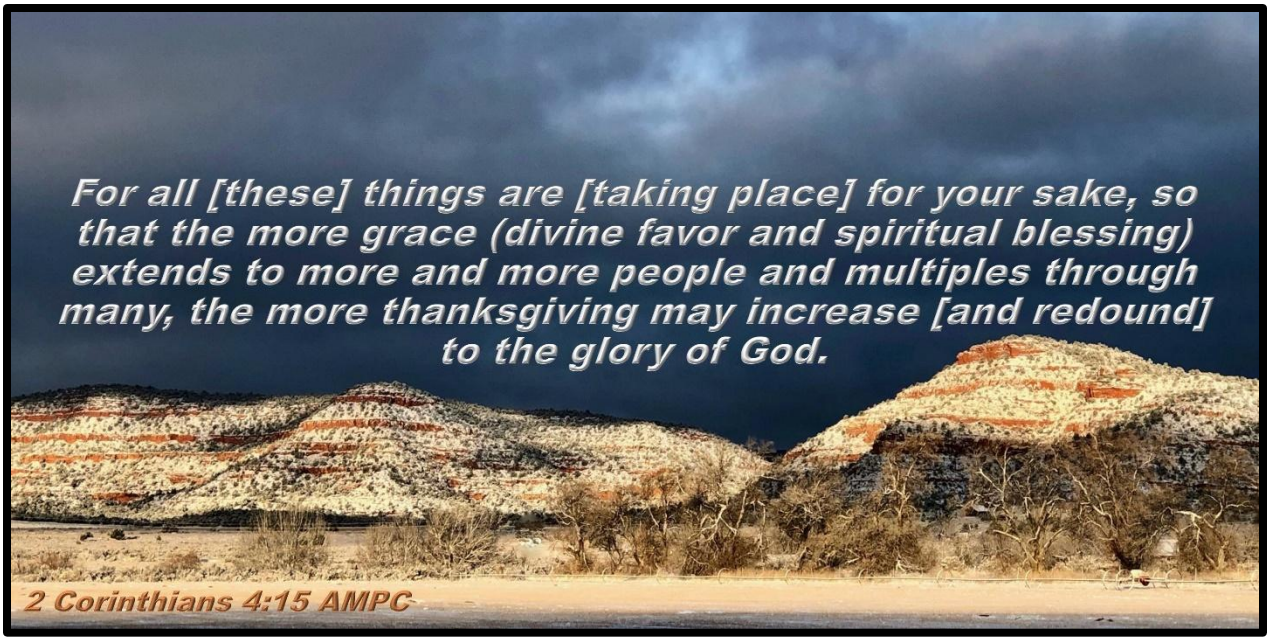
We see that God knew in Job's heart, despite all that he had not yet endured, that he would *"…hold fast…"* There is much controversy concerning Job's trials; however, Job still had it in his heart to *"…hold fast…"* no matter what he faced, and he certainly faced trials of every sort.

Satan even openly used one of the closest people to Job to entice him to give up. *"Then his wife said to him, "Do you still **hold fast to your integrity**? Curse God and die!"* Job 2:9 (NKJV) We see it is very ironic that she asked Job this question, for **holding fast to his integrity** was the very thing that God praised him for in the conversation with satan.

Moving on, we see the heart of Job not only manifested through his trials, but Job declares, *"…Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; My heart shall not reproach me as long as I live."* Job 27:5-6 (NKJV) The remnant holds this same heart, and we are determined to hold fast, no matter what!

"…I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NKJV) We must hold fast if we are to see the salvation of the Lord!

"But make sure your statement is, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil origin."
Matthew 5:37 (NASB)



CONSIDER IT ALL JOY

"*All my bones will say, "Lord, who is like You, Who rescues the afflicted from one who is too strong for him, And the afflicted and the poor from him who robs him*?" Psalm 35:10 (NASB)
Please pray before reading.

There are many believers that see themselves as weak, powerless vessels, and they see (through eyes of unbelief) all their enemies possessing all the power. In this verse above "all my bones" is symbolic of the "body." This is not just something that David said for himself. No, this is prophetic for all the bones that make up the body of Christ!

