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

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**Theme : GOD’s Timetable (3) – Fellowship In the Light and In the SPIRIT of Truth**

**Ephesians 5: 15**

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.

**Ephesians 5: 16**

Redeeming the time, because the DAYS are EVIL.

**~ Be WISE and Understand the WILL of the LORD.**

**~ Making the Most of Every Opportunity. Because once missed, none can be recalled.**

 **Luke 21: 34**

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and

cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.”

**~ Reference Matthew 13: 3 – 9, 18 – 23 .**

**Matthew 13: 7 (AMP)**

Other seed fell among thorns, and thorns came up and choked them out.

**Matthew 13: 22 (AMP)**

And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but

the worries and distractions of the world and the deceitfulness [the superficial pleasures and delight]

of riches choke the Word, and it yields no fruit.

**~ The Seed – the Word of the Kingdom never fail.**

**~ The Soils – the type of Hearts > Resulting Effects.**

**~ What is in your Heart – that will be the Fruits.**

**Matthew 13: 23 (AMP)**

“And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands and grasps it; he indeed bears fruit and yields, some a hundred times [as much as

was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty.”

**Apostle Paul admonished Believers to be Constantly Filled and Guided by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Ephesians 5: 18 (AMP)**

Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the

[HOLY] SPIRIT and constantly guided by HIM.

**HOLY SPIRIT of Truth -**

**John 16: 13 (AMP)**

But when HE, the SPIRIT of Truth, comes, HE will guide you into all the truth [full and complete Truth]. For HE will not speak on HIS own initiative, but HE will speak whatever HE hears [from the FATHER—

the message regarding the SON], and HE will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

**The HOLY SPIRIT will Lead you, away from self-centered life to CHRIST-Centered Life.**

**John 16: 14 (AMP)**

HE will glorify and honor ME, because HE (the HOLY SPIRIT) will take from what is Mine and

will disclose it to you.

**~ It is not how much HOLY SPIRIT you have – but How much of you the HOLY SPIRIT Have ?**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 19**

Do not quench the SPIRIT.

**Evil days we live in – the god of this world, satan, has his kingdom and order of hierarchy ruling.**

 **Matthew 12: 26**

If satan casts out satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

**2 Corinthians 4: 4 (AMP)**

Among them the god of this world [satan] has blinded the MINDS of the unbelieving to prevent them

from seeing the illuminating Light of the Gospel of the Glory of CHRIST, Who is the Image of GOD.

**~ Satan works in and through the MIND.**

**~ Paul warned that satan had many devices in attacking believers - through the MINDS.**

 **2 Corinthians 2: 11**

Lest satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his DEVICES.

**~ Blinded the MINDS of Unbelievers**

 **Reference 2 Corinthians 4: 4**

**~ Beguile the MINDS of Believers.**

 **Beguile = Charm someone in a deceptive way.**

 **Reference 2 Corinthians 11: 3**

**Though satan and his minions are defeated foes by the Cross of JESUS CHRIST,**

**they sow doubt, lie and reasons in the minds of Believers.**

**Romans 12: 2 (AMP)**

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but

be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your MIND [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the

Will of GOD is, that which is Good and Acceptable and Perfect [in HIS Plan and Purpose for you].

**Test the spirits.**

**1 John 4: 1 (KJV)**

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether THEY ARE of GOD; because

many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**Three type of spirits :-**

**~ HOLY SPIRIT – SPIRIT of Truth**

**~ Human spirit**

**~ Evil spirit - Lies, Deceptions...**

**Reference  1 Kings 22.**

**Paul teaches – each person has a spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 2: 11**

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?

Even so no one knows the Things of GOD except the SPIRIT of GOD.

**When we Choose to Set Apart our life for the LORD, the HOLY SPIRIT Himself will Sanctify us**

**to Produce the Fruits of the SPIRIT.**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 23 (AMP)**

Now may the GOD of Peace Himself sanctify you through and through [that is, separate you from

profane and vulgar things, make you pure and whole and undamaged--consecrated to HIM—

set apart for HIS Purpose]; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete and

[be found] blameless at the Coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**Watch your spirit.**

**Our Responsibility to Keep Watch of ourselves – What kind of spirit and attitude we portray ?**

 **Malachi 2: 15**

But did HE not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit ? And why one ? HE seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

**~ Wrong spirit > Compromise > Treacherous > Lies.**

**The Scriptures speak of different kinds of spirits.**

**- Spirit of antichrist**

**1 John 4: 3 (AMP)**

And every spirit that does not confess JESUS [acknowledging that HE has come in the flesh, but

would deny any of the Son’s true nature] is not of GOD; this is the spirit of the antichrist, which

you have heard is coming, and is now already in the world.

