**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 10 February 2019**

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**Theme : ARise – Achieve the Heavenly Prize (3)**

**Our Living Hope is in the RESURRECTED KING, Who has Resurrected our Spirits to Arise.**

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 5 (AMPC)**

Praised (Honored, Blessed) be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah) !

By HIS boundless Mercy we have been ***Born Again to an Ever-Living Hope*** through the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead, [*Born Anew*] into an ***Inheritance*** which is beyond

the reach of change and decay [***Imperishable***], unsullied and unfading, ***Reserved in Heaven*** for you, Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by **GOD's Power** through [*your*] ***Faith*** [*till you fully inherit that* ***Final*] Salvation** that is ready to be Revealed [*for you*] in the ***Last Time.***

**Our Spiritual Focus in MIND to Be on Heavenly Things of GOD, will be *Spiritual & Everlasting*.**

**~ 2 Corinthian 4: 18**

**~ Living Not for the NOW earthly things, but *Focus to Live* on What be the Heavenly Things.**

 **Colossians 3: 1 – 4**

**Start Year 2019 *Determined Doing What is Right Progressively* towards the Heavenly Calling.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (AMPC)**

[*For my* ***Determined Purpose*** *is*] that I may know HIM [*that I may* ***Progressively*** *become more*

*Deeply and Intimately* ***Acquainted***with HIM*, perceiving and recognizing and understanding*

the **Wonders** of HIS Person *more strongly and more clearly*], and that I may in that same way

come to know the ***Power Outflowing*** from HIS Resurrection [*which it exerts over believers*], and

that I may so ***Share*** HIS Sufferings as to ***be continually Transformed*** [*in spirit* into ***HIS Likeness*** *even*] to HIS Death, [*in* the Hope] that if possible I may ***Attain*** to the [***Spiritual and Moral***]

***Resurrection*** [*that Lifts me*] Out from among the dead [*even while in the body*].

**~ Knowing the LORD Deeply, Relating with HIM Intimately, Understanding HIS Divine Nature.**

**~ Experiencing HIS Love, HIS Resurrection Power Working In & Thru us, Overflowing Power.**

**~ Our light Momentary Affliction in this Life, Achieving Eternal Weight of Glory**

 **to Transform Our Inner Self into HIS Likeness, Spiritually & Morally**

**Be Determined to Attain is to Achieve the *Final Perfection* for Receiving the Heavenly Prize**

**- Philippians 3: 11 – 14**

**Philippians 3: 14 (AMPC)**

**I *Press On*** toward ***the Goal*** to win the [*Supreme and Heavenly*] Prize to which GOD in CHRIST JESUS is **Calling** us **Upward.**

**To Maintain Attitude of Not Reached Perfection Stage & Final Goal Destination - *PRESS ON.***

**Philippians 3: 12 – 14 (NLT)**

I don’t mean to say that I *have already achieved these things* or that I have already Reached Perfection. But I ***Press On***to possess that Perfection for which CHRIST JESUS first Possessed me.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I *have not achieved it*, but I ***Focus On*** this One thing:

Forgetting the past and ***Looking Forward*** to what lies ***Ahead***, I ***Press On*** to reach the End of the Race and receive the ***Heavenly Prize*** for which GOD, through CHRIST JESUS, is calling us.

**Matthew 6: 33 (AMPC)**

But *Seek* (Aim at and strive after) first of all HIS Kingdom and HIS Righteousness (HIS Way of

doing and Being Right), and then *all these things taken together* will be given you besides.

**Seeking, Focus On GOD’s Kingdom, HIS Righteousness be *Activated* by Works Done in Faith.**

**~ Luke 9: 62**

 But JESUS said to him,

 "No one, having ***Put***his hand to the plow, and *looking back*, is ***Fit*** for the Kingdom of GOD."

**~ The Cost of the CROSS of JESUS Paid for Our Calling is for our Determined Single Focus.**

**~ The World Behind us – JESUS Warn *Not to Use Earthly Reasons* as Excuses to Turn Back.**

**~ Reference - Luke 9: 57 – 61 ; Matthew 8: 19 – 21**

**~** Demas has forsaken me**, having loved ‘*This Present World’*,** and has departed for Thessalonica.

* **2 Timothy 4: 10a.**

**Newness in Fruitfulness & Abundance in Living, as People *Called, Chosen, Formed* by GOD.**

**Isaiah 43: 18 – 19, 21 (AMPC)**

Do not [*earnestly*] remember the former things; *neither consider* the things of old.

