**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 17 June 2018**

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**Theme : Cursed to Blessings in CHRIST (1)**

**Previous Series of Sermons – Understand that as a Believer to be *A Living Sacrifice* to GOD.**

**Romans 12: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the Mercies of GOD, to *present your bodies* [*dedicating*

*All of yourselves, Set apart*] as a *Living Sacrifice*, holy and *Well-pleasing* to GOD,

which is your rational (logical, intelligent) Act of Worship.

And do not be conformed to this world [*any longer with its superficial values and customs*], but be transformed and *progressively changed* [*as you mature spiritually*] by the Renewing of your mind [*focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes*], so that you may prove [*for yourselves*] What the

Will of GOD is, that which is Good and Acceptable and perfect [in HIS Plan and Purpose for you].

**~ Worship is our Offer of All Parts & Faculties as A Living Sacrifice – Spirit, Soul & Body.**

**~ Holy Sacrifice, Set Apart, Undefiled & Blameless, Acceptable & Pleasing to our GOD.**

**~ FATHER GOD is Seeking *True Worshipers*, Worship to be in Spirit and Truth, thru CHRIST.**

 **John 4: 23 – 24 (NLT)**

 “But the time is coming - indeed it’s here now - when True Worshipers will worship the FATHER

 in Spirit and in Truth. The FATHER is looking for those who will worship HIM that way.

 For GOD is SPIRIT, so those who worship HIM must worship in Spirit and in Truth.”

**JESUS’ Truth is the *Spiritual Standard* of Empowerment by HIS *Grace to Attain by* the SPIRIT. Romans 8: 2 – 3 (AMP)**

For the Law of the SPIRIT of Life [*which is*] in CHRIST JESUS [**the Law of *our New Being***] has *set*

*you free from the law of sin and of death.* For what the Law could not do [*that is,* ***Overcome sin*** *and* ***Remove its penalty****, its* ***power***] *being weakened by the flesh* **[*man's nature without* the HOLY** **SPIRIT],** GOD Did: HE sent HIS Own SON in the likeness of sinful man as ***An Offering* for sin.** And HE *condemned sin in the flesh* [***Subdued it*** *and* ***Overcame it*** *in the* Person of HIS Own SON].

**Know that our Old Self Nature is Carnal & Evil, Sold to Sin so Warring in our Mind vs the Law. Romans 7: 14 – 15 (NLT), 14 (NKJ)**

So the trouble is not with the law, for it *is spiritual and good*. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, *a slave to sin*. I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but *I don’t do it*. Instead, *I do what I hate*.

For we know that *the law is spiritual*, but I am carnal, *sold under sin*.

**JESUS CHRIST was Crucified with All Desires of our Carnal Flesh Nature on HIS Cross – Died. Galatians 5: 24 – 26 (NLT)**

Those who belong to CHRIST JESUS have nailed the *passions and desires* of *their sinful nature*

to HIS Cross and *crucified them there*. Since we are Living by the SPIRIT, let us follow the

SPIRIT’s *Leading in every part of our Lives*. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or

be jealous of one another.

**Galatians 5: 18 – 21 (NLT/NKJ)**

But when you are directed by the SPIRIT, you are *not under* obligation to the law of Moses. When

*you follow the desires of your sinful nature*, the results are very clear : sexual immorality, impurity,

lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again,

as I have before, that anyone *living that sort of life will not inherit* the Kingdom of GOD.

But if you are led by the SPIRIT, you are *not under the law*. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those *who practice*

*such things will not inherit* the Kingdom of GOD.

**The Works of the Flesh = Actions, Behavior, Thoughts, Desires & Passions of Sinful Nature,**

**Idolatry & Sorcery are the Sins of Witchcraft – Abomination to GOD, Things that are Offensive.**

**Deuteronomy 18: 9 – 13 (NKJ), 10 – 13a (MSG)**

"When you come into the land which the LORD your GOD is giving you, *you shall not learn to**follow*

*the Abominations* of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who

makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who *practices witchcraft*, or a *soothsayer*,

or one who interprets omens, or *a sorcerer*, or one who conjures spells, or *a medium*, or *a spiritist*, or

one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things ***are*** ***An Abomination*** to the LORD, and

because of these abominations the LORD your GOD drives them out from before you.