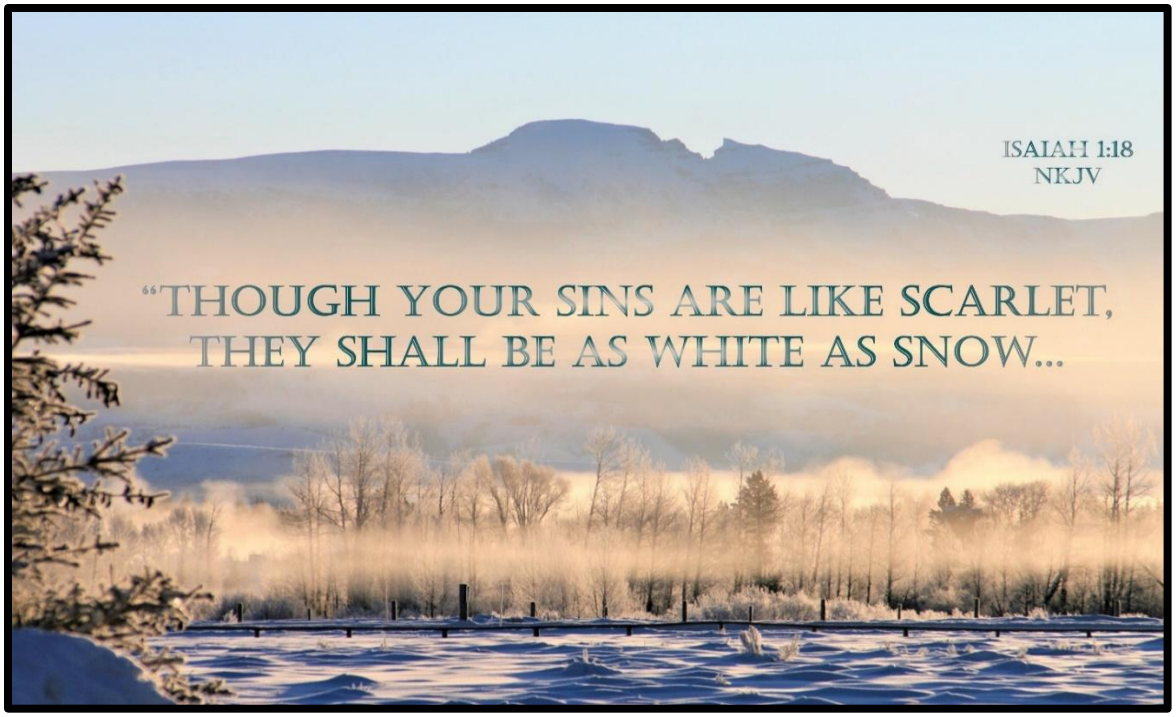
For many there is that one struggle or many struggles that they are going through right now. They have been praying for years for victory over it, and it does not seem in the natural that anything is happening. We must remember that it is the nature of God to show Himself strong on the behalf of those who believe, and He is on the lookout for such who believe, just so He may do so. *"For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His…"* 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NASB) Instead of taking an enemy completely out of the way, many times God will use the power of the enemy for our advantage to push us closer to Him and cause us to desire (more than anything) to fully trust and rely upon Him.

It is through God's Word that we are made wiser than our enemies. "*Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me*." Psalm 119:98 (KJV) We are even increased and made stronger than our enemies. *"He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies."* Psalm 105:24 (NKJV)

There is a level of maturity that believers enter, where they recognize the importance of what James said: "*Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials*," James 1:2 (NASB)

This is when we have spiritually mortified our flesh, and our sufficiency is truly from God.

"*Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, <u>but our sufficiency is from God</u>*." 2 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV)



WASHED BY THE WORD AND WHITER THAN SNOW

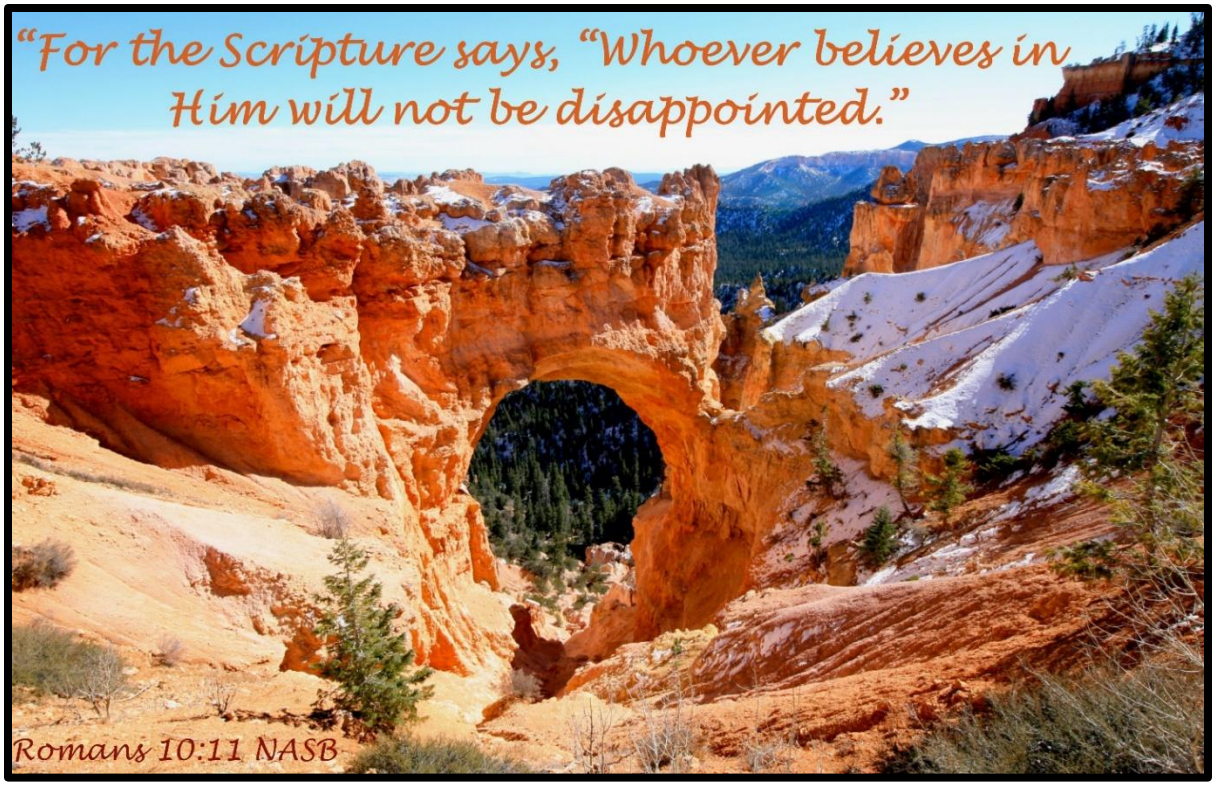
"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10 (KJV) Please pray before reading.

