**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message - 25 February 2018**

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**Theme : To Freely Receive, To Freely Give – To ENGAGE & BEAR FRUITS (5)**

# “Freely you have Received, Freely Give”- To Desire *Receiving Spiritually*, so as to *Give Spiritually*.

**Our Mission – Our Good Works are to Impact our Communities, Requiring us to ENGAGE *People* (Unbelievers), so that the Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy of CHRIST JESUS Received Within**

***Flows Out* from us who are *Being Filled Full* of the Truth and of the SPIRIT, to *those who are* Lost.**

Same Truth Seed we *Received*, is *Being Sown All* over the World, to *Bear Fruit of Changing Lives*.

**Under the New Covenant & the New Way thru JESUS, *Qualified* by the Glorious SPIRIT, *to GO* into the World *to tell* the Truth *so the Lost read* *us as Letters* In CHRIST *written by* the SPIRIT.**

**As We in CHRIST, *Sanctified* by the *Truth* Respond, as *Alive Letters*, written by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**~ Philippians 2: 13**

 For it is GOD Who works in you both *To Will* and *To Do* for HIS good pleasure.

**~ Engage on Common Ground, Common Social Denominator- Status, Social Patterns & Life-Style.**

**~ Engage to *Seize Opportunities* - The LORD of the Harvest *Always Giving Opportunities* to Sow.**

**~ Each to Sow, to Water, to *Reap Together*, as the LORD *gives us the Increase* from Communities.**

**The Issue of Iniquity, *Moment a Child is Born* from his mother’s womb *Tendency towards sin*.**

**~ Psalm 51: 5 – 6**

 Behold, I was *brought forth in iniquity*, and in sin my mother conceived me.

 Behold, You desire Truth in the inward parts, and *in the hidden part*

YOU will make me to know wisdom.

**As we are in the World to *Engage the Communities*, there be Always Offences & Temptations.**

**~ so we have to be Honest to Examine our *Weaknesses to Sin* thru *Iniquities of Generations*.**

**JESUS’ Way of Truth, the Truth that Set Human Free of *Living* *Self-Seeking Lies* of Deception.**

**James 3: 14 – 18**

But if you have *bitter envy* and ***self-seeking*** in your hearts, do not boast and ***lie against the Truth***.

This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, *demonic*.

For ***where envy*** and ***self-seeking exist****,* confusion and ***every evil thing are there***.

But the Wisdom that is from Above is first Pure, then Peaceable, Gentle, Willing to Yield,

full of Mercy and *Good Fruits*, ***without partiality and without hypocrisy***.

Now the Fruit of Righteousness ***is sown in Peace*** by those who *Make Peace*.

**GOD’s Grace is *Sufficient Power in us*, as GOD’s Strength is *made perfect in our weaknesses.***

**World is *Living in Lies of Deception* for *Ungodly Pattern* of *Living in Unrighteousness*– Media.**

**Romans 1: 18, 24 – 26**

For the Wrath of GOD is revealed from Heaven *against* ***All ungodliness and unrighteousness*** *of men*, *who* ***suppress the Truth in unrighteousness.***

Therefore GOD also ***gave them up to uncleanness***, in the *lusts of their hearts*,

to *dishonor their bodies among themselves*, *who exchanged* **the Truth of GOD *for the lie***,

and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason GOD ***gave them up to vile passions.***

**Being Friendly to *World’s Pattern* *of Living* for Self & *Pleasing Self*, is to *Trade Truth for A Lie*.**

**James 4: 3, 4a**

You ask and do not receive, because you ask ***AMiss***, that you may spend it *on your pleasures*. ***Adulterers and adulteresses!*** Do you not know that Friendship with the world is enmity with GOD ?

**World’s Ways *Swayed to* > Deception > Degeneration > Disfunction > Demonic > Destruction.**

**~ 1 John 5: 19**

 We know that we are of GOD, and the *whole world lies under the sway of*the wicked one.

**~ Idolatry > Issue of ‘*IDOL*’ in Heart > Adultery with the World > UnFaithfulness to GOD**

**1 Samuel 15: 23**

“For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and *Stubbornness* *is as* iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, HE also has rejected you from *being* king."

**~ Idolatry is the *Cause* of Disobedience to the Word of GOD, As Iniquity is the *Root* to Rebel.**

**Idolatry causes Adultery with the World, as Iniquity causes *Craving Lusts to Dominate* flesh.**

**~ 1 John 2: 16 – 17 (NLT)**

 For the world offers only *a craving* for physical pleasure, *a craving* for everything we see,

 and *pride in our achievements and possessions*. These are not from the FATHER, but are

 from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

 But anyone who does what pleases GOD will live forever.

