**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 25 July 2021**

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**Theme : GOD’s SOVEREIGN PERFECT PLAN (3)**

**2 Peter 1: 19 (AMPC)**
And we have the PROPHETIC WORD [made] firmer still.  You will **DO WELL** to

**PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** to it as to a LAMP shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, **until**

the day break through (the gloom) and the MORNING STAR **RISES** (come into being) **in your hearts**.

**~ Darkness vs. Light – Kingdom of GOD/Light >< Kingdom of darkness, satan.**

**~ Dismal = Mood of gloom and depression, sad and without hope.**

**~ Squalid = Extremely dirty, marked by filthiness and degradation from neglect or poverty;**

 **Moral uncleanness or baseness, despicable, disgusting obscenity, depravity or debased.**

**2 Timothy 3: 16 (AMP)**

ALL SCRIPTURE is GOD BREATHED [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction,

for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to GOD’s Will, both publicly and privately - behaving honourably with personal integrity and moral courage].

**The Psalmist (King David) understood the Importance of GOD’s Word, and**

**he was honest with his struggles against sin.**

**Psalms 119: 105**

YOUR WORD is a Lamp to my feet and a LIGHT to my path.

**Psalms 17: 4 (AMPC)**

Concerning the works of men, by the WORD of THY LIPS I have avoided the ways of the violent

(the paths of the destroyer).

**~ Destroyer - title of satan.**

**What you Store in your heart, will direct the course of your life –**

**Protection against sin, Faith in GOD, Glory and Excellence in Spirit.**

**Psalms 119: 11 (AMP)**

Your Word I have **treasured** and **stored** in my **HEART**, that I may not sin against YOU.

**Even more today, as we see the WORD of GOD unveiling the ‘time’ we live in, we need to**

**Pay Attention to the WORD of GOD > Then Able to differentiate what is of GOD and what is not.**

**Apostle Peter pointed us to the goal – the Day breaks through and Morning Star**

**(the LORD JESUS) Rises in our hearts – POWER and GLORY.**

**Mary is a woman who keeps things and meditates in her heart deeply – the things that can**

**help her deepen her knowledge of GOD, GOD's Calling and GOD's Purpose.**

**Luke 2: 19, 51b**

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

But HIS mother, kept all these things in her heart.

**The Heart is a person’s inner sanctuary – What is in the heart ? What has accumulated inside ?**

**Jeremiah 17: 9 – 10 (MSG)**

The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out.

But I, GOD search the heart of the human, I get to the root of things.

I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be.

**(KJV)**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?

I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways,

and according to the fruit of his doing.

**Reins = Biblically it means ‘the seat of the feelings or affections…’**

 **= (Cambridge D.) - A long, thin piece of material, especially leather,**

 **that helps you to control and direct a horse.**

**~ The Hearts must be filled with LIGHT of the knowledge of GOD’s TRUTH.**

**~ GOD want us Well, Victorious and Full of HIS SPIRIT of Love, Power, Sound mind**

 **- 2 Timothy 1: 7.**

**John 11: 40**

JESUS said to her, “Did I not tell you and promise you that if you would believe and rely on ME,

you would see the Glory of GOD?”

**Proverbs 4: 20 – 21**

My son, GIVE ATTENTION to MY WORDS; incline YOUR EAR to MY SAYING.

Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your**heart**.

**Proverbs 4: 22 – 23**

For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

Keep **your heart** with all **diligence**, For out of it spring the **issues of life**.

**4 Ways to build your Faith life in the Power of HIS Grace :**

**1) Pay attention to the Truth.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 10 (NLT)**

He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because

they **refuse** **to love** and **accept the TRUTH** that would save them.

**~ Pilate – John 18: 36 - John 19: 1.**

**2) Incline – To stoop down, bow down > Humility.**

**1 Peter 5: 5**

Likewise, you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders.  Yes, all of you be submissive to

one another, and be clothed with humility, for “GOD resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

**3) Ear**

**Job 12: 11 (AMP)**

“Does the ear not put words to the test, just as the palate tastes its food [distinguishing between the desirable and the undesirable]?”

**4) Eye – Right Focus**

**Ephesians 1: 18 (AMP)**

And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very centre 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).

**Ref ~ Genesis Chapter 22 – Abraham’s Faith and Obedience was TESTED to the max…**

**Genesis 22: 2**

The HE said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah,

and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

**Genesis 22: 5**

And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship and *WE* ***will come back to you***”.

**Genesis 15: 6 (NIV)**

Abram believed the LORD, and HE credited it to him as righteousness.

**Galatians 3: 6**

Just as Abraham “believed GOD, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

**Our Life as New Testament Believers, must be seen and evaluated through Biblical lenses,**

**Not humanistic lenses.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 3 (AMP)**

Let no one in any way *deceive* or *entrap* you, for that day will not come unless the ***apostasy*** comes first [that is, the great rebellion, the abandonment of the faith by professed Christians], and the man of

lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction [the Antichrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed].

**Apostasy = (NIV) Rebellion ; (NLT) Great Rebellion ; (KJV) Falling away first.**

 **= A revolt – It is the spirit of this age.**

**Ephesians 5: 6**

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things the wrath of GOD is coming

on the sons of disobedience.

**The Church of NT to great extent, is Ordained as GOD’s Governmental Body on Earth,**

**as Restrainer of Lawlessness on earth.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 7 (AMP)**

For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against divine authority and the coming reign of lawlessness]

is already at work; [but it is ***restrained***] only until he who now ***restrains*** it is then out of the way.

**Many in this last day will turn away from the Clear Revealed Divine Word of GOD.**

**~ Left the Way of Truth and Life in the Spirit, into partaking from tree of knowledge of**

 **good and evil. Reference Genesis 2: 17.**

**~ Taking away from GOD the right to set absolute standard of morality and Righteousness –**

 **by Taking upon yourself the responsibility to judge what is right and wrong in your own eyes.**

**Lots of goodness, good works, kindness… but no Power of GOD.**

**Instead of Faith Life in the Word of Truth, the Revealed Divine Words of GOD and HIS WILL.**

**Romans 12: 2**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be ***transformed*** by the ***renewing*** of your mind, that

you may prove what is that ***good*** and ***acceptable*** and **PERFECT WILL**of GOD.

**2 Peter 1: 3 (AMP)**

For HIS divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true and personal knowledge of HIM Who called us by HIS Own Glory and Excellence.

**HE supplies us, and we believed and treasure this in our heart – It is the inward knowing of HIM that will shine brighter and brighter.**

**~ The 10 Virgins – 5 Wise and 5 Foolish.**

**~ Cruiser  >< War ship/ Life Boat.**

**Titus 2: 13 (AMP)**

Awaiting and confidently expecting the [fulfilment of our] Blessed Hope and the Glorious Appearing of

our Great GOD and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

**Titus 2: 14 (AMP)**

WHO [willingly] gave HIMSELF [to be crucified] on our behalf to redeem us and purchase our freedom from all wickedness, and to purify for HIMSELF a CHOSEN and very SPECIAL people to be

HIS own possession, who are enthusiastic for doing what is good.

**Titus 2: 15**

Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority.  Let no one despise you.

**2 Corinthians 3: 18 (AMP)**

And we all, with unveiled face, continually being as in a mirror the Glory of the LORD, are

progressively being transformed into HIS Image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory,

which comes from the LORD [WHO is] The SPIRIT.

**Hebrews 3: 14**

For we have become partakers of CHRIST if we hold the beginning of our confidence

STEADFAST to THE END.