**- Spirit of Error**

**1 John 4: 6 (AMP)**

We [who teach GOD's Word] are from GOD [energized by the HOLY SPIRIT], and

whoever knows GOD [through personal experience] listens to us [and has a deeper understanding

of HIM]. Whoever is not of GOD does not listen to us. By this we know [without any doubt]

the SPIRIT of TRUTH [motivated by GOD] and the spirit of error [motivated by satan].

**- Deceitful spirit**

**1 Timothy 4: 1**

Now the SPIRIT expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith,

giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

**- Spirits of the world**

**1 Corinthians 2: 12**

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the SPIRIT Who is from GOD, that we might

know the things that have been freely given to us by GOD.

**Spirit of the World -**

**~ Pride of life**

**~ Lust of eyes**

**~ Lust of the flesh**

**1 John 2:  15 – 17**

Do not love the world or the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the FATHER is not in him.

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—

is not of the FATHER but is of the world.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the WILL of GOD abides forever.

**~ Traditions, Cultures...**

**Colossians 2: 8**

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.

**~ Self Life >< Spirit Life**

**Romans 12: 1 (AMP)**

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the Mercies of GOD, to present your bodies

[dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to GOD,

which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.

**- Demonic spirits**

**Revelation 16: 14**

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and

of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of GOD Almighty.

**- Lying spirit**

**1 King 22: 22**

The LORD said to him, ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of

all his prophets.’ And the LORD said, ‘You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’

**1 Thessalonians 5: 21 – 22**

Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

**The Charismatic Movement had much good impact, but ...**

**~ Many become 'Lawless' – following after 'spirit' of lawlessness instead of Truth,**

 **without Accountability.**

**Philippians 3: 18 – 19**

For there are many, of whom I have often told you, and now tell you even with tears,

who live as enemies of the Cross of CHRIST [rejecting and opposing HIS WAY of Salvation].

Whose fate is destruction, whose god is their belly [their worldly appetite, their sensuality, their vanity], and whose glory is in their shame--who focus their mind on earthly and temporal things.

**Apostle Paul’s fatherly Concern for the Local Church -**

**~ Reference 2 Corinthians 11.**

**2 Corinthians 11: 3 (AMP)**

But I am afraid that, even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, your MINDS may be corrupted and led away from the simplicity of [your sincere and] pure devotion to CHRIST.

**Strong’s Concordance :**

**Simplicity (gr) Aploth  = Singleness, Sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking) of devotion.**

 **Not a divided heart.**

 **Not self-seeking, Openness of heart, Manifesting itself by generosity.**

 **Mental honesty.**

**2 Corinthians 11: 4 (AMP)**

For [you seem willing to allow it] if one comes and preaches ANOTHER Jesus whom we have

not preached, or if you receive a DIFFERENT spirit from the one you received, or

a DIFFERENT gospel from the one you accepted.

You tolerate all this beautifully [welcoming the deception].

**~ Another Jesus**

**~ Different spirit**

**~ Different gospel**

**Moses was receiving instruction from GOD at Mount Sinai.**

**Israel under Aaron was waiting, and the people became impatient.**

**~ Reference Exodus 32: 1 – 9**

**Exodus 32: 1 (AMP)**

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, they gathered together before Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses,

the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

**Aaron gave in to their fleshly demand to appease them, created for them a false image of god**

**in their heart, instead of the True Living GOD in their hearts.**

**Exodus 32: 2**

So Aaron replied to them, “Take off the gold rings that are in the ears of your wives, your sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” And he took the gold from their hands, and fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it into a molten calf.

**~ The Golden Calf – the god of their own imagination, made to suit their convenience.**

**~ They were not willing to present themselves as a Living Sacrifice – Romans 12: 1.**

**~ But they were willing to sacrifice their precious possessions of gold.**

**Exodus 32: 4 (AMP)**

And they said, “This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

**Life after the Flesh, Immaturity  > Falling away  > Apostate.**

**Ephesians 4: 27 (AMP)**

And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger,

or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].

**The enemy works hard to cause Believers to fall away from their loyalty to the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 3 (AMP)**

Let no one in any way deceive or entrap you, for that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first [that is, the great rebellion, the abandonment of the faith by professed Christians], and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction [the antiChrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed].

**Romans 8: 14 (KJV)**

For as many as are led by the SPIRIT of GOD, they are the sons of GOD.

**2 Peter 3: 12a**

Looking for and HASTENING the Coming of the Day of GOD …

**~ The Only Hope for our Future Generations.**

**~ All Creation groan and moan Awaiting for the DAY.**

**~ GOD’s Kingdom Order / Flow : ACCOUNTABILITY.**

**~ Satan’s way is the way of lawlessness.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 7 (AMP)**

For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against Divine Authority and the coming reign of lawlessness]

is ALREADY at WORK; [but it is RESTRAINED] only until he who now restrains it is taken out of the way.

