**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 04 March 2018**

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**Theme : To Freely Receive, To Freely Give – To ENGAGE & BEAR FRUITS (6)**

# “Freely you have Received, Freely Give”- To Desire *Receiving Spiritually*, so as to *Give Spiritually*.

**Our Mission – Our Good Works are to Impact our Communities, Requiring us to ENGAGE *People* (Unbelievers), so that the Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy of CHRIST JESUS Received Within**

***Flows Out* from us who are *Being Filled Full* of the Truth and of the SPIRIT, to *those who are* Lost.**

Same Truth Seed we *Received*, is *Being Sown All* over the World, to *Bear Fruit of Changing Lives*.

**Under the New Covenant & the New Way thru JESUS, *Qualified* by the Glorious SPIRIT, *to***

***GO* into the World *to tell* the Truth *so the Lost read* *us as Letters* In CHRIST *written by* the SPIRIT.**

**~ Engage on Common Ground, Common Social Denominator- Status, Social Patterns & Life-Style.**

**~ Engage to *Seize Opportunities* - The LORD of the Harvest *Always Giving Opportunities* to Sow.**

**~ Each to Sow, to Water, to *Reap Together*, as the LORD *gives us the Increase* from Communities.**

**As we are in the World to *Engage the Communities*, there be Always Offences & Temptations.**

**~ so we have to be Honest to Examine our *Weaknesses to Sin* thru *Iniquities of Generations*.**

**James 4: 3, 4a**

You ask and do not receive, because you ask ***AMiss***, that you may spend it *on your pleasures*. ***Adulterers and adulteresses!*** Do you not know that Friendship with the world is enmity with GOD ?

**World’s Ways *Swayed to* > Deception > Degeneration > Disfunction > Demonic > Destruction.**

~ **1 John 5: 19**

 We know that we are of GOD, and the *whole world lies under the sway of*the wicked one.

**~ Idolatry > Issue of ‘*IDOL*’ in Heart > > Adultery with the World >> UnFaithfulness to GOD.**

**1 Samuel 15: 23**

“For *Rebellion* *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and *Stubbornness* *is as* *Iniquity* and *Idolatry.*

Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, HE also has rejected you from *being* king."

**Idolatry is the *Cause* of Disobedience to the Word of GOD, As Iniquity is the *Root* to Rebel.**

**~ 1 Samuel 15: 22 (NLT)**

 “What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience

 to HIS Voice ? Listen ! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than

 offering the fat of rams.”

**Idolatry causes Adultery with the World, as Iniquity causes *Craving Lusts to Dominate* flesh.**

**~ 1 John 2: 16 – 17 (NLT)**

 For the world offers only *a craving* for physical pleasure, *a craving* for everything we see,

 and *pride in our achievements and possessions*. These are not from the FATHER, but are

 from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

 But anyone who does what pleases GOD will live forever.

**Obedience is the Key to be *Holy in Conduct*, which will be What Pleases the LORD GOD.**

**1 Peter 1: 14 – 16**

As obedient children, *not conforming yourselves to the former lusts*, *as in* your ignorance;

but as HE Who called you is Holy, you also be Holy in *all your conduct*, because it is written,

"BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**As GOD’s People in CHRIST, Washed by HIS Blood to be HIS Own *Special Holy Possession*.**

**Revelations 1: 5 – 6**

And from JESUS CHRIST, the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler

over the kings of the earth. To HIM Who *loved us and washed us* from our sins in HIS Own Blood,

and *has made us* Kings and Priests to HIS GOD and FATHER, to HIM be Glory and Dominion

forever and ever. Amen.

**~ 1 Peter 2: 9 – 10**

 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; who once *were* not a people but are now the people of GOD, who had not obtained Mercy

 but now have obtained Mercy.

**As CHRIST’ Chosen People Made *Kings & Priests* for GOD’s Kingdom, our *Spiritual Calling*.
~ In the Jewish Kingdom, *Call Capacity* were either Kings or Priests to worship & serve GOD.**

**Jewish Nation split into 2, so only Judah & Benjamin remain under King Rehoboam (11: 12b).**

**~Jeroboam led other 10 tribes into Idolatry to worship created ‘gods’, abandoned GOD’s Law.**

**King Asa - Started Pleasing the LORD, He Removed All forms of Idolatry in the Land, then**

**he Commanded the People to Seek the LORD and Obey HIS Law and Commands.**

**~ 2 Chronicles 14: 1 – 6 (NLT)**

 When Abijah died, he was buried in the City of David. Then his son Asa became the next king.

