**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 05 August 2018**

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**Theme : GOD’s Promises Thru CHRIST (3)**

**Spiritually our Attitude Be CHRIST is Formed in us, as our Whole Being been Bought by CHRIST.**

**- 1 Corinthians 6: 17 – 20**

**~ We cannot fool GOD Who knows All, how we are Sowing in our Lives, to please Self or SPIRIT.**

**~ Our Faith is Being Developed as CHRIST is Formed within us, by the SPIRIT > Living by Faith.**

**Our Faith *Race is Set by* GOD > Endurance > Life Pattern from Beginning till End - Hebrews 12: 1**

**~ Strip Off Every Weight, which Spiritually Expose our Eyes, our Hearts, our Humility to Sin.**

**~ Not to Carry Burdens emotionally *Wearing Out* our Souls – Anxiety, Worries, Earthly Desires.**

**World is in Urgency of the Hour for Winning Souls, thru CHRIST’s Salvation - Purpose of CHRIST.**

**~ Reference Isaiah 53: 3 – 7, we Read at Last Communion.**

**~ And HE bore the sins of Many and made Intercession for the Transgressors – Isaiah 53: 12b.**

**We are Saved & Called by the LORD, *Not for only Own* Salvation but the Salvation of As Many. – Reference, Isaiah 54: 1 – 4 > Not Be Wearied by Naturally Barren, but Spiritually Barren.** ~ For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband,”

 Says the LORD. “*Enlarge* your house; *Build an* *Addition*. Spread out your home, and spare

 No Expense ! For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your *descendants will occupy*

 *other nations and* *resettle the ruined cities*.”

**~ Isaiah 54: 5 – 6**

 For your **Maker is your Husband**, The LORD of Hosts is HIS Name; and your Redeemer is the

 Holy ONE of Israel; HE is called the GOD of the whole earth. For the LORD has called you like

 a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused," says your GOD.

**The LORD has Called us, to be as our Husband, Given by the Promise of the FATHER’s Love.**

**2 Peter 3: 8 – 9 (AMP)**

Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the LORD One Day is like

a thousand years, and a thousand years is like One Day. The LORD does not delay [as though HE were unable to act] and is not slow about HIS Promise, as some count slowness, but is [*extraordinarily*] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for *All to come to Repentance*.

**2 Peter 3: 10 – 13 (NLT)**

But the Day of the LORD will come as *Unexpectedly as a thief*. Then the heavens will pass away

With a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and

Everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what *Holy and Godly lives you should live*, looking forward to the Day of GOD and *Hurrying it along*. On that day, HE will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But we are *Looking Forward* to the New Heavens and

New Earth HE has promised, a World filled with GOD’s Righteousness.

**Looking unto JESUS is to Focus on GOD with *Heavenly Desires*, *not Seduced* by Earthy Cravings.**

**2 Peter 3: 14**

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by HIM in Peace,

*without spot and Blameless*; and consider that the *Longsuffering of our* LORD is Salvation.

**From our Own Hearts, we must be Able to Confess our Faith, Enabling us to Witness to others.**

**- Reference Romans 10: 9 – 10.**

**Our Foundation in CHRIST, Chief Cornerstone, *UnShakable* to Build Faith - Righteous Plumb Line.**

**“How will you Build your House, on Rock or Sand ?”- Unshakable JESUS (Matthew 7: 24 – 27).**

**~ Reference Isaiah 28: 16 – 17, Chief Cornerstone, Plumbline of Righteousness.**

**We have Received the Word ‘Seed of Truth’, Do We Sow the Seed, after Cultivating the Soil ? Isaiah 28: 23 – 29 (AMP)**

**Listen and hear MY Voice; Listen carefully and hear MY Words.** Does the farmer plow all day

to plant seed ? Does he continually dig furrows and harrow his ground [*after it is prepared*].