In Mark Chapter 7 we find that the religious people in the day of Jesus were questioning why the disciples would eat with *unclean hands*. This interrogation proved to be fault-finding and full of condemnation upon their part, as they were caught up in religion and walking in the natural. Jesus perceived that in their hearts they were only trying to make Him and His disciples appear inferior, when stacked up to their religious doctrines. Therefore, Jesus did not try to sugar-coat His comment back to them at all. *"But He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me*." Mark 7:6 (NASB) The religious people had issues far more important than unclean hands. They had spiritually life-threatening issues of unclean hearts.

Remnant, we should always be willing to let God's Word cleanse us, so let's be reminded of these scriptures for our spiritual cleansing. "*Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you..."* Ezekiel 36:25-26 (NKJV)

"Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt." Ezekiel 36:33 (NKJV) Yeah, you can go to church and call yourself a Christian but still live a very dirty life, being used by the enemy. Like the old saying, "Going to church doesn't make you a believer, just like going to a barn doesn't make you a cow." It is the state of the heart. Is it clean or unclean **according to God's Word**? The remnant knows that it is God's Word and His Spirit that do the cleansing. *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you*" John 15:3 (NKJV) If there is anything unclean in our lives, we need to continue to be washed by the Word of God and allow any impurities to be cleansed from us continually. Yes, we are forgiven; however, if we ever get to the point in which we think we cannot get any cleaner through His Word, that will put a halt on our growth.

Father, in the name of Jesus, *"Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;*
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow" Psalm 51:7 (NASB)



WHAT MADE JESUS MARVEL?

"…they marveled at Him." Mark 12:17 (KJV)
Please pray before reading.

