



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

## **Periodical Message (January 2021)**

### **A Word from us,**

The first month of the New Year has passed by and we encountered a lot of resistance while serving the Lord Jesus and His people and others; now which conclusion did we reach?

The human standard is clear and we feel bad; many think ‘A new start, with the New Year’ but the Spiritual Battle is going on in the Eternal and reflected in Time, which is our life, whether it is Old or New Year!

We were meditating on the Preacher, or the Wisdom of Solomon; the Spirit breathed it this way: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” Ecclesiastes 12:13. We pray that you, as a believer in the Eternal God, will follow this advice, no matter when until your mission on earth as Ambassador of Christ is done.

**Yours in the Lord,  
Salman**

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

### **Do you want to inherit the earth?**

While reading through the Psalms, I always love to go back to the FIRST then last Psalm; in between I read some other Psalms too, like Psalm 23, 91, 119 or Psalm 37. The first Psalm reminds me to avoid the ungodly, not to be part of his world, but to be a light to him/her. The last Psalm is so amazing filled with Hallelujahs...just ‘Praising my Saviour all the day long’...what a strong encouragement!

I do not want to go through Psalm 37 in all its depth, but only want to mention few things which the Spirit guided me to. Yes, the world is evil, I agree with Scripture and with you; and yes evil seems to triumph, but in all of that and despite everything God is still in control. IF you don’t keep THIS truth in your mind and believe it, then evil has already invaded your life...

There is the wisdom of general revelation from the Word of God, of course, and what we can learn from the creation around us, but, for me, far more important is the special revelation of the Scriptures. For instance let’s take Psalm 37; and I think that every believer should read it daily. Let me tell you, that if you’re riled by all the schemes of the wicked that seem to be succeeding, then I encourage you to read Psalm 37. And dear believer in Jesus, when you find yourself agitated by all what you hear from the news networks, all ‘Media’ and the poison they are spewing, then read Psalm 37. And in a time like ours, where evil is called good, and good is called evil and you fear that the godless will always tyrannize the righteous, again I encourage you to read Psalm 37. We are going through hard and terrible times and I seek comfort from the Holy Spirit through prayer, reading the Word or sometimes just sitting there waiting upon the Lord. I always found solace through reading Psalm 37, which was written by the aging King David, as inspired by the Spirit. All those who know the Word of God and are reading their Bible, know, that David was a man who rose to be king over Israel in the most unconventional way.

Crowns were either inherited or gained by assassination and conquest in David's time, if you know the history of the kingdoms of the earth and the Bible, you'll agree with me. David's own son Absalom rebelled against his father and declared himself to be 'king' over Israel; his end was terrible because he tried it 'his way'. But that's not how David became king over Israel; he did by submitting to God's will, by focusing on pleasing God, and by always waiting for God to administer justice rather than wreaking his own revenge. The Bible tells us, this is how David became king. Yes, even when David was hunted down by King Saul, David never retaliated – not even when Saul was an easy kill in the cave. David trusted God to exalt him and make him king and our Almighty God did just that. I don't know how many of us nowadays are willing to wait patiently upon the Lord as David did; isn't right that he was a man according to God's heart?!

Inspired by the Spirit, near the end of his life, David turns to his fellow servants of God (You and I?!)- who are as troubled today, as he had been then, and gives them some critical advice. David tells his readers many times not "to fret". "**Fret not thyself** because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity" Psalm 37:1. Again David says "Rest in Jehovah/the LORD, and wait patiently for Him: **fret not thyself** because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass" Psalm 37:7. And again "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: **fret not thyself** in any wise to do evil" Psalm 37:8.

The meaning of the verb FRET in the original Hebrew means "to become heated or to boil over" In other words "don't get upset or riled" whenever the wicked seem to prosper in their evil schemes"

You might ask yourself the question "But why?" The answer is clear, because God isn't the least bit concerned about the threats of the godless, but more concerned about His servants and whether they are going to obey...and wait and see Him dealing with the wicked.

In fact, David tells us, that God laughs when He sees the wicked haughtily plotting to bring down the righteous AND, as the All-Knowing God, He knows disaster awaits the wicked and that the righteous, the gentle, and those who trust in Jehovah/the LORD will inherit the earth "**For evildoers shall be cut off:** but those that wait upon Jehovah/the LORD, they shall inherit the earth" Psalm 37:9 – well, very comforting and assuring words. BUT most, if not ALL of us, want THIS to immediately happen; we want the evildoers to be eradicated from the earth and WE inherit the earth today better than tomorrow!

Yes, of course who would not desire THAT, but we are told to LEARN how to wait upon the Lord, as David did. That "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" Psalm 37:11 sounds so great; BUT we want to inherit the earth NOW and live in peace...but David did NOT have peace until he was hunted nearly to death. Still God proved to be faithful; and I want you to remember, it was GOD Who has chosen David to be a king. AND it was God Who made Him King... Please read these verses and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance to give you understanding and make the words of these verses a Living Reality. It is an amazing truth that David has lived long enough on the earth, and went through so many ups and downs to see the cycle of God's justice. "For **Jehovah/the LORD loveth judgment**, and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off" Psalm 37:28 – do you feel assured, dear Saints, by these words?