When he has leveled its surface, does he not sow [*the seed of*] dill and *scatter cumin*, and *plant wheat in rows*, And barley in its [*intended*] place and *rye within its border* ? For HIS GOD *instructs* [*him correctly*] and *teaches him* properly. For dill is not threshed with a sharp threshing sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cumin; but *dill is beaten out with a staff*, and *cumin with a rod*. Bread grain is crushed fine, Indeed, the farmer does not continue to thresh it forever. Because the wheel of his cart and his horses

eventually damage it, he does not thresh it longer.

This also comes from the LORD of Hosts, Who has made **HIS Counsel Wonderful** and

**HIS Wisdom Great.**

**~** **How will you Build your Lives & Families ? Wisdom & Counsel to Withstand All Crisis & Storm. ~ Isaiah 55: 8 – 11**

“For MY Thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways MY Ways," says the LORD.

 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY Ways higher than your ways, and

 MY Thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,

 and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give

 seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall MY Word be that goes forth from MY Mouth;

 It shall not return to ME *Void*, but It shall accomplish What I Please, and It shall Prosper *in*

 *the thing* for which I sent It.”

**The Seed Sown within us, are ’Faith’ Seed, is our Belief in Heart to be Confessed Out, to Be Sown.**

**- Reference, Romans 10: 11 – 15.**

**~ Romans 10: 16 – 17 (NLT)**

 That is why the Scriptures say, “How *beautiful are the feet* of Messengers who bring Good News! ”

 But *not everyone* welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said,

 “LORD, who has believed our message?”

 **So *Faith comes from hearing*, that is, Hearing the Good News about CHRIST {Word of GOD}.**

**Last Days, Dangerous Times - People are Drawn to Self & Evil, Haters of Good, Inhumane, Brutal.**

**2 Timothy 3: 1, 5 (AMP)**

But understand this, that *in the Last Days* dangerous times [*of great stress and trouble*] will come

[*difficult days that will be hard to bear*].

Holding to ***a Form of*** [*Outward*] *Godliness* **(Religion)**, although they have ***denied its power*** [*for*

*their conduct nullifies their claim of faith*]. Avoid *such people*and*keep far away from them*.

**2 Timothy 3: 2 – 4**

For men will be *Lovers of Themselves*, Lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers*,*

*Disobedient* to parents, *Unthankful,* *Unholy*, *Unloving*, *Unforgiving*, slanderers, without self-control,

Brutal, Despisers of Good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, *Lovers of Pleasure* rather than Lovers of GOD.

**In *Redeeming Time*, Walk Closely to the LORD, the Centre of our Lives, Wisely follow in HIS Will.**

**Ephesians 5: 15 – 17**

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, *Redeeming the Time*, because the

***Days are Evil*.** Therefore do not be unwise, but *Understand what* the Will of the LORD is.

**The LORD’s Promise is A Call of Salvation to Enter into HIS Presence to be *at Rest with* HIM. ~ Acts 2: 32 – 33 (NLT), 2: 38 – 39 (NKJ)**

GOD Raised JESUS from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now HE is exalted to the

 Place of Highest Honor in Heaven, at GOD’s Right Hand. And the FATHER, as **HE had** ***Promised***,

 *gave* HIM the HOLY SPIRIT *to pour out upon us*, just as you see and hear today.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you *Be Baptized* in the Name of JESUS

 CHRIST *for the remission of sins*; and you shall receive the Gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. For the Promise

 is to you and to your children, and to All *who are Afar Off*, as Many as the LORD our GOD *Will Call*."

**FATHER GOD’s Promise is for All by their Belief, to Enter into HIS Spiritual Rest, thru CHRIST.**

**Hebrews 4: 1 (NLT), 2 (NKJ)**

**GOD’s Promise of entering HIS Rest** **still Stands**, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of *you might fail to experience it*.