 There was peace in the land for ten years. Asa did *what was pleasing and Good in* the Sight of

 the LORD his GOD. He removed the foreign altars and the pagan shrines. He *smashed the*

 *sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles*. He *commanded the people of Judah to seek*

 the LORD, the GOD of their ancestors, and to obey HIS Law and HIS Commands. Asa also

 *removed the pagan* *shrines*, as well as *the incense altars from every one of Judah’s towns*.

 So Asa’s kingdom enjoyed a period of peace.

 During those peaceful years, he was able to build up the fortified towns throughout Judah. No one

 tried to make war against him at this time, for the LORD *was giving him rest from his enemies*.

**Who of the World to Ally with for Help & Favor, instead of Seeking & Trusting the LORD ?**

**- Reference 2 Chronicles 16: 2 – 5.**

**King Jehoshaphat – Followed & Pleased the LORD GOD, was *Deeply Committed* to HIS Ways.**

**Reference - 2 Chronicles 17: 3 – 7a, 10 – 12.**

***Error of Judgement* by Jehoshaphat to Ally with King Ahab, as of the World, vs trust in GOD.**

**- Reference 2 Chronicles 18: 1 – 6.**

~ **Ally with King Ahab - Record of his Evil vs the LORD GOD – Reference 1 Kings 16: 32 – 33**

**~ The LORD can Allow a Lying spirit into our Lives, if we pursue so much vs the Will of GOD.**

**2 Chronicles 18: 21 – 22 (NLT)**

“And the spirit replied, **‘I will *go out and inspire all* of** **Ahab’s prophets *to speak* *lies*.’**

“ ‘You will succeed,’ said the LORD. ‘Go ahead and do it.’ ”

“So you see, the LORD **has *put a lying spirit*** *in the mouths of your prophets*.

For the LORD *has pronounced your doom*.”

**Jehoshaphat almost being Killed in Battle, Made a Similar Error *to Partner* with an Evil king.**

**~ 2 Chronicles 20: 35 – 37 (NLT)**

 Some time later King Jehoshaphat of Judah made an alliance with King Ahaziah of Israel,

 who was very wicked. Together they built a fleet of trading ships at the port of Ezion-geber.

 Then Eliezer son of Dodavahu from Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat. He said,

 “Because you have allied yourself with King Ahaziah, the LORD *will destroy your work*.”

 So the ships *met with disaster and never put out to sea*.

**Drawing the Line in our Daily *Living & Walking* about this World, as the Kingdom is Within us.**

**Romans 12: 1 – 2 (MSG)**

So here's what I want you to do, GOD helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life -

your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and ***walking-around life*** - and place it before GOD

as an offering. Embracing what GOD does for you is the best thing you can do for HIM.

Don't become ***so well-adjusted to your culture*** that you fit into it without even thinking.

Instead, fix your attention on GOD. You'll be changed from the inside out.

**Readily recognize** ***what HE wants from you, and quickly respond to it.***

*Unlike the culture* around you, always dragging you down to *its level of immaturity*,

GOD brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**World’s Culture in *Hypocrisy of Lies* is of Spiritual Source of the Devil, Deceitful & Seductive.**

**1 Timothy 4: 1 – 2 (AMP), 3 – 5 (NKJ)**

But the [Holy] SPIRIT explicitly and unmistakably declares that in later times some will turn

*away from the faith*, paying attention instead to ***deceitful*and *seductive spirits*** *and* ***doctrines***

***of demons***, [misled] by the ***hypocrisy of liars*** whose consciences are seared as with a branding iron [leaving them incapable of ethical functioning].

Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which GOD created to be received

with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the Truth.

For every creature of GOD is Good, and *nothing is to be refused* if it is received with thanksgiving;

for it is sanctified by the Word of GOD and prayer.

**John 8: 43 – 44**

“Why *do you not understand* MY Speech ? Because *you are not able to listen to* MY Word.

You are of *your* father the devil, and the *desires of your father you want to do*. He was

a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him.

