

Rejoice, give thanks and pray to God while going

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" John 16:33b

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A Word from us,

Are you tired from all what is happening around you? Well, you are not alone. We are listening to the millions of 'advices' from the Media, Governments and 'Experts' who have caused millions to 'miss the point' and caused catastrophic damage to so many, including believers in Jesus Christ. It seems everyone is trying to convince me and you with his/her reasons why mankind (Me?!) is on earth and for which purpose. The worst of all is the atheist, who does not know the reason of his being on earth, nor believe in the life-after AND even denies the existence of God!

Others are trying to convince me/you (everybody?!) that without vaccine the world is doomed; they want 'Every citizen to be inoculated' ...but why? For over seventy years scientist are trying to find a vaccine against NORMAL Flo, without avail. BUT in less than six months they claim to have 'found' a vaccine against the 'most dangerous virus of all times' – and they want me to believe it!

Well, I BELIEVE but in God, the Creator of heavens and earth and I love the Word of God, which simply states: "...Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" Ecclesiastes 12:13. Please just do SO...or are you STILL searching?!

Yours in the Lord, Salman

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Loving God's People,

The other day I was preaching about persecution and the signs before the Second Coming of Christ. The Media is feeding us with all kind of 'information' and 'news' but it seems millions, if not billions, are neither informed nor do they know the TRUE and GOOD News!

Many are in loss and by MANY I do NOT mean those who do not believe, but of believers in Jesus Christ; which should amaze you. But our faithful God took me to absolutely different scene, literally 'Back to the Roots' when I was teaching about Genesis and the Pentateuch.

There is struggle among believers concerning Romans 13:1-4 and the so-called 'Emergency Rules' pushed down our throat by governments, whether in the so-called Democracies or Dictatorships. WHOM should we follow and WHAT should we do? The Bible is very clear in answering such questions and it gives us guidance and examples.

I was reading in Deuteronomy and the Lord touched my heart and opened my eyes to few facts about the leadership but also the humbleness of Moses. Read with me starting from Deuteronomy Chapter nine. "Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD. Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you" Deuteronomy 9:7-8 and we could continue reading through chapter ten.

Moses tells in this marvelous passage of the Bible, the inside story of how close Israel came to annihilation. Their rebellion against God brought them to the brink of destruction on two separate occasions: **First** at the foot of Mount Sinai and **Second** at the border of the Promised Land. Imagine with me that at both times God told Moses to step aside and let Him destroy Israel and then raise up a new nation from Moses!

Let me tell you this much; IF Moses was a self-serving leader, as are many charismatic leaders of today, he would have said 'Wooo, I'm all for it, God! The Nation of Moses – I like the sound of that!" But Moses' response was absolutely different, because God had chosen Israel's leader wisely. As all of us know, Moses had suffered greatly at the hands of Israel, even his own sister and brother, still he pleaded for God to forgive Israel and not destroy them. Does THIS sound strange to your ears? Well, listen now and know that Moses prayed on Israel's behalf for forty days and nights - even asking God to blot him out of His Book, if He would not forgive Israel ("Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" Exodus 32:32).

Dear believer, when it comes to leadership, our God doesn't care much for the things this world values like charisma, charm, talent, and expertise. In fact Moses had little of those attributes. Added to that Moses was NOT the orator that his brother Aaron was, neither was he as bold as his sister Miriam. And finally Moses did not have the organizational skills his father-in-law had. What Moses did possess was humility, a deep relationship with God, and a love for and commitment to God's People. Those attributes, I want you to know, oh Preacher, made Moses tower above every other talented, but self-serving, leader of the time. The so-called 'information' from the world around Israel was NOT important for Moses, neither the opinions of others; Moses KNOWS the Truth (Jesus!), walked in Truth and preached Truth. What was happening around him was NOT important; what was important was: "Oh hear Israel..." – he wanted Israel to listen to what GOD says and to keep His commandments.

Who is willing today to sacrifice himself for the 'sheep'?! Which Preacher or leader is willing to say 'Obey Authority YES, BUT challenge the Authority when they depart from the ways of God'? Why should we, as believer, not assemble together, while thousands are 'assembling' daily in Supermarkets and Malls? Why should the HEALTHY majority of society be punished and the livelihood of millions destroyed, instead of 'locking down' those who are supposedly infected people (VERY small percentage of society)? The Leader of the Church should stand up; resist collective punishment and the unlawful measures, because we must obey our Lord first.

By the way, isn't this what made Samuel the prophet Israel's premier leader? Knowing his story and walk with God, he too, knew God intimately and loved God's people. And when Israel unceremoniously dumped Samuel and demanded a king, Samuel responded like the humble Moses did. He prayed for God's people "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way (Telling the Truth!)" 1 Samuel 12:23.

I know it is a challenge to many faithful servants of the Lord NOT to obey Authority, when they deviate from the ways of God, BUT WHOM are we serving? We were told by Jesus to ABIDE in the vine, that is abide in HIM and DO what HE commanded us to do!

