**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 27 May 2018**

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**Theme : As Living Sacrifice – Holy to Our GOD (4)**

**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.”

**Staying in HIS Sanctification, by Guarding & Keeping our Hearts Clean, as Not to be Defiled. Psalms 139: 23 – 24**

Search me, O GOD, and know my heart; Try me, and *know my anxieties*; and

***See if there is any wicked way*** in me, and Lead me in the way everlasting.

**Psalms 19: 12 – 13**

Who can understand *his* ***errors* ?** Cleanse me from ***secret* *faults.***

Keep back YOUR servant also from ***presumptuous sins****;* let them not have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

**The LORD will Allow *Trials & Tests to Break Prideful Spirit* to be Sacrificial so as to Renew.**

**Psalm 51: 17a**

The Sacrifices of GOD are a broken spirit, **a *broken and a contrite heart***.

**Spiritual Debts Not Cancelled, Gives Place to the Enemy to enter *Door to the Heart* to Attack.**

**- Ephesians 4: 26 – 27**

**Hebrews 12: 14 (AMP)**

*Continually* *pursue peace with everyone*, and ***the Sanctification*** without which no one will [*Ever*] see the LORD.

**Keeping Ourselves in CHRIST’ Sanctification, so as Not Lose the Empowerment of Grace. Hebrews 12: 15**

Looking carefully *lest anyone fall short* of the Grace of GOD; lest *any root of bitterness* springing up cause trouble, and by this **many become defiled.**

**All Forgiven be Sanctified, Stay Clean & *Purified by the SPIRIT, Holy to Honor* GOD,**

**Ready for HIS Use.**

**- Do *not stifle* the HOLY SPIRIT - 1 Thessalonians 5: 19 (NLT)**

**- Do *not grieve* the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD - Ephesians 4: 30**

**Spiritual Hunger & Thirst from *Within* us as HIS *Spiritual Sacrifice* will *Create Desire of Purity*.**

**Matthew 5: 6, 8**

**~ “Blessed *are* *those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*, for they shall be filled.”**

**~ “Blessed *are* *the pure in heart*, for they shall see GOD.”**

**Human’s Spiritual Thirst for GOD & HIS Righteousness is A Desire from Within Spirit & Soul. Psalms 42: 1 – 3 (AMP)**

As the deer pants [*longingly*] for the water brooks, so *my soul pants* [*longingly*] for YOU, O GOD.

My soul (my life, my *Inner Self*) *thirsts for* GOD, for the Living GOD.

When will I come and see the Face of GOD ? My tears have been my food day and night, while

they say to me all day long, "Where is your GOD ?"

**Spiritual Righteousness by the SPIRIT is to be *Right with* GOD be Pleasing as *Living Sacrifice*  ~ Not Back to the Flesh Desire, to be *Self Righteousness* - to Self Way, Old Way by the Law.**

**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, 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*.

**The Human Struggle Warring vs Will & the Mind is the Law of Sin & Death Operating Within. Romans 7: 18 – 20 (NKJ), 20 – 25 (NLT)** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for *To Will* is present with me, but

*how* to perform what is good *I do not find*. For the good that I *Will to Do,* I *Do not do*; but

the evil I Will not *To Do,* that I practice. Now *if I Do what I Will not To Do,* it is no longer I who do it,

*but sin that Dwells in me*.

But if I do what I *don’t want to do*, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is *sin living in me* that does it.

I have discovered this Principle of Life - that when I *want To Do what is right*, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love GOD’s Law with all my heart. But *there is another power within me* that is

*at War with my mind*. This *power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me*.

Oh, *what a miserable person I am* ! Who will free me from this life that is *dominated by sin and death* ? Thank GOD ! The answer is in JESUS CHRIST our LORD. So you see how it is:

In my mind *I really want to obey* GOD’s Law, but because of *my sinful* *nature I am a slave to sin*.

**We in CHRIST, must Understand the Purpose of JESUS’ 1st Coming To live in the SPIRIT’s law Matthew 5: 17 – 19 (NLT)**

“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I ***did not come to abolish*** the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their ***Purpose.*** I tell you the Truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of GOD’s Law will disappear until its ***Purpose*** is achieved.

So if you ***ignore the least Commandment and teach others to do the same***, you will be called the *least in the Kingdom of Heaven*. But ***anyone who Obeys*** GOD’s Laws and ***teaches them will be***

**called Great in the Kingdom of Heaven.**”

**Matthew 5: 20 (NLT / NKJ)**

“But I warn you - unless your *Righteousness* is better *than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees*, you will ***never enter*** the Kingdom of Heaven !”

“For I say to you, that unless your *Righteousness* exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by ***no means enter*** the Kingdom of Heaven.”.

**JESUS Fulfilled the Law & Prophets’ Scriptures > Righteousness Standards are of HIS Truth. > Truth Values are Divine Righteousness vs Absolute Values of Religion & the World’s Ways.**

**Righteousness of GOD are Divine Values & Characteristics of HIS Nature be in HIS Children. Isaiah 51: 8b (NLT)**

“But MY Righteousness will last forever. MY Salvation *will continue from generation to generation*.

**Jeremiah 23: 6 (NLT)**

“And this will be HIS Name: ‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’ In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.”

**Only thru JESUS CHRIST, any ReBorn are the Children of GOD, receive HIS Righteousness.** **1 John 2: 29 (AMP)**

If you know that HE is ***absolutely***Righteous, you know [*for certain*] that everyone who practices Righteousness [doing what is Right and conforming to GOD's Will] *has been born of* HIM.