**2 Thessalonians 2: 8 (AMP)**

Then the lawless one [the antiChrist] will be revealed and the LORD JESUS will slay him with the

Breath of HIS Mouth and bring him to an end by the Appearance of HIS Coming.

**~ Reference Ephesians 4.**

**~ Overseers, Leadership Accountability – to GOD, to the Word of Truth.**

**Acts 20: 28**

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.

**The Barean – Acts 17.**

**Acts 17: 11 (AMP)**

Now these people were more noble and open-minded than those in Thessalonica, so they received the message [of salvation through faith in the CHRIST] with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

**~ Reference 2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17.**

**~ Pay Attention to Corrections, Advice, Encouragement and even Rebuke.**

**Hebrews 13: 17 (AMP)**

Obey your [spiritual] leaders and submit to them [recognizing their authority over you], for

they are keeping watch over your souls and continually guarding your spiritual welfare as those who

will give an account [of their stewardship of you]. Let them do this with joy and not with grief and groans,

for this would be of no benefit to you.

**Hebrews 13: 7**

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the Word of GOD to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

**~ Accountability to one another in a Local Body.**

**~ SMALL GROUP in the Unity of Faith and (right) spirit.**

**Ephesians 4: 3 (AMP)**

Make every effort to keep the oneness of the SPIRIT in the bond of peace [each individual

working together to make the whole successful].

**Not just taking responsibility of our spiritual health, but also of others.**

**Hebrews 10: 25 (AMP)**

Not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some,

but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the Day [of CHRIST's Return] approaching.

**Hebrews 10: 24 (KJV)**

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

**~ To Provoke – Implies To Be Deliberate**

* **to Righteous Acts of Obedience toward GOD's Purpose.**

**Life Group – diverse kind of new people come -**

**- Right spirited :**

 **~ They appreciate your time in Admonishing them to Grow.**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 12**

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the LORD and admonish you.

**The Barean are called Noble and Open Minded :**

**Acts 17: 11a**

Now these people were more noble and open-minded then those in Thessalonica...

**- Wrong  spirited :**

**Acts 17: 5 (AMP)**

But the [unbelieving] Jews became jealous, and taking along some thugs from [the lowlifes in] the

market place, they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and then attacking Jason’s house

tried to bring Paul and Silas out to the people.

**Acts 17: 13 (AMP)**

But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the Word of GOD [concerning eternal salvation through faith in CHRIST] had also been preached by Paul at Berea, they came there too, agitating and disturbing the crowds.

**GOD loves them all for Salvation.**

**Do not be Prideful :**

**Proverbs 11: 2 (AMP)**

When pride comes [boiling up with an arrogant attitude of self-importance], then come dishonor and shame, but with the humble [the teachable who have been chiselled by trial and who have learned

to walk humbly with GOD] there is Wisdom and soundness of mind.

**Proverbs 29: 23 (AMP)**

A man’s pride and sense of self-importance will bring him down, but he who has a humble spirit

will obtain honor.

**SERVE in Humility :**

**Philippians 2: 3 – 4**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each

esteem others better than himself.

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

**James 3: 13 (AMP)**

Who among you is wise and intelligent ? Let him by his good conduct show his [good] deeds with the gentleness and humility of true wisdom.

**Paul has done his very best to watch over the flocks given to him, and the leaders of the Churches he founded.**

**Acts 20: 31 (AMP)**

Therefore be continually alert, remembering that for three years, night or day, I did not stop admonishing and advising each one [of you] with tears.

**Acts 20: 26 – 27**

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

For I have not shunned to declare to you the Whole Counsel of GOD.

**The 2 Parables - Matthew chapter 7**

**~ Watch yourself – do not judge.**

**~ Perseverance – keep knocking.**

**~ Endurance – Narrow gate.**

**~ Fruits that last.**

**1.   Reference Matthew 7: 21 – 23**

**Matthew 7: 23**

And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from ME, you who practice lawlessness!’

**2.   Reference Matthew 25: 1 – 13**

**Matthew 25: 12**

But HE answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

**~ Faithful, Trusted and Wise Steward of the House – Ministered with Appropriate kind of Feeding,**

 **According to the Appropriate Time they are in.**

**~ Ready the Household for the Master’s Return.**

**Matthew 24: 45 – 46 (AMP)**

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his master has put in charge of his household

to give the others [in the house] their food and supplies at the proper time?

Blessed is that [faithful] servant when his master returns and finds him doing so.”