

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

> Periodical Message (March 2022)

#### A Word from us,

We receive so many letters from dear and precious followers of Jesus who are living with incredible inner sorrow and crisis situations, like divorce, children on drugs or in jail, the death of a spouse...etc. There is a woman who is so in love with the Lord, now she grieves over the death of three of her children who all suffocated in a fire. Added to that the daily news about what is happening in the Ukraine; our 24/7 Prayer Team- JHPH is busy and we cry to the Lord for each and every person suffering on this earth. It goes on and on as so many godly people are burdened with grief and pain and like David they cry **"How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? forever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?" Psalm 13:1** We know though that David did arise from his pit of despair, but how?

He simply trusted the Lord **"But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD, because He hath dealt bountifully with me" Psalm 13:5-6 -- Please do the same, no matter what you are going through, because we believe in a loving and faithful God and His Spirit, the Comforter is here to comfort us.** 

Yours in the Lord, Salman

### A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Doing it your way?

In few weeks, we are going to celebrate Resurrection Day/Easter and it reminds us of the ONLY righteous Person, Whoever walked on earth Jesus Christ; a reminder to think of our own efforts and quest to achieve righteousness...OUR way.

I've read many articles and heard about people trying to achieve 'the impossible' to 'make a name' for themselves. Such people and their quest to achieve something made me think of another, far more common, hopeless quest, that is the personal pursuit after God's righteousness!

In reality it is the endless endeavor to reach God's standard of perfection through personal efforts; the Lord Jesus explained, if we would be righteous in God's eyes, we must be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect **"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" Matthew 5:48.** Yes, indeed, that means rejoicing in persecution, loving our enemies, praying for those who persecute us, blessing those who curse us, never having a hateful or lustful thought, and giving to all who ask without expecting anything back (**Please read: Matthew 5:10-48**).

Dear believer, if the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) is the standard by which we are measured, then we are definitely in deep trouble, BUT don't despair and remember Jesus' first words in that Sermon:

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:**3 – and THAT should give you comfort. Those who are spiritually poor, or sick, should not worry, because Christ has come as the Great Physician too and He is not looking for the healthy, but the diseased. I could say if you're

spiritually poor, it's no problem; God offers His righteousness freely as a gift to all who embrace His Son Jesus by faith. The holy Bible tells us: **"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference..." Romans 3:21-22. And though Romans 3:23 declares "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" still the gracious God offers us this: <b>"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. To declare I say, at this time His righteousness that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" Roman 3:24-26** 

The deeper I think of God's dealing with sinful man, and the more I see how sinful man really is

(I myself!) the more amazed I am because with Him we also receive the free gift of eternal life **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23** Yes, brother that's right and though all that we could never personally achieve in a million years of noble efforts and religious activities, God gives freely through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you know the story of Israel and how they refused to submit to God's gift of righteousness, but sought to establish their own, then please don't be like them: "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" Romans 10:3-4.

Rather be like the humble tax collector, who readily admitted his sinfulness and powerlessness before God and prayed: "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying 'God be merciful to me a sinner'" Luke 18:13

For God justified him (i.e. declared him righteous) rather than the self-righteous Pharisee who trusted in his own goodness rather than in God's mercy.

Over the years I've seen many trying to do all kind of activities to 'convince' God that they are 'Good' and feel 'great' because they are serving Him diligently; they didn't have the confidence that they were standing as justified before God!

It is God Who covers us with the robe of righteousness and to achieve that He sent His Son to die on the cross for you and me "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" Isaiah 61:10

I love what our Lord Jesus said about that publican "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other..." Luke 18:14 – isn't it wonderful when you hear Jesus, your Lord, saying the same about YOU, because you believed in Him?

Believers in Jesus do NOT need to act like the children of the world, doing everything to 'achieve' something in order to make a name for themselves, but to trust the Word of God and what it says; we have the righteousness of Jesus, Who paid the price on the cross. Like Paul the Apostle we need to say: "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" Philippians 3:9.

We need to live as righteous people, allowing God to complete His work in us, perfecting us, which means CUTTING us from and separating us from the world for Himself. You can NOT be perfect, as the Father in heaven, through your own deeds, but only through the Justifier Jesus Christ the Lord.

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" 1John 1:7

# **Prayer Ideas**

**1.** We pray to our heavenly Father 'O, dear Father in heaven, here and now we acknowledge our own unworthiness, sinfulness, and helplessness to make ourselves right in Your sight. Please wash us in the blood of Your Dear Son, Jesus and make us as white as snow. Forgive our sins and clothe us in Your righteousness, as promised in Your Word by Isaiah the Prophet. We place no trust in our own works, but only in the finished work of Christ's redemption and in Your power to save us. Amen.