**1 John 3: 1 (MSG)**

What marvelous Love the FATHER has extended to us ! Just look at it - we're called children of GOD ! That's who ***we really are***. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea Who HE is or what HE's up to.

**1 John 3: 2 – 3 (NLT), 3 (NKJ)**  Dear friends, we are already GOD’s children, but HE has not yet shown us what we will be like when CHRIST appears. But we do know that *we will be like* HIM, for we will see HIM as HE really is. And

all who have this eager expectation will ***keep themselves pure*,** just as HE is Pure.

And everyone who has this Hope in HIM ***purifies himself,*** just as HE is Pure.

**1 John 3: 7**

Little children, let no one deceive you. He ***who practices Righteousness is righteous***, just as HE is Righteous.

**Philippians 1: 9 – 11**

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that

you may approve the *Things that are Excellent*, that you may be sincere and *without offense till* the

Day of CHRIST, being filled with ***the Fruits of Righteousness*** which *are* by JESUS CHRIST, to the Glory and Praise of GOD.

**JESUS’ Teaching of Righteousness’ *Standard is Highest to Exceed* Religious Righteousness Matthew 5: 21 (NLT)**

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to Judgment.’

**Law of the SPIRIT is the Empowerment to Obey the *High Standard in Spiritual Righteousness.* Matthew 5: 22 (NLT)**

“But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to Judgment! If you call someone *an idiot*, you are in danger of being *brought before the court*. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of *the fires of hell.”*

**Our Spiritual Righteousness *operate to Settle* All Spiritual Debts, A Spiritual Sacrifice at Altar.**

**~ The LORD wants us Settle & Reconcile, then Offer Sacrifice - Matthew 5: 24 – 25.**

**~ So Not to face the Penalty of the Offence, by the Accusation when Brought to Judgement.**

**JESUS’ 2nd Coming Not as A Sacrifice for Sin; The JUDGE of All Human Being, Dead & Alive.**

**2 Corinthians 5: 10**

For we must *All Appear* before the Judgment Seat of CHRIST, that each one may receive the things done in the body, *according to what he has done*, *whether good or bad*.

**Truth Teaching by JESUS Creates *Understanding of Righteousness*, *Empowered to Obey*. Matthew 5: 27 – 30 (NLT) “**You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’

But I say, anyone who even *looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in*

*his heart.*” So if your eye - even your good eye - causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away.

It is *better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.* And

if your hand - even your stronger hand - causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.

It is *better for you* *to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*”

**JESUS Empower Disciples to Live on Highest Spiritual Law of Love by the Truth & the SPIRIT Matthew 5: 43 – 45 (NLT), 44 (NKJ)**

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say,

*love your* *enemies* ! Pray for those who *persecute you* ! In that way, you will be acting as

true children of your FATHER in Heaven. For HE gives HIS sunlight to both the evil and the good,

and HE sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

“But I say to you, love your enemies***, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you,*** and pray for ***those who spitefully use you*** and persecute you.”

**We are to Practise Spiritual Righteousness of the Highest Spiritual Law of the Divine Love. Matthew 5: 46 – 47 (NLT)**

“If you love *only those who love you*, what reward is there for that ? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else ? Even pagans do that.”

**Matthew 7: 12 (NLT)**

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is *the essence of all that is taught*

in the law and the prophets.”

**Matthew 5: 48**

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your FATHER in Heaven is Perfect.

**Religious *Attitude to be Judgemental* in looking at others in Bias, Discriminating, Unworthily. Matthew 7: 1 – 2**

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with *what judgment you judge*, you will be judged; and

with *the measure you use*, *it will be measured back to you*.”

**First, Deal with Own ‘Self Blindspot’ & Self-Denial Issues, then Help Others with their Issues. Matthew 7: 3 – 5 (NLT)**

“And why *worry about a speck in your friend’s eye* when you have a log in your own ?

How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when

you can’t see past the log in your own eye ? Hypocrite! First *get rid of the log in your own eye*; then

you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”

**Spiritual Enemy *Blinded Unbelievers*, but the SPIRIT *Empowers* ReBorn Believers’ Renewal. 2 Corinthians 4: 4, 6 – 7 (NLT)**

Satan, *who is the god of this world*, has *blinded the minds* of those who don’t believe. They are

*unable to see* the Glorious Light of the Good News. They *don’t understand* this Message about the *GLORY* of CHRIST, Who is the exact Likeness of GOD.

For GOD, Who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this Light *shine in our hearts so*

*we could know* the *GLORY* of GOD *that is seen in* the Face of JESUS CHRIST. We now have this Light *shining in our hearts*, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this *Great Treasure*. This makes it clear that our great *Power is from* GOD, not from ourselves.

**GOD’s Excellent Power is Treasure is Regenerating to Renew our Spirit Spiritual** **Strength.** **2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 17**

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though *our outward man is perishing,* yet the *inward man is*

*being Renewed day by day.* For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a

far more exceeding *and* Eternal Weight of Glory.

**The Outward Natural Man will be *Wasted Away* in Natural Aging Process ~ Yet the Excellence of GOD’s Great Power as Treasure of GOD’s GLORY ~ Works Progressively Within our Spirit Man in Regenerating to Renew us Daily till Eternal.**