For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the Word *which they heard*

***did not profit them, not being mixed with faith*** *in those who* heard It.

**Hebrews 4: 7, 11 (AMP)**

HE again sets a definite Day, [*a New*] "Today," [*providing another Opportunity to enter* that Rest by] saying through David after so long a time, just as has been said before [*in the Words already quoted*], "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

[Let us therefore make every effort to enter that Rest [of GOD, *to know and experience it for ourselves*], so that no one will fall by following the same example of Disobedience [*as those who died in the wilderness*].

**Hebrews 3: 11 – 15 (AMP)** “So I SWORE [*an Oath*] IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST [*the promised land*].” Take care, brothers and sisters, that there not be in any one of you a wicked, *Unbelieving Heart*

[*which refuses to trust and rely on the LORD, a heart*] that turns away from the Living GOD.

But continually *encourage one another every day*, as long as it is called "TODAY" [*and there is an Opportunity*], so that none of you will be hardened [*into settled rebellion*] by the *deceitfulness of sin*

[*its cleverness, delusive glamour, and sophistication*].

For we [*believers*] have become partakers of CHRIST [*sharing in all that the Messiah has for us*],

If only we hold firm our *Newborn Confidence* [*which originally led us to HIM*] until the end, while it is said, "TODAY [*while there is still opportunity*] IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME [*in the rebellion in the desert at Meribah*]."

**A Historical Record in Psalm 95: 7b – 11, King David received same Warning, by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Hebrews 3: 18 – 19 (AMP)**

And to whom did HE swear [an Oath] that they would not enter HIS Rest, but to *those who Disobeyed* [*those who would not listen to* HIS Word] ? So we see that they were not able to enter [*into* HIS Rest - *the promised land*] because of Unbelief and an Unwillingness to trust in GOD.

**We in CHRIST, have Received the Promise of the FATHER, we are to be Baptised in the SPIRIT.**

**~ Acts 1: 4 – 5**

 And being assembled together with *them,* HE commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but

 to wait for the Promise of the FATHER, "which," HE said, "you have heard from ME; for John truly

 baptized with water, but ***you shall be baptized with*** **the HOLY SPIRIT** not many days from now."

**~ Acts 1: 8 (NLT)**

 But you will receive Power when the HOLY SPIRIT comes upon you. And you will be MY Witnesses,

 *telling people about me everywhere* - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends

 of the earth.”

**Declaring & Proclaiming the Word, Good New of JESUS, there be the Power to Save Many.**

**Romans 1: 16 – 17**

For I am *Not Ashamed* of the Gospel of CHRIST, for it is the Power of GOD *to salvation for everyone*

*who believes*, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in It the Righteousness of GOD is revealed *from faith to faith*; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

**Romans 15: 13**

Now may the GOD of Hope *fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing*, that *you may abound* in Hope

by the Power of the HOLY SPIRIT.

**GOD Prophesied HIS ARM be Revealed to Save, but HE Need Carriers of this Good News.**

**Isaiah 52: 6 – 10 (AMP)**

Therefore MY people shall know MY Name and what it means. Therefore in that day I Am the ONE

Who is speaking, 'Here I Am.' How beautiful and delightful on the mountains are the feet of him

who brings Good News, who announces Peace, who brings Good News of Good [*things*],

who announces Salvation, who says to Zion, "Your GOD Reigns!"

**Listen ! Your watchmen lift up their voices**, together they shout for joy; for they will see

face to face the Return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth, shout joyfully together, you ruins of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted HIS people, HE has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has *Bared* HIS Holy Arm (HIS Infinite Power) before the eyes of all the nations

[*Revealing* HIMSelf as the ONE by Whom Israel is redeemed from *captivity*], that all the ends

of the earth may see the Salvation of our GOD.

**When HIS People are Proclaiming the Good News, HE will Be their Shield in the Front & Rear.**

**Isaiah 52: 12, 15 (AMP)**

For you will not go out in a hurry [*as when you left Egypt*], nor will you *go in flight* [*fleeing, as you did*

*from the Egyptians*]; For the LORD will go before you, and the GOD of Israel will be your Rear Guard.