Glory to you, Father, for taking care of our Teams when the enemy is ragging and trying to put fear in our hearts; we bless your name, while seeing Your mighty hand at work. Yes, our Website is NOT active for over three months now and many are asking us about the reason, but you, dear Lord, helped and protected us, when other betrayed us. We are sure that our Website will be better, bringing Good News to many and used for better purposes, despite all attacks. We do believe that you filled the hearts of our Team members with comfort and took their fears away; continue, Lord, to guide, use and teach them. We claim your peace to all of those who are working with us; bless them, dear Lord, through Your Presence.
Our 24/7 Prayer Team-JHPH is actively busy praying for people, Churches, situations around us and of course for the persecuted believers in Jesus; feel free to join us.

We are also preparing Special Prayer for Muslims when their 'fasting month' Ramadan begins (Probably on April, 1<sup>st</sup>) please join our prayer and claim Light upon the so-called 'Muslim World'. Use the authority you have from the Lord and rebuke the spirit of bondage, which is keeping millions blind to the glorious Gospel of Christ. LOVE a Muslim you know truly as Jesus loves you and claim salvation for him/her by asking the Lord 'O, Holy Spirit convict him/her of sin and reveal the Saviour to him/her'. We ask the Lord to change the darkness of their lives to light and to open their eyes so they can see His Beauty. May this month of Ramadan be a time of salvation for many Muslims because of our/your Intercessory Prayer, in Jesus holy name we ask. Amen.

4. With the help of believers in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates we are praying for NEW initiative to help believers earn their own living AND help other believers to start doing the same. Please pray with us that the Initiative would be a great success to encourage others to do the same. Ask the Lord for sufficient finances to start with 12 believers; we prayed and asked the Lord and felt the number 12 is appropriate. You (As a person or a Church, Prayer Group or else) can support the Initiative not only through prayers but also through supporting ONE or more believers to start earning their own living AND supporting ICOM to help other believers do the same. We decided to call it the **Tithe Initiative**, because those whom we are helping, supposed to give back 10% of their monthly income in order to help others. May our Lord bless this step and open doors for believers to live a life with dignity and without needs. Amen.

**5.** We are going to have another Evangelizing Event plus Seminar in April; please join our prayer and ask the Lord to help us spread the Good News, reach out to and pray for people AND experience Him in a mighty way while on the streets. We claim the land for the Lord everywhere where we set our feet on it and we call on His holy name. We pray for UNITY among those, whom the Lord is sending to join us, whether on the streets, through prayers or else. We are preparing new Flyers, tracts and hopefully more for the Event, asking the Lord to use all and touch people, opening their eyes to the truth. Also we are going to talk about the Ukraine, Russia and Bible prophecy about it, thus we ask for guidance and wisdom from above. We also ask for revelation and discernment in order to feed the believers with the truth directly from His Throne. Please encourage others to join you in your prayers and continue to prayer longer after the Evangelizing Event is gone, claiming the Harvest in Jesus name. Amen.

6. You've shown us and we claimed a New Beginning in your name, dear Jesus, for our Ministry, for us as a family and asked YOU to help us with this New Direction; so Lord let your voice be heard NOT only by us, but also by all those serving with us, those whom we are serving, as well as those who are standing with and supporting us. We believe and can even SEE some signs of this NEW THING, Lord, but we claim in your name all your promises to be visible to OTHERS. We ask you to use it to speak to other servants, organizations, Churches, and else through it; encourage them O, Lord to understand that 'The Spirit IS THE LORD' at this day and in this hour. May you, gracious Father, be the Source of ALL wisdom, understanding, strength and provision, while we go this New Way with you. Amen.

7. While claiming Peace for the Ukraine, Russia and Europe, we still remember the warning of our Lord Jesus Who said that ALL these things must come to pass. We pray and hope for peace, but we do NOT see real peace coming, because MANY in authority are drumming for war; help us Lord to be of help to those in need. Guide us in such a way to support those Pastors and Churches with whom we cooperate in the Ukraine; if needed guide our steps that direction and we are willing to help with food and medicine. We ask you, dear God, to touch presidents, leaders, responsible people...etc. and convict them of sin, because MANY are choosing the Way of War!

We pray and wish to see people waking up, abhorring evil and looking up to the Saviour, Jesus Christ, instead of looking at things from ONE, wrong perspective; help O,Lord, and let's be ready to do Your Will

**8.** We sense the Spirit prompting us to pray for many Churches, especially in Vienna, Austria as well as to Churches in Iraq, because a deceiving spirit is moving MANY away from the Way of Christ. We see MONEY blinding many; we see rituality blinding many; we see Self-confidence blinding and chaining many; we see Judgmental Spirit blinding many; and we see Delusive Spirit deceiving many. We shout in Jesus holy name: Be set FREE from all of that in Jesus mighty name. We RELEASE YOU according to the authority given to us by Jesus and set you FREE, claiming OPEN EYES and OPEN EARS so you could see and hear ("Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" Matthew 18:18) – Glory be to God for His mercy. 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 "...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me" Micah 7:7



### **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

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