When he *speaks a lie*, he speaks from his *own resources,* for he is a liar and the father of it.”

**More Critical Lessons of the Jewish Kings’ Down-lines – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.**

**Amaziah – A Lesson of Not having Hirelings of another Camp in your Battles vs Enemy.**

**2 Chronicles 25: 2 – 3, 6 – 10, 14 – 15, 20 – 25 (NLT)**

Amaziah did what was pleasing in the LORD’s sight, but not wholeheartedly. When Amaziah was

well established as king, he executed the officials who had assassinated his father.

He also paid about 7,500 pounds of silver to hire 100,000 experienced fighting men from Israel.

But a man of GOD came to him and said, “Your Majesty, do not hire troops from Israel, for the LORD is not with Israel. HE will not help those people of Ephraim! If you let them go with your troops into battle, you will be defeated by the enemy no matter how well you fight. GOD will overthrow you, for

HE has the power to help you or to trip you up.” Amaziah asked the man of GOD, “But what about

all that silver I paid to hire the army of Israel ?” The man of GOD replied, “The LORD is *Able to*

*give* *you much more than this* !” So Amaziah *discharged the hired* *troops* and sent them back

to Ephraim. This *made them very angry with* Judah, and they returned home in a great rage.

When King Amaziah returned from slaughtering the Edomites, he brought with him idols taken from the people of Seir. He set them up as his own gods, bowed down in front of them, and offered sacrifices to them! This made the LORD very angry, and he sent a prophet to ask, “Why do you turn to gods who could not even save their own people from you?”

But Amaziah refused to listen, for GOD was determined to destroy him for turning to the gods of Edom. So King Jehoash of Israel mobilized his army against King Amaziah of Judah. The two armies drew up their battle lines at Beth-shemesh in Judah. Judah was routed by the army of Israel, and its army scattered and fled for home. King Jehoash of Israel captured Judah’s king, Amaziah son of Joash and grandson of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh. Then he brought him to Jerusalem,

where he demolished 600 feet of Jerusalem’s wall, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate.

He carried off all the gold and silver and all the articles from the Temple of God that had been in

the care of Obed-edom. He also seized the treasures of the royal palace, along with hostages,

and then returned to Samaria. King Amaziah of Judah lived for fifteen years after the death of

King Jehoash of Israel.

**Uzziah - Very Successful King, in Battles, Building Fortification, Organiser of his Army.**

**2 Chronicles 26: 3 – 9 (NLT)**

Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years.

His mother was Jecoliah from Jerusalem. He did what was pleasing in the LORD’s Sight, just as

his father, Amaziah, had done. Uzziah sought GOD during the days of Zechariah, who taught him

to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the LORD, GOD *gave him success*.

Uzziah declared war on the Philistines and broke down the walls of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod.

Then he built new towns in the Ashdod area and in other parts of Philistia.

GOD helped him in his wars against the Philistines, his battles with the Arabs of Gur, and his wars

with the Meunites. The Meunites paid annual tribute to him, and his fame spread even to Egypt,

for *he had become* *very powerful*. Uzziah *built fortified towers* in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate,

at the Valley Gate, and at the angle in the wall.

**2 Chronicles 26: 11 – 14 (NLT)**

Uzziah had an army of well-trained warriors, ready to march into battle, unit by unit. This army

had been mustered and organized by Jeiel, the secretary of the army, and his assistant, Maaseiah.

They were under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king’s officials. These regiments of mighty warriors were commanded by 2,600 clan leaders. The army consisted of 307,500 men, all elite troops. They were prepared to assist the king against any enemy. Uzziah provided the entire

army with shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and sling stones.

**Uzziah’s Issue of Pride when was Successful & Powerful, Disobedience to the LORD’s Rules.**

**2 Chronicles 26: 16 – 21 (NLT)**

But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned

against the LORD his GOD by entering the sanctuary of the LORD’s Temple and personally

burning incense on the incense altar. Azariah the high priest went in after him with eighty other

priests of the LORD, all brave men. They confronted King Uzziah and said, “It is not for you,

Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is the work of the priests alone, the descendants of

Aaron who are set apart for this work. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have sinned. The LORD GOD will not honor you for this !” Uzziah, who was holding an incense burner, became furious.