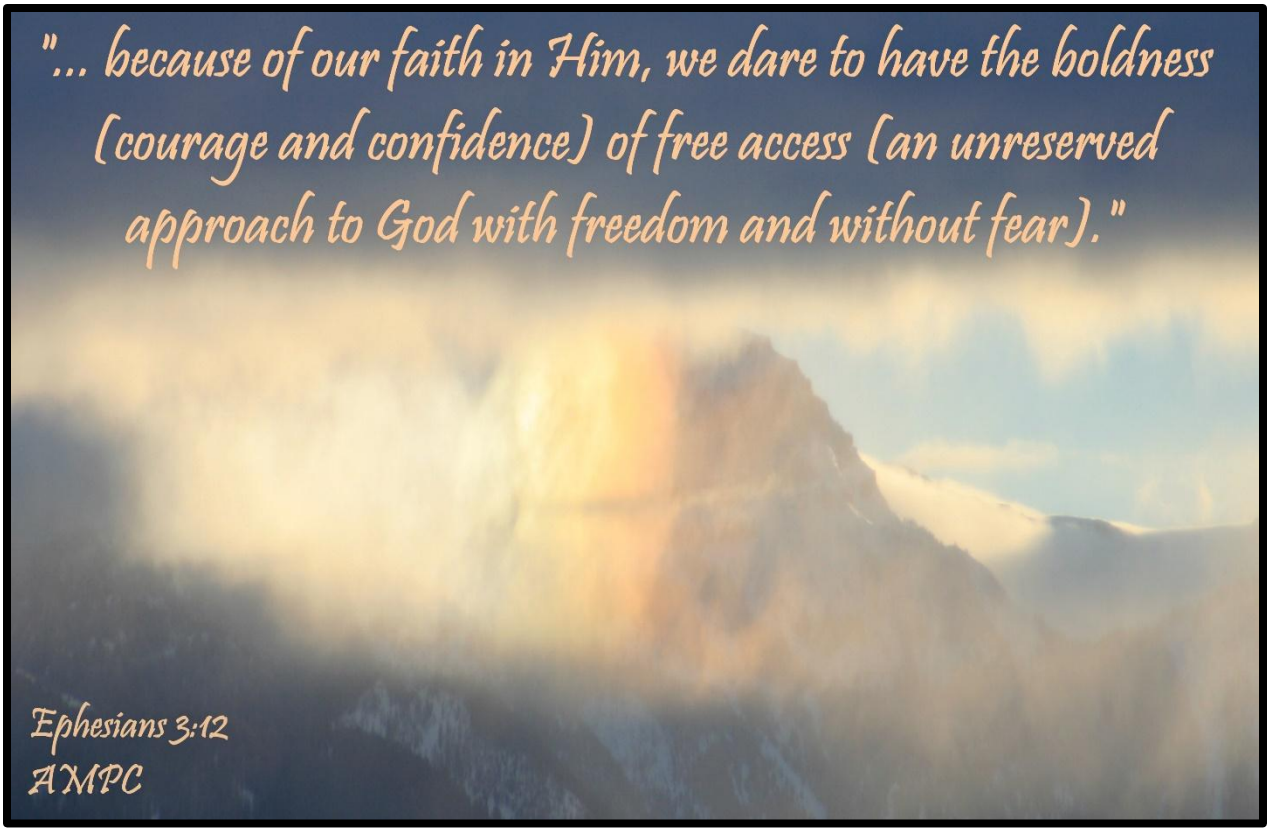
Remnant, this word *marveled* in the Greek is *thaumazó*, which in addition to marvel means to wonder. Over and over we find this word in association with how people reacted to Jesus and the power and authority which He possessed. However, the question today is: what made Jesus marvel?

This same word in the Greek is only used two times in association with how Jesus reacted in two different situations.

First, we look at this scenario, *"And <u>He marveled because of their unbelief</u>..."* Mark 6:6 (NKJV) We see here that Jesus marveled and wondered because of unbelief. Well, whose unbelief was it? If you go back and read the context here, it was in His hometown and among His own people. That is why Jesus was limited in what He could do there. *"…He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them."* Mark 6:5 (NKJV) Their unbelief caused them not to honor or regard Him, and Jesus told them, *"A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."* Mark 6:4 (NKJV) These were the very people who should have known Him and believed Him more than anyone else! Thus, we see why Jesus would marvel and wonder.

Secondly, we look at this passage, *"When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'"* Matthew 8:10 (NKJV) When Jesus heard what? When we go back and read this context, we find that here Jesus marveled when He heard their great faith! Oh yes, such great faith that He had not found in all the religious city of Israel! Could it have been because of all the unbelief that He had already been subjected to, which caused Him to wonder? In fact, the one who had such great faith was a centurion. Yes, it was not a priest or a leader of the synagogues. In the eyes of the public, this was a worldly man. Oh, but his faith made even Jesus marvel.

May we never restrain the ability of God's Word in unbelief but rather become strong in faith, so that Jesus would marvel at our faith as well!



ANOTHER VERY PRECIOUS BENEFIT OF THE BLOOD

"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV) Please pray before reading.

Oh yes, remnant, we know this well-known verse, and as believers we are so very thankful for the blood of our precious savior Jesus! We know that *"…if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."* 1 John 1:7 (NKJV) On the surface of this scripture we see a two-fold message, which declares that when we are A-walking in the light, it is B-the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from all sin. However, in addition to the blood cleansing us from all sin, it simply did not stop there.

We remember in the Old Testament that the high priest could not enter the Holy of Holies and experience the Shekinah glory without first the blood. Now fast-forward to us; it is the blood of Jesus that allows us access to enter the presence of God and experience the Shekinah glory!

"Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus…" Hebrews 10:19 (AMPC) Now think about that for a moment; it is because of the blood of Jesus that we can have full freedom and confidence to go right on into the Holy of Holies, anytime we choose! The high priests were not even privileged enough to have that! *"By this fresh (new) and living way which **He initiated and dedicated and opened for us through the separating curtain (veil of the Holy of Holies**), that is, through His flesh…"* Hebrews 10:20 (AMPC) Oh yes, this is a new and fresh way of living, dedicated for His people, and we have a greater fellowship with the Father in the Holy of Holies…. ANYTIME!

***"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."* Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)**

We clearly see now the truth of Hebrews 8:6 and how we are NOW in a much better covenant, by and through the blood of Jesus

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