You shall be blameless before the LORD your GOD.”

“Don't you dare sacrifice your son or daughter in the fire. Don't practice divination, sorcery, fortune telling, witchery, casting spells, holding séances, or calling up with the spiritual dead. People who do these things are ***An Abomination*** *to* GOD. It's because of just *such abominable practices* that GOD, your GOD, is driving these nations out before you. Be completely loyal to GOD, your GOD.”

**Abomination Practice by Any 3rd, 4th G Ancestors passes the Curse of Iniquity to Descendent. Exodus 20: 3 – 6**

"You shall have no other gods before ME. You shall not make for yourself a carved image –

***Any*** ***Likeness of Anything***that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; *you shall not bow down to them nor serve them*. **For I, the LORD your GOD,**

**am *A Jealous* GOD, Visiting the Iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth** **Generations of those who hate ME, but showing Mercy to thousands, to those who**

**Love ME and keep MY Commandments.**”

**Deuteronomy 11: 26 – 27 (NLT)**

“Look, today I am giving you *the choice between* A Blessing and A Curse !

You will be blessed if *you obey* the Commands of the LORD your GOD that I am giving you today.

But you will be cursed *if you reject the Commands* of the LORD your GOD and turn away from HIM and *worship gods you have not known before.”*

**JESUS CHRIST – the TRUTH, the Way, the LIFE – Set us Free from the Bondage of Slavery. Galatians 5: 13 – 14 (NLT)**

For you have been called to *Live in Freedom*, my brothers and sisters. But *don’t use your freedom*

*to satisfy your sinful nature*. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

For the whole Law can be *summed up in this one Command*: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Ephesians 1: 3 – 4**

Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who has *blessed us with every spiritual blessing* in the Heavenly Places in CHRIST, just as HE *chose us in* HIM before the foundation

of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before HIM in Love.

**1 Peter 2: 24**

Who HIMSelf *bore our sins in* HIS Own Body *on the tree*, that we, *having died to sins*, might *live for Righteousness* - by Whose stripes you were healed.

**Galatians 3: 13 – 14 (NLT)** But CHRIST has rescued us from *the Curse pronounced by the law*. When HE was hung on the Cross, HE took upon HIMSelf the Curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures,

“*Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”* Through CHRIST JESUS, GOD has blessed the Gentiles with the Same Blessing HE promised to Abraham, so that we who are *believers might receive the promised* HOLY SPIRIT through faith.

**As True Believers are We being Foolish, Back Being Religious, so to Justify Being Right by the Law ??**

**Galatians 3: 1(NKJ), 1 – 3 (NLT)** O foolish Galatians ! Who has bewitched you *that you should Not Obey the* Truth, before whose eyes JESUS CHRIST *was clearly portrayed among you as Crucified* ? Oh, foolish Galatians ! Who has *cast an evil spell on you* ? For the meaning of JESUS CHRIST’s Death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of HIS Death on the Cross.

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the HOLY SPIRIT *by obeying the law of Moses* ?

Of course not ! You received the SPIRIT because *you believed the Message you heard about* CHRIST. How foolish can you be ? After starting your New Lives in the SPIRIT, *why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort* ?

**Galatians 3: 4 – 8a (NLT)**

Have you experienced so much for nothing ? Surely it was not in vain, was it ? I ask you again,

does GOD give you the HOLY SPIRIT and *work miracles among you* because you obey the law ?

***Of course not*** ! It is because you *Believe the Message* you heard about CHRIST. In the same way, “Abraham *believed* GOD, and GOD *counted him as* Righteous because of his Faith.”

The real children of Abraham, then, are *those who put their faith in* GOD. What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when GOD would make the Gentiles Right in HIS Sight because of *their Faith*.

