**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 16 December 2018**

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**Theme : Visions – What Do you See ?**

**Proverbs 29: 18 (AMPC / ESV)**

Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of GOD], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of GOD, which includes that of man]–blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.

Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

**~ Unrestrained (Hebrews-Para) = To be Let Loose.**

**Exodus 32: 25**

Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them,

to their shame among their enemies).

**~ Israel completely got out of hand – They created their own distorted image of god and worshipped it.**

**~ Vision - Chazon = Revelation of GOD ; HIS Will and Purposes made known.**

**~ As we seek the LORD GOD, HE Reveals to us HIS Prophetic Vision.**

**~ When GOD’s Vision is held by HIS people, they are Blessed.**

**~ JESUS had a Clear Vision of what HIS Mission was.**

 **HIS Life was Lived Purposefully to Fulfil the FATHER's Revealed Vision.**

**~ Leaders must have Clear Vision - Divine Revelations of GOD and from GOD, to Lead and Guide**

 **the Body to Live Purposefully.**

 **Habakkuk 2: 2 (AMP)**

Then the LORD answered me and said, “Write the vision and engrave it plainly on [clay] tablets so that the one who reads it will run.”

**Habakkuk 2: 3 (AMP)**

“For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time. It hurries toward the goal [of fulfillment]; it will not fail. Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it, because it will certainly come; it will not delay.”

**Our MISSION STATEMENT :**

**A CHURCH AFLAME WITH GOD’S HEART in WORSHIP & PRAYERS, by LIVING PASSIONATELY ACCORDING to HIS WORD and HIS PURPOSE, so as to IMPACT our COMMUNITIES with LOVE, HOPE, FAITH, PEACE & JOY.**

**OUR VISION :**

**~ A CHURCH AFLAME to bring GOD's LOVE to our COMMUNITIES with HOPE, FAITH, PEACE &**

 **JOY.**

**~ A CHURCH AFLAME to live PASSIONATELY according to GOD's WORD and for HIS PURPOSE.**

**~ A CHURCH AFLAME WHOLEHEARTEDLY in WORSHIP & PRAYERS.**

 **1 Corinthians 1: 9 (AMPC)**

GOD is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to HIS Promise, and HE can be

depended on); by HIM you were called into companionship and participation with HIS Son,

JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

**~ GOD Never Fail, but we can fail if our Spiritual Eyes are Blinded, Short Sighted, Distorted.**

**~ Miracle of Restoration of the Sight of the Blind – Two Stages of Healing.**

**Reference Mark chapter 8 :**

**~ JESUS Fed 4,000 men with 7 loaves of bread and few fishes.**

**~ Religious Pharisees test, argue and find fault with JESUS.**

**~ Disciples only have one loaf of bread and JESUS was moved to warn the disciples.**

* **'Beware of the Leaven of Pharisees and Herod' - the subtle but**

 **pervasive corrupting influence.**

* **They were rebuked for having a Hard Heart.**

**- It speaks of the natural man – Perceptions of things are natural and not spiritual.**

**- Narrow, self-focus, clueless of JESUS and HIS Spiritual Mission,**

 **unable to discern what is evil and good.**

**~ Pharisees and Herod – Self life, self will, self righteous, self indulgence, worldliness... selfish.**

**~ The disciples could not understand JESUS’ Warning.**

**~ Possible to have eyes yet not see, to have ears yet not hear.**

**First Stage of Healing -**

**Mark 8: 23 (AMP)**

Taking the blind man by the hand, HE led him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and

laying HIS hands on him, HE asked him, “Do you see anything?”

**Mark 8: 24 (AMP)**

And he looked up and said, “I see people, but [they look] like trees, walking around.”

**~ Blurry spiritual vision affects many Christians.**

**~ This man was honest and GOD healed his sight.**

**2nd Stage of Healing -**

**Mark 8: 25 (AMP)**

Then again JESUS laid HIS Hands on his eyes; and the man stared intently and [his sight] was [completely] restored, and he began to see everything clearly.

**We cannot live our Spiritual Life without the SPIRIT and proper Spiritual Sight.**

**Ephesians 1: 18 (AMP)**

And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with Light by the HOLY SPIRIT], so that you will know and CHERISH the HOPE

[the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which HE has called you, the riches of

HIS glorious inheritance in the saints (GOD's people).

**Ephesians 1: 19**

And what is the exceeding greatness of HIS Power toward us who believe, according to the

working of HIS Mighty Power.

**It's not that JESUS failed in HIS First Attempt. Everything HE did, there is a Purpose.**

 **What do you see ?  Will you be honest ?**

**E.g. My Breakthrough**

 **We have an Amazing Identity in CHRIST, an Amazing Calling, an Amazing Purpose.**

**As we Progress, there will be more to be Discovered about ourselves in CHRIST –**

**Corporately and Individually.**

**Hosea 4: 6 (AMP)**

MY people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [of MY Law, where I reveal MY Will].

Because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being MY priest. Since you have forgotten the Law of your GOD, I will also forget your children.

**Galatians 6: 7 – 8**

Do not be deceived, GOD is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit

will of the Spirit reap Everlasting Life.

**GOD is not impressed with religious activities, when we live selfishly for self satisfaction.**

**Philippians 3: 9 (AMP)**

And may be found in HIM [believing and relying on HIM], not having any righteousness of my own

derived from [my obedience to] the Law and its rituals, but [possessing] that [genuine Righteousness] which comes through Faith in CHRIST, the Righteousness which comes from GOD on the basis of Faith.

**The Righteousness that comes from GOD by Faith -**

**They are Practical, Not Religious, Down to Earth, Not Sentimental.**

**Job 29: 14 (AMP)**

“I put on Righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban!”

**Job 29: 12 – 13 (AMP)**

Because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the orphan who had no helper.

“The blessing of him who was about to perish came upon me, and I made the widow’s heart sing for joy.”

**To Meet the Basic Needs of all Human Kind.**

**James 1: 27**

Pure and undefiled religion before GOD and the FATHER is this:

to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

**What did GOD say about Sodom?**

**Ezekiel 16: 49 (AMP)**

Behold, this was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters (outlying cities) had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.

**Ordinances Moses gave to Israel :**

**Leviticus 19: 9 – 10**

‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field,

nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. And you shall not glean your vineyard,

nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger:

I am the LORD your GOD.

**I AM the LORD your GOD - that's the kind of GOD I AM  -**

**Luke 14: 13 – 14**

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the

resurrection of the just.”

**Every work, time given, sacrifices in the interest of GOD – GOD takes notice.**

**Parables of the Sheeps and Goats – Matthew 25.**

**Proverbs 19: 17**

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and HE will pay back what he has given.