**Obedience is the Key to be *Holy in Conduct*, which will be What Pleases the LORD GOD.**

**1 Peter 1: 14 – 16**

As obedient children, *not conforming yourselves to the former lusts*, *as in* your ignorance;

but as HE Who called you is Holy, you also be Holy in *all your conduct*, because it is written,

"BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**World is Busy with Self, *Idols* to Not Put GOD 1st in Life, Worldly Excuses to *NOT Seek* HIM.**

**~ Parable on the Great Last Supper – Luke 14: 15 – 20, Invited are Giving Worldly Excuses.**

**~ Luke 14: 18 > Bought a Piece of Ground > A Land or Property, that Asset *Occupy* My Time.**

**~ Luke 14: 19 > Bought 5 Yoke of Oxen > Business Equipment / Device, *Busy* to Set Up/ Test.**

**~ Luke 14: 20 > Married A Wife > Commitment / *Time to Please* her & Raise a Family/ children.**

**In Jewish History of the kings, after Saul, David & Solomon, only 2 Kings made a *Distinct Line***

**~ against Idolatry, they lived what is Right in GOD’s Sight & led the People to Remove Idols.**

**~ Most kings *give in to the Idolatry culture* of their world, a few lived Rightly before the LORD.**

**~ King Rehoboam, son of Solomon to settle Issue with Jeroboam - 2 Chronicles 11: 2 – 3.**

**~ Nation split into 2 and only Judah & Benjamin remain under King Rehoboam (11: 12b).**

**~ Jeroboam led other 10 tribes into Idolatry to worship created ‘gods’, abandoned GOD’s Law.**

 **2 Chronicles 11: 15 – 16 (NLT)**

 Jeroboam appointed his own priests to serve at the pagan shrines, where they worshiped the

 goat and calf idols he had made. From all the tribes of Israel, those who sincerely wanted to

 worship the LORD, the GOD of Israel, followed the Levites to Jerusalem, where they could

 offer sacrifices to the LORD, the GOD of their ancestors.

**~ 2 Chronicles 12: 12 – 14 (NLT)**

 Because Rehoboam humbled himself, the LORD’s Anger *was turned away*, and HE did not

 Destroy him completely. There *were still some good things in* the land of Judah. King Rehoboam

 firmly established himself in Jerusalem and continued to rule. He was forty-one years old when he

 became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city the LORD had chosen from

 among all the tribes of Israel as the place to honor HIS Name. Rehoboam’s mother was Naamah,

 a woman from Ammon. But he was an evil king, for *he did not seek* the LORD *with all his heart*.

**~ 2 Chronicles 13: 1 – 3, 17 – 18, 20 (NLT)**

 Abijah began to rule over Judah in the eighteenth year of Jeroboam’s reign in Israel. He reigned

 in Jerusalem three years. His mother was Maacah, the daughter of Uriel from Gibeah. Then war

 broke out between Abijah and Jeroboam. Judah, led by King Abijah, fielded 400,000 select

 warriors, while Jeroboam mustered 800,000 select troops from Israel.

 Abijah and his army inflicted heavy losses on them; 500,000 of Israel’s select troops were killed

 that day. So Judah defeated Israel on that occasion because they trusted in the LORD,

 the GOD of their ancestors.

 So Jeroboam of Israel never regained his power during Abijah’s lifetime, and finally the LORD

 *struck him down and he died*.

**King Asa - Started Pleasing the LORD, he Removed All forms of Idolatry in the Land, then**

**he Commanded the People to Seek the LORD and Obey HIS Law and Commands.**

**~ 2 Chronicles 14: 1 – 6 (NLT)**

 When Abijah died, he was buried in the City of David. Then his son Asa became the next king.

 There was peace in the land for ten years. Asa did *what was pleasing and Good in* the Sight of

 the LORD his GOD. He removed the foreign altars and the pagan shrines. He *smashed the*

 *sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles*. He *commanded the people of Judah to seek*

 the LORD, the GOD of their ancestors, and to obey HIS Law and HIS Commands. Asa also

 *removed the pagan* *shrines*, as well as *the incense altars from every one of Judah’s towns*.

 So Asa’s kingdom enjoyed a period of peace.

 During those peaceful years, he was able to build up the fortified towns throughout Judah. No one

 tried to make war against him at this time, for the LORD *was giving him rest from his enemies*.

