**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 24 June 2018**

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**Theme : Cursed to Blessings in CHRIST (2)**

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

**- John 4: 23 – 24 (NLT)**

**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 (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*.

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.

**Idolatry & Sorcery are the Sins of Witchcraft : Abomination to GOD - Things Offensive to GOD. Deuteronomy 18: 9 – 13 (NKJ), 10 – 13 (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: 8 – 9 (NLT)**

"Therefore you shall keep every Commandment which I command you today, that you may *be strong*, and *go in and possess the land* which you cross over to possess, and that you may *prolong your days*

*in the land* which the LORD *Swore to give your fathers*, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.' ”

**Deuteronomy 11: 16 – 22 (NLT)**  “*But Be Careful*. Don’t *let your heart be deceived* so that you turn away from the LORD and serve and *worship other gods*. If you do, the LORD’s Anger *will burn against you*.

HE will shut up the sky and hold back the rain, and the ground will fail to produce its harvests. Then

*you will quickly die* in that good land the LORD is giving you.” “So *commit yourselves wholeheartedly*

to these Words of Mine. Tie them to your hands and *wear them on your forehead as reminders*.

Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and *your children may flourish*

*in the land* the LORD Swore to give your ancestors. “*Be Careful to Obey* all these Commands I am

giving you. Show love to the LORD your GOD by walking in HIS Ways and *holding tightly to* HIM.”

**The LORD GOD’s Desire is to Bless HIS People by HIS Promise but HE *Warned Consequence*. Deuteronomy 11: 26 – 28 (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.”*

**Our LORD GOD is Good & Faithful, HE wants to Give *Good Things of Blessing* to HIS People. Deuteronomy 11: 29 – 32 (NLT)**

“When the LORD your GOD *Brings you* into the land and helps you *Take Possession* of it, you must *Pronounce the Blessing* at Mount Gerizim and *the Curse* at Mount Ebal. (These two mountains are

west of the Jordan River in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Jordan Valley, near the town of Gilgal, not far from the oaks of Moreh.)

For you are about *to Cross* the Jordan River *to Take* over the land the LORD your GOD *is giving you*. When you take that land and are *Living in it*, you *must Be Careful to Obey* All the decrees and regulations I *Am Giving* you today.”

**The LORD GOD Instructed Moses Set Up *A Demonstration to Proclaim* Blessing and Curse.** **Deuteronomy 27: 10 – 15 (NLT)**

So you must obey the LORD your GOD by keeping all these Commands and decrees that I am giving you today.” That same day Moses also gave this charge to the people:

“When you cross the Jordan River, the tribes of Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin must stand on Mount Gerizim to *Proclaim a Blessing* over the people.

And the tribes of Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali must stand on Mount Ebal to *Proclaim A Curse*.

“Then the *Levites will shout to All the People* of Israel: ‘Cursed is anyone *who carves or casts an idol* and secretly sets it up. *These idols*, the work of craftsmen, are detestable to the LORD.’

And All the people *will reply*, ‘Amen.’ ”

**As the Law was Given, Blessings when *Obedience to All* Given in the Law – Is It 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 Any 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.”

**Curses of Incurable Diseases, Sicknesses, Poverty-stricken, Enemy’s Overwhelming Attacks. Deuteronomy 28: 21 – 23, 25, 27 – 29 (NLT)**

“The LORD will afflict you with diseases until none of you are left in the land you are about to enter and occupy. The LORD will strike you with wasting diseases, fever, and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, and with blight and mildew. These disasters will pursue you until you die.

The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as hard as iron.”

“The LORD will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will scatter from them in seven ! You will be an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.”

“The LORD will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, scurvy, and the itch, from which

you cannot be cured. The LORD will strike you with madness, blindness, and panic.

You will grope around in broad daylight like a blind person groping in the darkness, but you will not find your way. You will *be oppressed and robbed continually*, and no one will come to save you.”

**Deuteronomy 28: 47 – 48 (NLT)**

“If you do not serve the LORD your GOD with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received, you will serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you. You will be left hungry, thirsty, naked, and ***lacking in everything.*** The LORD will put an iron yoke on your neck,

***oppressing you*** harshly until he has destroyed you.”

**Deuteronomy 28: 58 – 61 (NLT)**

“If you *Refuse to Obey* All the Words of Instruction that are written in this Book, and if you

*Do Not Fear* the Glorious and Awesome Name of the LORD your GOD, then the LORD *will overwhelm* you and your children with indescribable plagues. These plagues will be *intense and without relief*, making you *miserable and unbearably sick*. HE will afflict you with *all the diseases* of Egypt that you feared so much, and you will have no relief. The LORD will afflict you with every sickness and plague there is, even *those not mentioned* in this Book of Instruction, until you are destroyed.”

**JESUS Bore All our Iniquities, Sins & Curses by HIS Crucifixion on the Tree, on HIS Cross. 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.

**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.”

**True Believers are being Foolish, Back to Being Religious, 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: 9 – 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.***”

**Then under the Law is *Like childr*en *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 ?**

**In CHRIST, we *Listen and Heed* the Voice of GOD, the TRUTH, and are *Directed* by the SPIRIT.**

**- John 10: 4 – 5, 10 ‘JESUS the Good Shepherd, Hear HIS Voice, *Not the Stranger’s*.’**

**JESUS TOLD the Truth of HIS Fulfilling the Law, be *No More Idolatry* of 2 serving 2 Masters. Matthew 6: 24 (AMP)** "No one can *serve two masters*; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or

he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve GOD and mammon

[*money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than* the LORD].

**As Reborn in CHRIST, our *Spirit will be Overwhelmed & Dominated* when we Love this World.**

**1 John 2: 15 (NLT), 16 – 17 (AMP)**

Do not love ***this world*** nor *the things it offers you*, for when you love the world, you do not have the

Love of the FATHER in you.

For All *that is in the world* - the lust and sensual craving of the flesh and the *lust*and*longing of the eyes* and the boastful pride of life [*pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things*] - these do not come from the FATHER, but are from the world. The world is passing away, and with it

its lusts [*the shameful pursuits and ungodly longings*]; but the one who does the Will of GOD and

carries out HIS Purposes lives forever.

**2 Timothy 4: 9 – 10a (NLT)**

Timothy, please come as soon as you can. Demas has deserted me because ***he loves the things of*** ***this life*** and has gone to Thessalonica.

**~ When one loves this World, this Age, Things of this Life – has 2 Masters, will Despise GOD.**

**Galatians 4: 9 (NLT)**

So now that you know GOD (or should I say, now that GOD knows you), why do you want to go back again and *become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of* ***this world***.

**Galatians 5: 16 – 18 (NLT)**

So I say, let the HOLY SPIRIT guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is *just the opposite* of what the SPIRIT wants.

And the SPIRIT *gives us* *desires that are the opposite* of what the sinful nature desires.

These two forces are *constantly fighting each other*, so you are *not free to carry out your good intentions*. But when you are directed by the SPIRIT, you are *not under obligation to the law* of Moses.

**COMMUNION**

**Read Galatians 2: 20**