To find such examples like Moses and Samuel we should also look in the New Testament and remember Paul the Apostle; he too was that kind of leader. And though he had suffered greatly at the hands of the Jews (His own people!) who persecuted him from city to city, stoned him nearly to death and rejected his message, yet he never ceased to bring the Gospel FIRST to them. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost. That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" Romans 9:1-3

Paul the Apostle was describing his intense sorrow over Israel's unbelief and even stated that he, as Moses had done, used to pray that God would banish him if it could save Israel. SUCH leaders we need today to lead the Church of the Living God in time of persecution, confusion and despair. Neither the 'bad news' nor the 'good information' of the Media should be the guide for believers in Jesus Christ. ONLY The Holy Spirit is the One to lead us in the whole truth; whether we would be persecuted or not should NOT hinder us from following His voice. I ask you, therefore, in the name of our Saviour to look at today's leaders, especially those who seek your attention and support and ask yourself some questions like: 'Whose cause are they really serving?' or 'Are they getting rich in their 'service'? Are they like the self-serving hot shots craving power, wealth, and fame? Please pay no attention to charm and charisma; you should know Hitler abounded in those things and he nearly destroyed the world!

I urge you to commit yourself to Jesus Christ and to those who model His leadership; those who followed His footsteps and did what HE commanded them to do. Read your Bible and hear what the Lord Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth/lays down His life for the sheep" John 10:11. I know many a preacher who was beheaded, killed or even burnt alive, because he refused to follow a 'strange voice' and disobey Jesus. In fact our Lord Jesus told us in advance that the world WILL hate us, because they hated HIM first!

A preacher or a leader should follow the standard given to us by our Lord "...but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister/servant. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest/the first, shall be servant/slave of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto/be served, but to minister/serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" Mark 10:43-45.

Prayer Ideas

1. Pray with us 'Dear Father in heaven, please bless our nation with godly and righteous men and women to lead us on the path of righteousness, instead on the path of destruction. Grant, oh, God, that they will be serving others, and not their interests; sacrificing everything in order to serve and not 'get rich' with earthly riches. Please, Lord, fill the ranks of leadership in our government and throughout our society with true servant-leaders who love You and our nation. Amen.

2. Lord we thank you for directing the attention of the whole world towards our country Iraq, through the expected visit of the Pope. We ask You, in the name of Jesus, to use the opportunity to revive your people, to open their eyes to their Christian Heritage and the glorious Christian history of our land. Touch the heart of your people, anoint their eyes and let them see things from YOUR perspective.

3. It is another year in which we are robbed of our God-given freedom of assembling together, praying together and worshipping together; we ask you Lord to put an END to all of that. STOP the tyranny of man and the manipulation of the Media and help your people to stand for the truth. We pray on behalf of your people, but also the whole humanity. Use, Oh, Lord, this time of troubles and despair to raise up NEW generation of Prayer Warriors, intercessors and Preachers of Truth. We ask all in the precious name of your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

4. Our way of serving others, like widows, orphans, sick people and others in need, is continuing, despite all difficulties, and we want to thank the Lord and bless His holy name. Thank you, Lord, for the Provision YOU prepared for us and our Ministry, despite the great financial losses of many, including those supporting us. We bless your precious name, even when we have to reduce our personal and family expenses in order to help others. We KNOW that you are with us, because others could see the Fruit of the Spirit through our service. Continue, oh, God, to be our ONLY Provider, and don't let us beg from man for help; continue blessing and multiplying the little we have, and continue blessing us through serving others in Jesus holy name. Amen.

5. We lift our voice and pray, asking the Lord for protection; yes, Lord, we need protection against any Self-will in us, against any Ego, against any 'New Doctrine' which might rise in our hearts, as individuals, but also as Ministry. Faithful Lord, help us to follow YOUR example, continue to be humble, and to forgive even those who do us wrong. Let's shin in this world of lies, deceit and greed and make us to do as you did by giving what we freely received. ("... freely ye have received, freely give" Matthew 10:8)
6. We started our 'Virtual Biblical Study-Back to the Roots' and we want you Lord to bless us, bless those who are following the Lectures and to touch and open our, and their minds to your pure truth. Make this Study to a great blessing to many worldwide and help us to be disciplined; may you, oh Lord, raise up a NEW faithful generation of believers whose hearts are burning for the Word of God. We ask for daily guidance of your Holy Spirit, whether in reading, praying or preaching. Amen.

"I give thee charge in the sight of God, Who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, Who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **That thou keep this commandment without spot**, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2 Timothy 6:13-14.

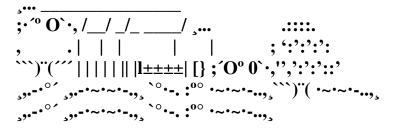
7. We will be holding a **Ten Days Fast-and-Pray** before Resurrection Day starting on Thursday March, 25th and welcome any of you who is willing to join us. We ask the Lord for wisdom from above, for strength and for a humble attitude while doing so. We want this time to be a Time of Meditation, to remind us of what our Lord Jesus went through, the price He was willing to pay in order to save you and me from hellfire and of His pure love. Pray, ask the Spirit for guidance and join, if prompted AND encourage others to join us too.

8. Our final prayer is for all those standing with and supporting us, whether Churches, Prayer Groups or individuals; so hear oh, Lord our prayers, when we humble ourselves before you to pray and intercede for those whom you brought our way to stand with and support us in different ways. We claim for them protection, health, healing and guidance; give them oh, Lord according to your own measures and multiply that what they are giving and offering, whether prayer, good thoughts, money or else. Speak to them, YOUR way, concerning their involvement in this Ministry; yes, they are also partakers of the harvest of what we are sowing. Guard our hearts towards them and deepen the love between them and us, based on YOUR love, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Finally we encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear. Don't ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen---He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether believers or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let's know through an E-mail containing a phone number to send a message to or even call you back. We will be waiting for your Feedback or commentaries too. What did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you through it? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House- JHPH.

Have a \\\^I^/// Blessed Day



Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD "Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24.15

"...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me" Micah 7:7

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