**~ 2 Chronicles 14: 11 – 12 (NLT)**

 Then Asa *Cried Out to* the LORD his God, “O LORD, no one but YOU can help the powerless

 against the mighty ! Help us, O LORD our GOD, for we trust in YOU alone. It is in YOUR Name

 that we have come against this vast horde. O LORD, YOU are our GOD; do not let mere men

 prevail against YOU !” So the LORD defeated the Ethiopians in the presence of Asa and

 the army of Judah, and the *enemy fled*.

**Who of the World do we Ally with for Help & Favor, in place of Seeking & Trusting the LORD ?**

**2 Chronicles 16: 2 – 3, 8 – 10, 12 – 13 (NLT)**

Asa responded by removing the silver and gold from the treasuries of the Temple of the LORD

and the royal palace. He sent it to King Ben-hadad of Aram, who was *ruling in Damascus*, along

with this message: “Let there *be a treaty between you and me* like the one between your father

and my father. See, I am sending you silver and gold. Break your treaty with King Baasha of

Israel so that he will leave me alone.”

“Don’t you remember what happened to the Ethiopians and Libyans and their vast army, with all

of their chariots and charioteers? At that time you relied on the LORD, and HE handed them over

to you. The Eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts

are fully committed to HIM. What a fool you have been ! From now on you will be at war.”

Asa became so angry with Hanani for saying this that he threw him into prison and put him in

stocks. At that time Asa also began to oppress some of his people.

In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the

severity of his disease, *he did not seek* the LORD’s help but turned only to his physicians.

So he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

**King Jehoshaphat – Followed & Pleased the LORD GOD, was *Deeply Committed* to HIS Ways.**

**2 Chronicles 17: 3 – 7a, 10 – 12 (NLT)**

The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father’s early years

and *did not worship the images of Baal*. He sought his father’s GOD and obeyed HIS Commands

instead of following the evil practices of the kingdom of Israel. So the LORD *established*

Jehoshaphat’s control over the kingdom of Judah. All the people of Judah brought gifts to

Jehoshaphat, so he became very wealthy and highly esteemed. He *was deeply committed to*

The Ways of the LORD. He *removed the pagan shrines and Asherah poles* from Judah.

In the third year of his reign Jehoshaphat *sent his officials to teach in all the towns of Judah*.

Then the fear of the LORD *fell over all the surrounding kingdoms* so that none of them wanted

to declare war on Jehoshaphat. Some of the Philistines brought him gifts and silver as tribute,

and the Arabs brought 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats. So Jehoshaphat became more and

more powerful and built fortresses and storage cities throughout Judah.

**The *Error of Judgement* by Jehoshaphat to Ally with King Ahab, as of the World, vs GOD.**

**2 Chronicles 18: 1 – 2, 4 – 6 (NLT)**

Jehoshaphat enjoyed great riches and high esteem, and he *made an Alliance with* Ahab of Israel

by having his son marry Ahab’s daughter. A few years later he went to Samaria to visit Ahab,

who prepared a great banquet for him and his officials. They butchered great numbers of

sheep, goats, and cattle for the feast. Then Ahab enticed Jehoshaphat to join forces with him

to recover Ramoth-gilead.

Then Jehoshaphat added, “But first let’s find out what the LORD says.” So the king of Israel

summoned the prophets, 400 of them, and asked them, “Should we go to war against amoth-gilead, or should I hold back?” They all replied, “Yes, go right ahead! GOD will give the king victory.”

But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there not also a prophet of the LORD here ?

We should ask him the same question.”

**King Ahab of Israel – Record of his Evil vs the LORD GOD - Reference 1 Kings 16: 32 – 33.**

**2 Chronicles 18: 13 – 15 (NLT)**

But Micaiah replied, “As surely as the LORD lives, I will say only what my GOD says.”

When Micaiah arrived before the king, Ahab asked him, “Micaiah, should we go to war against

Ramoth-gilead, or should I hold back?” Micaiah *replied sarcastically*, “Yes, go up and be victorious,

for you will have victory over them!”

But the king replied sharply, “How many times must I demand that you speak only the Truth to

me when you speak for the LORD? ”

**2 Chronicles 18: 18 – 22, 27 (NLT)**

Then Micaiah continued, “Listen to what the LORD says! I saw the LORD sitting on his throne

with all the armies of heaven around him, on his right and on his left.  And the LORD said,

‘Who can *entice* King Ahab of Israel to go into battle against Ramoth-gilead so he can be killed? ’

“There were many suggestions, and *finally a spirit approached* the LORD and said, ‘I *can do it* !’ “

‘How will you do this?’ the LORD asked. “And the spirit replied, **‘I will *go out and inspire all* of**

**Ahab’s prophets *to speak* *lies*.’** “‘You will succeed,’ said the LORD. ‘Go ahead and do it.’

“So you see, the LORD **has *put a lying spirit*** *in the mouths of your prophets*.