Behold, I am ***Doing A New Thing*** **!** Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know IT and

will you not give heed to IT ? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The people I *Formed for* MYSelf, that they may set forth My Praise [*and* ***they shall* Do IT**].

**Isaiah 43: 25 – 26**

"I, *even* I, *am* HE Who blots out your transgressions for **MY Own Sake;** And

I will not Remember your sins.

Put ME in Remembrance; Let us ***Contend Together*;**

State your *case,* that you may be acquitted.”

**The LORD already Prepared to be A GIVER for Believers to Partake of GOD’s Goodness.**

**Isaiah 55: 1 – 3 (AMPC)**

“WAIT and Listen, everyone who is thirsty ! Come to the waters; and he who has no money,

Come, buy and eat ! Yes, Come, buy [*Priceless, Spiritual*] Wine and Milk without money and

without price [*simply for the Self-Surrender that accepts the Blessing*].

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your earnings for what does not satisfy ? Hearken diligently to ME, and eat what is Good, and *let your soul delight itself in* ***Fatness*** [*the profuseness of* ***Spiritual Joy***].

Incline your ear [*submit and consent to the Divine Will*] and come to ME; Hear, and your soul will Revive; and I will make an Everlasting Covenant or league with you, even the sure Mercy

(Kindness, Goodwill, and Compassion) promised to David.”

**A Church is Given Vision & Purpose to Follow & Walk Together – NOT own *Individual Culture*.**

**Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (AMPC)**

So let those [*of us*] who are ***spiritually mature*and*full-grown*** have ***this mind***and

hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a ***different attitude of mind***,

GOD will make that clear to you also.

Only let us ***Hold True*** *to what we have Already Attained*and ***Walk*and*Order our lives by that***.

**~** **Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (NLT)**

 Let all who are ***spiritually mature agree*** on these things. If you disagree on some point,

 I believe GOD will make it plain to you.

 But we must ***Hold On to the Progress*** we have already made.

**GOD’s Called & Chosen *Always Uphold* GOD’s Righteousness, What is Right is HIS Sight.**

**~ Psalms 146: 8b (AMPC)**

 The LORD loves the [*uncompromisingly*] Righteous (those *Upright* in heart and in *Right Standing*

 with HIM).

**Psalms 11: 7; 5: 12**

For the LORD is Righteous, HE loves Righteousness; HIS Countenance beholds the Upright.

For YOU, O LORD, will bless the Righteous; With Favor YOU will surround him as with A Shield.

**Proverbs 11: 30a; 10: 30a (AMPC)**

The Fruit of the [*Uncompromisingly*] Righteous is a tree of Life.

The [*Consistently*] Righteous shall never be removed.

**But HE hears the Prayer of the Righteous - Proverbs 15: 29b.**

**~ James 5: 16b**

The earnest prayer of a Righteous person has great Power and produces wonderful Results.

**Impossible Battle In CHRIST, U are More than Conquerors, as the Battle belongs to the LORD.**

**~ Jehoshaphat was a Righteous king, Honor the LORD with Godly Fear, Worship in Humility.**

**2 Chronicles 20: 15b, 17, 20b, 21, 22**

Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for

the battle *is* not yours, but GOD's.’

“You will not *need* to fight in this *battle.* Position yourselves, stand still and see the Salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out

against them, for the LORD *is* with you."

“Believe in the LORD your GOD, and you shall be established; believe HIS prophets, and

you shall prosper."

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD,

and who should praise the Beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For HIS mercy *endures* forever."

Now when they began to sing and to Praise, the LORD *Set ambushes against* the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and *they were defeated*.

**Believe in GOD’s Word & Promises with Confident Surrender, then Salvation Power by Faith.**

**Romans 1: 16 – 17 (AMPC)**

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (Good News) of CHRIST for it is GOD's Power working unto Salvation [*for deliverance from eternal death*] to everyone who believes with a personal *Trust* and

a *confident Surrender*and*firm Reliance*, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,

For in the Gospel A Righteousness which GOD ascribes is revealed, both *springing from* Faith and *leading* to Faith [*disclosed through the Way of Faith that arouses to more Faith*].

As it is written, The man who through Faith is Just and Upright shall Live and shall live by Faith.

**James 2: 14, 17, 20 (AMPC)**

What is the use (profit), my brethren, for anyone to profess to have faith if he has no [*good*] works

[*to show for it*] ? Can [*such*] faith save [*his soul*] ?

So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is

destitute of power (inoperative, dead).

Are you willing to be shown [*proof*], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that

faith apart from [*good*] works is inactive *and* ineffective *and* worthless?

