**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message - 1 May 2016**

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**Theme           :   OUR FATHER's HOUSE - Whose House We Are**

**Introduction:**

**Acts 7: 48 - 49**

“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

‘Heaven is MY throne, and earth is MY footstool. What house will you build for ME? says the LORD,

Or what is the place of MY rest?

**The Almighty GOD doesn't Live in buildings build by Human hands.**

**The LORD impressed in my heart:**

**House of Power, Glory and Light**

**House of Prayers and Worship**

**House of the Living Bread**

**GOD always has A KINGDOM – and HE desires HIS Kingdom set on Earth.**

**Matthew 6: 10**

YOUR KINGDOM come. YOUR Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

**GOD's Kingdom cannot be compared to the worldly Kingdom or men's idea.**

**John 18: 36a**

JESUS answered, “MY Kingdom is not of this world …

(John 6:15 - He is not interested in BEING EARTHLY KING)

**Romans 14: 17**

For the Kingdom of GOD is not eating and drinking, but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the HOLY SPIRIT.

**Many presumptuous Faith about Salvation and Church.**

**Hebrews 3: 4 (NLT)**

For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is GOD.

**This New Material House we are in today, is to contain us HIS Spiritual House to serve**

**HIS WILL and Purposes.**

**Grow Together.**

**Ephesians 4: 13**

Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of GOD, to a perfect man,

to the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST;

**Ephesians 4: 16**

From Whom the whole Body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**GOD is into BUILDING.**

**Matthew 16: 18b (AMP)**

I will build MY church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

**The Spiritual House, the Church, consists of Born Again Believers of the HOLY SPIRIT - with Power.**

**John 3: 3 (AMP)**

JESUS answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the Kingdom of GOD.

**John 3: 5 (AMP)**

JESUS answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even]

the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the Kingdom of GOD.

**GOD’s Spirit works from the inside out.**

**Luke 17: 21b (AMP)**

For behold, the Kingdom of GOD is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].

**Hebrews 8: 10 (AMP)**

For this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will imprint MY laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people.

**GOD called Abraham with promise, through his seed, all the way to Exodus - Great Nation, HIS Own Special People - under dispensation of Law.**

**Deuteronomy 7: 6**

“For you are a holy people to the LORD your GOD; the LORD your GOD has chosen you to be a people for HIMSELF, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

**Deuteronomy 28: 1 - 2**

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your GOD, to observe carefully all HIS commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your GOD will set you high above all nations of the earth.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and OVERTAKE you, because you OBEY the voice of the LORD your GOD.

**Deuteronomy 28: 13 - 14**

And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your GOD, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

**If they Turn away from following HIM and HIS Voice …**

**Deuteronomy 28: 15 (AMP)**

But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your GOD, being watchful to do all HIS commandments and HIS statutes which I command you this day, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you: …

**Story of Balaam and Barak  >< GOD's People.**

**Reference: Numbers 22 - 24**

**Israel became mighty under GOD - surrounding Nation heard of their mighty deeds and were terrified with fear.**

**Barak, Seeked Balaam (Seer) with big payment and gifts to curse them …**

**Numbers 22: 12**

And GOD said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.”

**Numbers 23: 23**

“For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, ‘Oh, what GOD has done!’

**GOD did not allow Balaam to curse Israel but to bless.**

**Later, Israel was tempted and enticed into sin against GOD.**

**Numbers 25: 1 - 3**

Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down

to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

**That day the LORD judged Israel - 25,000 died.**

**Then HE punished the Midianite, Moabites.**

**Numbers 31: 8**

They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of those who were killed— Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. Balaam the son of Beor they also killed with the sword.

**Zechariah 2: 8 (AMP)**

For thus said the LORD of hosts, after [HIS] glory had sent me [His messenger] to the nations who plundered you–for he who touches you touches the apple or pupil of HIS eye.

**Numbers 31: 16**

Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the COUNSEL of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

**King David –**

**Acts 13: 22b (AMP)**

"I have found David son of Jesse a man after MY own heart, who will do all MY will and carry out MY program fully. (1 Samuel 13:14)

**Solomon - Failed.**

**Priesthood of Eli and Family - Corrupted.**

**1 Samuel 2: 35**

Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.

**Israel under the Law failed until the arrival of the True Lamb of GOD, the Messiah King JESUS.**

**Yet the House of Israel rejected the Messiah King and crucified HIM.**

**Matthew 21: 43 (AMP)**

I tell you, for this reason the Kingdom of GOD will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the fruits of it.

**GOD continued with HIS Plan and Purpose - the Kingdom taken away from Physical Israel given to A People - HiS Church.**

**JESUS departed from the temple and never returned - HE pronounced the destruction of the Physical Temple of the Old Covenant.**

**Matthew 23: 38**

See! Your house is left to you desolate.

**Matthew 24: 1a, 2**

Then JESUS went out and departed from the temple …

And JESUS said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

**Making ways for the Church age, age of Grace - began with the Coming of the HOLY SPIRIT on the Day of Pentacost after JESUS’ Ascension.**

**Acts 2: 1 - 2**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**Acts 2: 4**

And they were all filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and began to speak with other tongues, as the SPIRIT gave them utterance.

**John 16: 13 - 14**

However, when HE, the Spirit of Truth, has come, HE will guide you into all Truth; for HE will not speak on HIS own authority, but whatever HE hears HE will speak; And HE will tell you things to come.

HE will glorify ME, for HE will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

**Hebrews 3: 6 (AMP)**

But CHRIST (the Messiah) was faithful over HIS [own FATHER's] house as a SON [and Master of it]. And it is WE WHO ARE [now members] OF THIS HOUSE if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in CHRIST].

**Warning - to hold fast and firmly to the end in this Life in CHRIST.**

**Character of endurance, firm and focus to HIS purpose is significant in believers’ lives, this is the teaching of CHRIST and the Apostles.**

**Hebrews 10: 35 (AMP); 36**

Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward.

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of GOD; you may receive the promise:

**It is not how good you began, but how you end - Strong.**

**JESUS and the Apostles gave continuous Warning to Believers - TAKE HEED.**