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

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**Theme : ARise – From Faith to Faith (2)**

**Newness in Fruitfulness & Abundance in Living – People *Called, Chosen are 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**].

**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***.

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

**The Righteous Person Always Declare Life & Speak Life, As he is A Tree & A Well of Life.**

**~ Proverbs 11: 30a; 10: 30a (AMPC)
 The Fruit of the [*Uncompromisingly*] Righteous is a Tree of Life.** The [*Consistently*] Righteous shall *never be removed*.

### ~ Proverbs 10: 11a; 10: 31a, 10: 32a, 11; 18b

###  The mouth of the Righteous is a Well of Life.

 The mouth of the Righteous brings forth Wisdom.

 The lips of the Righteous know what is Acceptable.

 But he who sows Righteousness *will have* a sure reward.

**The LORD Loves & Favors the Humble and *Uncompromisingly* & *Consistently* Righteous.**

**Psalm 146: 8b (AMPC)**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD Loves the [*Uncompromisingly*] Righteous (those Upright in heart and in Right Standing with HIM).

**The LORD Counted Abram to have Right Standing with HIM, and See him as Righteous.**

**Genesis 15: 6 (AMPC)**

And he [*Abram*] believed in (*trusted i*n, relied on, *remained steadfast to*) the LORD, and

HE *counted it to* him as Righteousness (Right Standing with GOD).

**Abraham Accounted by GOD to have HIS Righteousness, Being Faithfully Standing with HIM. ~ Genesis 15: 5**

 Then HE brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to

 number them." And HE said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

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

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

**~ Reference Hebrews 11: 1, 6 (AMPC)**

**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?

**Hebrews 11: 17 – 19**

“By faith Abraham, when he was ***Tested***, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the Promises *offered up his only begotten son*, of whom it was said, "In Isaac ***YOUR SEED*** shall be called,

concluding that GOD was **Able to Raise** him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him

in a figurative sense.

**FAITH is to Be Shown by your *Action of Obedience* to Backup your Belief, your Trust in GOD.**

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

**Hebrews 10: 35 – 38 (AMP)**

Do not, therefore, fling away your [*fearless*] Confidence, for it has a Glorious and Great Reward.

For you have need of patient Endurance [*to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising*], so that when you have carried out the Will of GOD, you may receive and enjoy to the Full what is Promised.

For Yet in A Very Little WHILE, HE Who is COMING Will COME, and will *NOT DELAY*.

But MY RIGHTEOUS ONE [*the one justified by* FAITH ] Shall LIVE by FAITH [*respecting*

*man's Relationship* to GOD *and Trusting* HIM]; and IF HE DRAWS BACK [*shrinking in Fear*],

MY SOUL HAS NO DELIGHT IN HIM.

**The LORD our PROVIDER, Always *Gives the Increase* for HIS Sowers to Multiply HIS SEED.**

**2 Corinthians 9: 9 – 11 (AMPC)**

As it is written, he [*the benevolent person*] Scatters abroad; he Gives to the poor;

his deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and *Endure Forever* !

And [GOD] Who provides SEED for the sower and bread for eating will also Provide and Multiply

your [*resources for*] Sowing and Increase the Fruits of your Righteousness [*which manifests itself in Active goodness, kindness, and charity*].

Thus you will be Enriched *in All things and in Every Way*, so that you can be Generous, and

[*your Generosity as it is*] administered by us will bring forth Thanksgiving to GOD.

**We in CHRIST, to Join All *Approved* by their Faith even before CHRIST, by *Most Holy Faith*.**

**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.

**The SEED of Faith will Increase to Bear the Fruit of Righteousness – Why Parables ? ‘So then, Faith comes by Hearing, and Hearing the WORD of GOD’ – Romans 10: 17.**

**Matthew 13: 10 – 16 (AMPC)**

Then the disciples came to HIM and said, Why do You speak to them in Parables?

And HE replied to them, To *you it has been given to know* the Secrets and Mysteries of the

Kingdom of Heaven, *but to them it has not been given*.

For whoever has [*spiritual knowledge*], to him *will more be given*and*he will be furnished richly* so that

he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

This is the reason that I speak to them in Parables: because having the power of seeing, they do not see; and having the power of hearing, they do not hear, nor *do they grasp*and*understand*.

In them indeed is *the process of fulfillment of the prophecy of* Isaiah, which says:

You shall indeed *hear*and*hear* but never grasp and understand; and

you shall indeed *look*and*look* but never see and perceive.

For this nation's heart has grown gross (*fat and dull*), and their ears heavy and difficult of hearing, and their eyes they have tightly closed, Lest they see and perceive with their eyes, and

hear and comprehend the sense with their ears, and grasp and understand with their heart, and *Turn*and*I should Heal them*.

But Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are your eyes because they do see, and

your ears because they do hear.

**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.

**1st Parable of the SEED Sowing on 4 Grounds by the Sower of the WORD.**

**Matthew 13: 3 – 9 (AMPC)** And HE told them many things in Parables (stories by way of illustration and comparison), saying,

A Sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the Roadside, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on Rocky ground, where they had not much soil; and at once they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they dried up and *withered away*.