**Faith is Trusting with All Your Heart Without Sight Assurance but HIS Word as HIS Promise.**

**~ Hebrews 11: 1**

Now FAITH is the substance of Things Hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**~ Hebrews 11: 1 (AMPC)**

Now FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, *the title deed*) of the things [*we*] hope for, being

 the proof of things [*we*] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [*faith perceiving as real fact*

 *what is not revealed to the senses*].

**~ Hebrews 11: 6**

But without FAITH It *is impossible* to please HIM, for he who comes to GOD must believe that HE is,

 and *that* HE is a Rewarder of those *who diligently seek* HIM.

**~ Hebrews 11: 6 (AMPC)**

But without FAITH It *is impossible* to please *and* be satisfactory to HIM. For whoever would

 *come near to* GOD must [*necessarily*] believe that GOD exists and that HE is the Rewarder

 of those who *earnestly and diligently seek* HIM [*out*]

**~ Hebrews 12: 2**

Looking unto JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our FAITH, Who for the Joy that was *set before* HIM

 endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has *Sat down at* the Right Hand of the Throne of GOD.

**Abraham is called the Father of Faith, by his Obedience to GOD’s Calling to HIS Promises. Hebrews 11: 8 – 10 (AMPC)**

[*Urged on*] by FAITH Abraham, when *he was Called, Obeyed* and went forth to a place which

he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although *he did not know*or trouble his mind about where he was to go.

[*Prompted*] by FAITH he dwelt as a *temporary resident* in the land which was designated in the Promise [*of* GOD, *though he was like a stranger*] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob,

fellow heirs with him of the same Promise.

For he was [*Waiting expectantly and confidently*] *Looking Forward* to *the City which has Fixed*and *Firm Foundations*, whose Architect and Builder is GOD.

**James 2: 21 (AMPC)**

Was not our forefather Abraham [*shown to be*] justified (made acceptable to GOD) by [*his*] works when he brought to the Altar as an Offering his [*own*] Son Isaac?

**FAITH Be Built Progressively *from Initiation by Own* Belief & Action by Confident Surrender. ~ Trusting beyond Any Own human understanding & reasoning - Proverbs 3: 7 – 8.**

**Jude 1: 20 – 21 (AMPC)**

But you, beloved, Build yourselves *Up* [*Founded*] on your ***Most Holy Faith*** [*make Progress,*

*Rise like an Edifice higher and higher*], praying in the HOLY SPIRIT;

Guard andkeep *yourselves in* the Love of GOD; expect and patiently wait for the Mercy of our

LORD JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah) - [*which will bring you*] unto Life Eternal.

**Building FAITH is Spiritual and GOD’s Principle of Not Limiting GOD’s *Power in Newness*. Matthew 9: 16 (NLT)**

“Besides, who would patch Old clothing with New cloth ? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.”

**~ The LORD Not Want Patchwork of New on Old, but A Complete Renewal in HIS Work.**

**Matthew 9: 17 (NLT)**

“And no one Puts New Wine into *old wineskins*. For the old skins would burst from the pressure,

spilling the Wine and ruining the skins.

***New Wine is stored in New Wineskins*** so that both are preserved.”

**~ Power of the SPIRIT of CHRIST will Renew & Refresh if No limitation of Old Mind & Patterns.**

**Luke 6: 38**

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, **it *will be measured back*** to you."

**Romans 8: 6 (NLT)**

So letting your sinful nature control *your mind* leads to death. But letting the SPIRIT *control your mind leads to* Life and Peace.

**Galatians 6: 7**

Do not be deceived, GOD *is not mocked*; for whatever a man *Sows*, that he will also *Reap*.

**2 Corinthians 9: 6**

But this *I say:*  He who Sows sparingly will also Reap sparingly, and he who Sows bountifully will also Reap bountifully.

**Proverbs 11: 25 (NLT)** The generous will prosper; those who *Refresh others* will themselves *Be Refreshed*.

**Matthew 25: 29 (NLT)**

To those *who use well what they are given*, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from *those who do nothing*, ***even what little they have will be taken away*.**

**Faith is Not for us to Be Blessed Only in this Earthly Life, but when we Do Depart from this Life.**

**Psalms 23: 6**

Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me All the Days of my Life;

And I will dwell in the House of the LORD Forever.

**Revelations 22: 12 – 13**

"And behold, I am Coming quickly, and MY Reward *is* with ME, to give to every one *according to his work*. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

**We are Now Dwelling in the LORD’s Presence as in HIS Spiritual House.**

**~ We Will Dwell in the LORD’s Heavenly Place in the FATHER’s Eternal HOUSE. Forever.**