For the LORD *has pronounced your doom*.”

But Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will mean that the LORD has not spoken through me !”

Then he added to those standing around, “Everyone mark my words!”

**We in CHRIST, to *Draw the Line* of the Kingdom with this World and the Ideals & Things in It.**

**Drawing the Line in our Daily *Living & Walking* about this World, as the Kingdom is Within us.**

**Romans 12: 1 – 2 (MSG)**

So here's what I want you to do, GOD helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life -

your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and ***walking-around life*** - and place it before GOD

as an offering. Embracing what GOD does for you is the best thing you can do for HIM.

Don't become ***so well-adjusted to your culture*** that you fit into it without even thinking.

Instead, fix your attention on GOD. You'll be changed from the inside out. **Readily recognize**

***what HE wants from you, and quickly respond to it.***  *Unlike the culture* around you, always

dragging you down to *its level of immaturity*, GOD brings the best out of you, develops

well-formed maturity in you.

**World’s Culture in *Hypocrisy of Lies* is of Spiritual Source of the Devil, Deceitful & Seductive.**

**1 Timothy 4: 1 – 2 (AMP), 3 – 5 (NKJ)**

But the [Holy] SPIRIT explicitly and unmistakably declares that in later times some will turn *away*

*from the faith*, paying attention instead to ***deceitful*and *seductive spirits*** *and* ***doctrines* *of demons***, [misled] by the ***hypocrisy of liars*** whose consciences are seared as with a branding iron

[leaving them incapable of ethical functioning].

Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which GOD created to be received

with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the Truth.

For every creature of GOD is Good, and *nothing is to be refused* if it is received with thanksgiving; for

it is sanctified by the Word of GOD and prayer.

**John 8: 43 – 44**

“Why *do you not understand* MY Speech ? Because *you are not able to listen to* MY Word.

You are of *your* father the devil, and the *desires of your father you want to do*.

He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he *speaks a lie*, he speaks from his *own resources,* for he is a liar and the father of it.”

**We are Not to be *Passively Tolerant* & Keep Silent to the Flow of the World’s Current :**

**~ to Bring in the Tide of the Filth of *Ungodly Lies of Confusion & Disorder* into Our Lives.**

**~ to Allow *Camouflaged Christianity* into Our Faith, into our Daily Lives.**

**~ But, to *Confront* the Building of *Ungodly Patterns of Thinking & Desires* to be Strongholds.**

**Not to Be *Passive & Gullible* to Creepy Beings *Infiltrated Within* Church to *Adulterate Faith*.**

**Jude 1: 3 – 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.

**Jude 1: 3 – 4 (MSG)**

Dear friends, I've dropped everything to write you about this life of salvation that we have in common.

I have to write insisting - begging ! - that you ***fight with everything you have in you for this faith entrusted to us as a Gift*** to guard and cherish. What has happened is that some people have infiltrated our ranks (our Scriptures warned us this would happen), *who beneath their pious skin* are shameless scoundrels. Their design is to replace the sheer Grace of our GOD with

*sheer license* - which means ***doing away with*** JESUS CHRIST, our One and Only MASTER.

**Our GOD is A Jealous GOD, *whatever is* an Idol in the Heart Takes a *Higher Place* above GOD.**

**James 4: 5 – 6**

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The SPIRIT Who dwells in us yearns jealously" ?

But HE gives more Grace. Therefore HE says:

"GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

**The LORD our GOD is the Highest, and Nothing in this World is to Take the *No 1 in our Heart.***

**Revelations 2: 19 – 22 (AMP)**

“I know your deeds, your *love and faith and service and patient endurance*, and that your

last deeds are *more numerous*and *greater than the first*. But I have this [charge] against you,

that you ***tolerate*** *the woman Jezebel*, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired],

and she teaches and ***misleads*** *MY bond-servants* so that they commit [acts of sexual] immorality

and eat food *sacrificed to idols*.

I *gave her time to repent*[to change her inner self and her *sinful way of thinking*], but

she has *no desire to repent* of her immorality and *refuses to do so*. Listen carefully, I will throw

her on a bed of sickness, and those *who commit adultery with her*[I will bring] into *great anguish*,

unless they *repent of her deeds*.”

**Jezebel, the Evil Wife of Ahab, King of Israel - *Deep in Adultery of Worship* with Idols.**

**Reference :**

**1 Kings 18: 17 – 19**

**1 Kings 19: 2**

**2 Kings 9: 22****,****30** **– 31, 40**