But as he was standing there raging at the priests before the incense altar in the LORD’s Temple,

*leprosy suddenly broke out on his forehead*. When Azariah the high priest and all the other priests

*saw the leprosy, they rushed him out*. And the king himself was eager to get out because

the LORD had struck him. So King Uzziah *had leprosy until the day he died*. He lived in isolation

in a separate house, for he was excluded from the Temple of the LORD. His son Jotham was

put in charge of the royal palace, and he governed the people of the land.

**Jotham was a Good King, despite his Father’s Success brought Downfall with Pride not dealt.**

**2 Chronicles 27: 2 – 6 (NLT)**

Jotham did what was pleasing in the LORD’s Sight. He did everything his father, Uzziah,

had done, except that Jotham *did not sin* by entering the Temple of the LORD. But the people

continued in their corrupt ways. Jotham rebuilt the upper gate of the Temple of the LORD.

He also did *extensive rebuilding* on the wall at the hill of Ophel. He built towns in the hill country

of Judah and constructed fortresses and towers in the wooded areas.

Jotham went to war against the Ammonites and conquered them. Over the next three years

he received from them an annual tribute of 7,500 pounds of silver, 50,000 bushels of wheat, and

50,000 bushels of barley.

King Jotham *became powerful because he was careful to live in obedience to* the LORD his GOD.

**Kings – Few Good Kings, Many Bad Kings, But an Ugly King, Before Some Very Good Kings.**

**King Ahaz, Unfaithfulness at End, to Seek Enemy’s help, Worst was he Closed the Temple.**

**2 Chronicles 28: 16 – 25 (NLT)**

At that time King Ahaz of Judah asked the king of Assyria for help. The armies of Edom had again invaded Judah and taken captives. And the Philistines had raided towns located in the foothills of Judah and in the Negev of Judah. They had already captured and occupied Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages.

The LORD was humbling Judah because of King Ahaz of Judah, for he *had encouraged*

*his people to sin and had been utterly unfaithful to* the LORD. So when King Tiglath-pileser

of Assyria arrived, he attacked Ahaz instead of helping him. Ahaz took valuable items from

the LORD’s Temple, the royal palace, and from the homes of his officials and gave them

to the king of Assyria as tribute. But this did not help him.

Even during *this time of trouble*, King Ahaz *continued to reject* the LORD. He *offered sacrifices to the gods of* Damascus who had defeated him, for he said, “Since these gods helped the kings of Aram,

they will help me, too, if I sacrifice to them.” But instead, *they led to his ruin and the ruin of all Judah*. The king took the various articles from the Temple of GOD and broke them into pieces.

He shut the doors of the LORD’s Temple so that no one could worship there, and

he set up altars to pagan gods in every corner of Jerusalem. He made pagan shrines in

all the towns of Judah for offering sacrifices to other gods. In this way, *he aroused* the

Anger of the LORD, the GOD of his ancestors.

**The LORD our GOD is the Highest, and Nothing in this World is to Take the *No 1 in our Heart.***

**Revelations 2: 19 – 22 (AMP)**

“I know your deeds, your *love and faith and service and patient endurance*, and that your

last deeds are *more numerous*and *greater than the first*. But I have this [charge] against you,

that you ***tolerate*** *the woman Jezebel*, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired],

and she teaches and ***misleads*** *MY bond-servants* so that they commit [acts of sexual] immorality

and eat food *sacrificed to idols*.

I *gave her time to repent*[to change her inner self and her *sinful way of thinking*], but

she has *no desire to repent* of her immorality and *refuses to do so*. Listen carefully,

I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those *who commit adultery with her*[I will bring] into

*great anguish*, unless they *repent of her deeds*.

**Jezebel, the Evil Wife of Ahab, King of Israel – *Deep in Adultery of Worship* with Idols.**

**Reference :**

**1 Kings 18: 17 – 19**

**1 Kings 19: 2**

**2 Kings 9: 22****,****30** **– 31, 40**

**Our GOD is A Jealous GOD, *whatever is* an Idol in the Heart Takes a *Higher Place* above GOD.**

**James 4: 5 – 6**

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The SPIRIT Who dwells in us yearns jealously" ?

But HE gives more Grace. Therefore HE says:

"GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."