Other seeds fell among Thorns, and the *Thorns grew up* and *choked them out*.

Other seeds fell on Good Soil, and yielded grain - some a hundred times as much as was sown,

some sixty times as much, and some thirty.

He who has ears [*to hear*], let him be listening and let him consider and perceive and comprehend by hearing.

**Interpretation of the Parable by JESUS of the SEED Sowing on 4 Grounds (Heart Conditions). Matthew 13: 18 – 23 (AMP)** Listen then to the [*meaning of the*] Parable of the Sower:

While anyone is hearing the Word of the Kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend IT, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the Roadside.

As for what was sown on thin (Rocky) soil, this is he who hears the Word and at once welcomes and

accepts it with joy; Yet *it has no real root in him*, but is temporary (inconstant, lasts but a little while); and when affliction or trouble or persecution comes on account of the Word, at once he is caused to stumble [*he is repelled and begins to distrust and* desert HIM *Whom he ought to trust and obey*] and

he falls away.

As for what was sown *among Thorns*, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the World and

*the pleasure*and *delight*and*glamour*and *deceitfulness of riches choke*and*suffocate* the Word, and

it yields No Fruit.

As for what was sown on Good Soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps and comprehends it;

he indeed bears Fruit and *Yields* *in one* *case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another*

*sixty times as much, and in another thirty.*

**Titus 3: 4 – 7 (AMPC)**

But when the Goodness and Loving-kindness of GOD our SAVIOR to man [*as Man*] appeared,

HE saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of

HIS Own pity and Mercy, by [*the*] Cleansing [*bath*] of the New Birth (Regeneration) and Renewing of the HOLY SPIRIT, Which HE *Poured* out [*so*] *Richly* upon us through JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOR.

[And HE did it in order] that we might be justified by HIS Grace (by HIS Favor, wholly undeserved), [*that we might be acknowledged and Counted as conformed to the* Divine Will in purpose*, thought, and action*], and that we might become heirs of Eternal Life according to [*our*] Hope.

**Good Ground Hearts are Regenerated & Renewed to Be *FruitFull* for Good Works - *ProfitAble*. Titus 3: 8**

This is a Faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in GOD should *be careful to maintain Good Works*. These things are good and profitable to men.

**Serpent is Still at Work after Initial Deception, He is Still A Sower of Deceptive Seed of Evil.**

**Genesis 3: 15**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and *between your seed* and her Seed;

HE shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise HIS Heel."

**2nd Parable of 2 Sowers with their 2 Seeds in the Same Field, Mixture of 2 Crops Generated. Matthew 13: 24 – 30 (AMPC)**

Another Parable HE set forth before them, saying,

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed Good Seed in his field.But *while he was sleeping*, his enemy came and sowed also *darnel* (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the *darnel* (weeds) appeared also.

And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow Good Seed in your field ? Then how does it have *darnel shoots* in it ?HE replied to them, An enemy has done this.

The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out ?

But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), *you root up the* [*True*] wheat along with it.Let them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the Reapers, Gather *the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned*, but Gather the Wheat into my Granary.

**JESUS’ Interpretation of the Parable of 2 Sowers in HIS Field.**

**Matthew 13: 37 – 43 (AMPC)** HE answered, HE Who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The Field is the World, and

the Good Seed means the Children of the Kingdom; the *darnel* is *the children of the evil one*, and

the Enemy who sowed it is the devil.

The Harvest is the close and consummation of the Age, and the Reapers are angels. Just as the *darnel* (weeds resembling wheat) is gathered and burned with fire, so It will be at the close of the Age.

The Son of Man will send forth HIS angels, and they will *gather Out* of HIS Kingdom All causes of offense [*persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin*] and all who do iniquity andact wickedly, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping andwailing and grinding of teeth.

Then will the Righteous (those who are Upright and in Right Standing with GOD) *shine forth* *like the sun* in the Kingdom of their FATHER.

Let him who has ears [*to hear*] be listening, and let him consider and perceive and *Understand*

*by Hearing*.

**In the Church Age, there be Mixture in the Kingdom, Darnel, Imitation of Righteous Fruit.**

**Jude 1: 2 – 4**

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to *contend earnestly for the* Faith which *was once for all* *delivered to the saints*.For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation*, ungodly men*, who turn the Grace of our GOD into lewdness and deny the only LORD GOD and our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**Why Believers have to Build on their Most Holy Faith, the SEED of Faith progressive to Faith.**

**~ Our Most Holy Faith is Built by the Pure WORD and the SPIRIT of JESUS CHRIST.**

**~ In the Church Age, the Dispensation of the SPIRIT, there be Mixture Growing Together.**

**~ The Separation of the Mixture of the True SEED from the Imitation Seed, will be at the End.**

**~ JESUS, The KING & the Judge in HIS 2nd Coming, Separates the Sheep from the Goats.**