So HE will sprinkle many nations [*with* HIS Blood, providing Salvation], Kings will shut their mouths because of HIM; for what they had not been told they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.

**The LORD has to Bare HIS OWN ARM, Revealing HIS Power of Salvation, and Intercessor.**

**Isaiah 53: 1, 12 b (AMP)**

Who has believed [*confidently trusted in, relied on, and adhered to*] our Message [*of Salvation*] ?

And to whom [*if not us*] has the ARM and Infinite Power of the LORD been Revealed ?

Because HE [Willingly] poured out HIS Life to death, and was counted among the transgressors; yet HE HIMSelf bore and took away the sin of many, and Interceded [with the FATHER] for the transgressors.

**Then, None is the Intercessor, so the LORD’s Own ARM with Full Armor, WithStand to Save.**

**Isaiah 59: 16 – 20 (AMP)**

HE saw that *there was no man*, and was amazed that there was ***No One to intercede*** [on behalf of

Truth and Right]; Therefore **HIS Own ARM** brought Salvation to HIM, and HIS Own Righteousness *sustained* HIM. For HE [the LORD] put on Righteousness like a coat of Armor, and Salvation like a Helmet on HIS Head; HE put on Garments of vengeance for clothing and covered HIMSelf with Zeal

[and Great Love for HIS people] as a cloak. As their deeds deserve, so HE will repay:

Wrath to HIS adversaries, retribution to HIS enemies; to the islands andcoastlands HE will repay.

So they will fear the Name of the LORD from the West and HIS Glory from the rising of the sun.

For he will come in like a narrow, rushing stream which the Breath of the LORD drives

[*overwhelming the enemy*]. "A Redeemer (Messiah) will come to Zion, and to those in Jacob (Israel)

who turn from transgression (sin)," declares the LORD.

**The Power to Save, is when Believers Put On the *Full Complete Armor*, with our Feet Strapped On - the ‘Army Boots’ to Carry the Gospel of Peace, to Advance vs the Enemy from Destroying Souls.**

**Ephesians 6: 10, 11, 13, 15 (AMP)**

In conclusion, be Strong in the LORD [*draw your strength* from HIM *and be Empowered through*

*your Union* with HIM] and in the Power of HIS [*boundless*] Might.

Put on the full Armor of GOD [*for* HIS Precepts *are like the splendid Armor of a heavily-armed soldier*],

so that you may *Be Able* to [*successfully*] Stand Up against all the Schemes and the Strategies and the Deceits of the devil.

Therefore, *Put On* the complete Armor of GOD, so that you will *Be Able* to [*successfully*] *Resist*and

*Stand your ground in the Evil Day* [*of danger*], and having Done everything [*that the crisis demands*],

to Stand Firm [*in your place, fully prepared, Immovable, Victorious*].

And having strapped on your Feet THE GOSPEL OF PEACE in Preparation [*to face the enemy with*

*firm-footed Stability and the Readiness produced* by the Good News].

**Isaiah 59: 21 (AMP)**

"As for ME, this is MY Covenant with them," says the LORD: "MY SPIRIT which is upon you

[writing the Law of GOD on the heart], and MY Words which I *have put in your mouth shall*

*not depart from your mouth*, nor from the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, nor from

the mouth of your children's children," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

**We are Strong, as we are Empowered in our Union with CHRIST, in HIS Might, Strength.**

**~ Equipped with the Full Armor of GOD to Advance for GOD’s Kingdom.**

**~ To Resist, WithStand the Enemy’s Scheming, Strategies and Deceit.**

**~ To Put On the ‘Gospel of Peace’ Boots, so Not to be Bare Footed.**

**~ To Advance with Full Complete GOD’s Armor, Firm-Footed Stability, Victoriously.**