Over and over again David has seen the wicked rise and appear to have it made; then, quietly or not so quietly, they disappeared. In contrast, David has also witnessed who the true survivors in life are. The ones who are destined to inherit the earth are those who seek the LORD, who trust in Him, and who wait for God to exalt them in due season. King David assures us "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" Psalm 37:25 – brother, if you are begging bread, then you need to search your heart!

Don't fret over the injustices and corruption you witness in the days to come, no matter where you live for fretting only leads to wrongdoing. Instead, and this is an advice to you, trust and rest in the LORD (Psalm 37:5-7) who holds this world and all its rulers, people and events in His almighty hands. Don't allow the devil to enmesh you in fights that are better left to the LORD of Hosts. Pray fervently and faithfully. Share Christ's transforming Gospel. And trust God to do the miraculous for you. Let me add that paleontology has basically proven that big, ferocious, and violent creatures have perished, but the gentle, caring, and loving have survived. Now it is your choice; my prayer is that you would heed what God's Word says and rejoice to hear Him saying "The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever" Psalm 37:29.

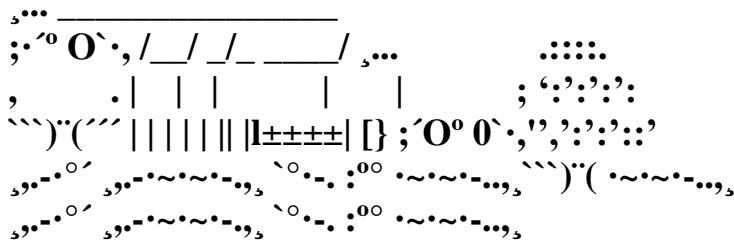
## Prayer Ideas

1. Start with us to pray: Dear Father in heaven, though I may not value humility, life experience or wisdom as I should, please instill them into my being. Please dear Lord guard my steps and keep me from disaster until I learn them. Help me, merciful Father, to fix my eyes on Jesus and follow in His footsteps daily. Amen.
2. We pray and lift our voice to our Father in heaven, asking Him to teach us to pray so that prayer is our first reaction to a problem rather than a last resort, when everything we tried failed. Teach us, oh, Lord, to praise You so that we will become more and more aware of Your presence and activity all around us. Grant that we may yearn for Your nearness as much as You yearn for ours. In the precious name of your ONLY begotten Son, Jesus the Saviour, we pray. Amen.
3. Our Living God deserves to be praised, especially at such times of troubles, trials and great temptations; thus we bless His holy name and ask Him 'Fill our lives with expectation to see You, notice the touch of your hand and our changing world because of your presence. Open our eyes to see your miraculous work around us, in our families and environment. We are willing to join you; use us, Lord, if needed, we are here FOR YOU.
4. The 24<sup>th</sup> of January was a Special Day, reminding me/us of the moment YOU decided to invade my life, touch and heal me and change the direction of my life 34 years ago. THANK YOU Lord for your touch, for your care and for your love towards me; may I be a vessel to be used by you and may your name be ALWAYS glorified in my life. Thank you that you brought me so far, despite all obstacles, temptations and attacks; I adore you and love you for Who you are and for your faithfulness.
5. Challenges are facing many, especially those whom we are serving in Iraq; we pray that you would continue to provide them with their daily bread, whether through ICOM or other means. We pray that none of those dependent on our support will lack anything; as a loving and merciful Father your heart will break if you see them in need. Continue oh Lord to use us YOUR way and provide for all our needs in supporting persecuted Christians and those in need "**The meek shall eat and be satisfied:** they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live forever" Psalm 22:26
6. We have seen injustice robbing us of everything and endangering our walk with you, Lord Jesus, but our trust is in YOU and you alone. We know that YOU are the Father of the fatherless and YOU are the One defending the oppressed; stretch out your hand oh, Lord, and protect us. Help us, oh merciful One, to continue to be merciful even to those who slander us, defame us, claim false things and go so far to attack us physically. We ask YOU, our God, to help us to be filled, daily, with YOUR Spirit, WALK in Spirit and do YOUR will guided by the Spirit.
7. We want to pray for everyone standing with ICOM and with those whom we are serving; may you grant them the desires of their hearts, recompense them ten folds on earth and in the world to come and help us to PRAY for them. Our financial situation is very critical, thus we ask you to continue to be the ONLY Provider, oh Lord; help us to provide for those in need. We have a long list with the names of those who need medical treatment; we mention Richard as an example; PROVIDE for Him oh God and bring joy to his mother and to him. We prayed and feel confident that he WILL walk, he will be restored in Jesus mighty name amen.
8. Seeing what is happening in the world and the propaganda with this 'vaccine' we pray and ask for protection, but also Bullet Prayer for the United States. Yes, evil and devilish decisions were made there; we rebuke all of that and ask our God, to have mercy on His faithful servants there, but also the United States as a nation. Revive your Church, oh God, and raise up BOLD leader/Preachers who are willing to challenge the LIE. We ask ALL believers to unit with us and to pray for the healing of the land. We feel compelled to PRAY for the United States, but we are also ASKING those Pastors, Preachers and others to help us come over and serve. It seems NOT easy, but we are asking GOD to open the door through YOU; unit with us and pray. Thank you Lord that you are in control; we want to give you all honour and glory and ask in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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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