**Galatians 3: 8b – 11 (NLT)**

GOD proclaimed this Good News to Abraham long ago when HE said,

“All nations *will be blessed through* you.” So all who put their faith in CHRIST share the same blessing Abraham *received because of his faith*. But those *who depend on the law to make them right with* GOD are under HIS Curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey All the Commands that are written in GOD’s Book of the Law.”

So it is clear that no one *can be made right with* GOD *by trying to keep the law*.

For the Scriptures say, “***It is through faith that a righteous person has life.***”

**Being under the Law is Like children *still under* Guardianship, but still Slaves to Worldly Way.**

**Galatians 4: 3 – 4 (NLT)**

And that’s the way it was with us before CHRIST came. We were like children;

we were *slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.* But when the right time came,

GOD sent HIS Son, born of a woman, *subject to the law*.

**Galatians 4: 5 – 7**

To *Redeem those who were under the law*, that we might *receive the adoption as sons*. And because you are sons, GOD has sent forth the SPIRIT of HIS Son *into your hearts*, crying out, "Abba, Father !" Therefore *you are no longer a slave but a son*, and if a son, then *an heir* of GOD through CHRIST.

**Being Religious, to be Legalistic, Justify being Good by Self Righteousness, back under Law.**

**Galatians 5: 4 – 5, 7 (NLT)**

For if you are trying to make yourselves right with GOD by keeping the law, you have been

cut off from CHRIST ! You have fallen away from GOD’s Grace. But we who live by the SPIRIT

eagerly wait to receive by faith the Righteousness GOD has promised to us.

**You were running the Race *so well*. Who has held you back from following the Truth ?**

**The Earth was Cursed in the Beginning of Creation by the Disobedience of Human Being.**

**~ Read Genesis 3: 17 – 19**

**Human Being Living under Curse when the Law was Given, as Obedience to the Law was Not Possible.**

**Deuteronomy 28: 1 – 4**

"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 Bles*sings shall come upon you and *overtake you*, because

you obey the Voice of the LORD your GOD:

Blessed *shall you be*in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds,

the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.”

**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*.”

**All Curses are Effected by the Law, as when one Cannot Obey Any of the Words Commanded. Deuteronomy 28: 15 – 20**

"But it shall come to pass, if you *Do Not Obey* the Voice of the LORD your GOD, to *observe carefully*

All HIS Commandments and HIS Statutes which I *command you today*, that *All these curses will* come upon you and *overtake you*: Cursed *shall* you *be* in the city, and cursed *shall* you *be* in the country. Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed *shall be* the fruit of your body and

the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Cursed *shall* you *be* when *you come in*, and cursed *shall* you *be* *when you go out*.

The LORD will send on you *Cursing, Confusion*, and Rebuke in all that you set your hand to do,

until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings

in which *you* *have forsaken* ME.”

**Deuteronomy 28: 45 – 48**

"Moreover all these Curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did *Not Obey* the Voice of the LORD your GOD, to keep HIS Commandments and

HIS Statutes which HE commanded you. And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and

on your descendants forever.

Because you did *Not Serve* the LORD your GOD with Joy and Gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you *shall serve your enemies*, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger,

in thirst, in nakedness, and *In Need of Everything*; and HE will put A Yoke of iron on your neck until

HE has destroyed you.”

**In CHRIST, we *Listen and Heed* the Voice of GOD, the TRUTH, and are *Directed* by the SPIRIT. John 10: 4 – 5, 10**

“And when HE brings out HIS Own sheep, HE goes before them; and the sheep follow HIM, for

they know HIS Voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for

*they do not* *know the voice of strangers*."

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”

**JESUS – The Voice of the Good Shepherd. To Hear HIS Voice Only.**

**~ Who Laid Down HIS Life for the Sheep.**

**~ Who is the Truth, the Way, the Life.**

**~ Who is the Resurrection and the Life.**

**~ Who Bore All our Sins and Be The Curse for All Sinners.**

**~ Who was Crucified, by HIS Death, Fulfilled the Law for All Who Believe in HIM as the SON.**