**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message - 8 May 2016**

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**Theme           :   OUR FATHER's HOUSE - Whose House We Are (2)**

**Introduction:**

**Luke 19: 41**

Now as HE (JESUS) drew near, HE saw the city and wept over it.

**Luke 19: 44c (NKJV / NLT)**

Because you did not know the time of your visitation.

Because you did not recognize it when GOD visited you.

**Our Time - Our Season is NOW.**

**Understanding GOD's Time and Season for Us.**

**HE is Building - what is Natural is also Spiritual.**

**Matthew 16: 18b (AMP)**

I will build MY church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

**House of Power and Glory - Matthew 6: 13b.**

**JESUS and the Apostles gave continuous Warning to Believers  -  to TAKE HEED.**

**'Take Heed' was mentioned 49x in the New Testament.**

**1 Timothy 4: 16**

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

**The Seven Letters to the Seven Local Churches in Revelation - Admonitions, Commendations, Rebukes and Warnings.**

**To do with Doctrines, Heart Issues, and Presumptuous Faith.**

**The Promise of Rewards are given to the overcomer.**

**The LORD all Knowing end every letter with : -**

**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the SPIRIT says to the churches."**

**Mark 4: 24**

Then HE said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

**Hearing Right determined your Steadfastness.**

**Hebrews 2: 1**

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

**Hebrews 3: 15**

While it is said: “Today, if you will hear HIS voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

(Hebrews 4: 7)

**Hebrews 12: 25**

See that you do not refuse HIM who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused HIM Who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from HIM who speaks from heaven,

**Christians need to have a healthy Fear of the LORD.**

**Matthew 10: 28**

**Revelation 3: 5**

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not BLOT OUT his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before MY FATHER and before HIS angels.

**Revelations 22: 19**

And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, GOD shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book.

**In our natural life, there are warnings everywhere for us to pay attention to - Failing to heed**

**can be a matter of life and death.**

**Hebrews 3: 6 (NKJV/AMP)**

But CHRIST as a Son over HIS own house, whose house WE ARE if we HOLD FAST the confidence and the Rejoicing of the Hope FIRM to the end.

But CHRIST (the Messiah) was faithful over HIS [own FATHER's] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is WE WHO ARE  [now members] of THIS HOUSE, IF we hold FAST and FIRM to the end our Joyful and Exultant Confidence and sense of Triumph in our Hope [in CHRIST].

**'IF' we HOLD FAST/ Firmly to the End - With our Confident Hope in CHRIST.**

**Not our pride, our ego, our glory of our good works, gifts and talents or skill etc.**

**Hebrews 10: 35**

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

**Cast away is the opposite to Hold Fast/ Firm.**

**Teaching of CHRIST and the Apostles - Endurance, Perseverance of a Faithful Servant who**

**DO HIS WILL - in oppose to those who draws back, and cast away their confidence in CHRIST to do their own things.**

**Hebrews 10: 36**

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have Done the WILL of GOD, you may receive the promise:

**It is Faith and Trust Confidence in CHRIST and what HE is doing - Not to Draws Back/ Pull Back from going forward in HIM to do HIS WILL.**

**Hebrews 10: 38**

Now the just shall live by Faith; but if anyone DRAWS BACK, MY Soul has no pleasure in him.”

**Revelation 2: 4 (AMP)**

But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your First Love].

**A Heart Condition - Shifting of Loyalty from CHRIST to Self.**

**No one knows until its fruits are manifested  - But GOD knows All Things.**

**HE always gives Warning - For us to take Heed.**

**Hebrews 10: 39 (AMP)**

But our way is not that of those who draw back to eternal misery (perdition) and are utterly destroyed, but we are of those who Believe [who cleave to and trust in and rely on GOD through JESUS CHRIST, the Messiah] and by Faith preserve the soul.

(Ezekiel 18: 24)

**To Draw back mean Slide back - if there is no sincere repentant will lead to eternal misery and finally Perdition and utterly destroyed.**

**The word Perdition is spoken of a place as well as of persons - place of loss and eternal destruction.**

**Expressed by Judas, the fallen Apostle of CHRIST and also used in anti-CHRIST :**

**Of Judas. (John 17 : 12)**

**Anti-CHRIST (2 Thessalonians 2: 3)**

**1 Timothy 6: 9**

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

**No one decide to backslide - but it creeps in and it works its ways into the heart.**

**Proverbs 14: 14**

The backslider in HEART will be filled with his OWN WAYS, but a good man will be satisfied from ABOVE.

**Proverbs 14: 16**

A wise man fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is SELF-confident.

**DANGER !**

**Holding on to the confidence in own Good Works,**

**Gifting, Talents, skill, office etc....instead of Confident Hope in CHRIST to do HIS WILL.**

**GOD gave warning always through HIS Prophets and Apostles, about the danger of backsliding that leads to Apostate.**

**~ Mislead - error**

**Matthew 24: 4 (AMP)**

JESUS answered them, Be CAREFUL that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

**1 Corinthians 10: 12**

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

**GOD is into building individual and corporate Body that is Strong in HIM - Working Power of the HOLY SPIRIT, HIS written and Revealed Word, and the Apostle Doctrine.**

**To Do HIS WILL - each 7 Local Churches in the Book of Revelations are Planted to serve HIS Purpose - to Be the LAMPSTAND.**

**Revelations 1: 20 (AMP)**

As to the hidden meaning (the mystery) of the seven stars which you saw on My right hand and the seven lampstands of gold: the seven stars are the seven angels (messengers) of the seven assemblies (churches) and the seven LAMPSTANDS Are the seven CHURCHES.

**Matthew 5: 13 - 14**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

“You are the Light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

**Individually as well as corporately.**

**Hebrews 3: 14**

For we have become partakers of CHRIST if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.

**Ephesians 2: 22 (AMP)**

In HIM [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of GOD in (by, through) the Spirit.

**Follow the examples of those who Trust and Obey:**

**Hebrews 11: 8 - 10**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance.

And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is GOD.

**Lot set his heart on the things of Sodom, that were like the watered garden of Eden,**

**the things of Sight.**

**Abraham left his choice to GOD - For HE Trusted HIS Judgment.**

**Hebrews 13: 7**

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of GOD to you, whose FAITH follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

**This House is Build BY FAITH from Beginning to end - it pleases the LORD.**

**Hebrews 10: 22 - 23**

Let us draw near with a true heart in Full Assurance of Faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for HE who promised is Faithful.

**GOD takes seriously the assignment HE gave to HIS people individually, corporately:**

**Colossians 4: 17**

And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the LORD, that you may fulfill it.”

**Luke 21: 8**

“Take heed that you not be deceived....

**AD 70 -  Jerusalem was burned down under Titus.**

**Under siege for 5 months.**

**Jerusalem destroyed, flattened, burned down - fulfilling CHRIST’s Prophecy in Luke 21: 6**

 “These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

**Disciples who watched and Prayed and believed as CHRIST said, was delivered. Those who did not, perished.**

**Luke 21: 20 - 21**

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart,

and let not those who are in the country enter her.

**Psalm 16: 7 - 8**

I will bless the LORD Who has given me counsel;

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me; because HE is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

**Psalms 16: 11**

YOU will show me the path of life; In YOUR presence is Fullness of Joy; At YOUR right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Ephesians 5: 10 (AMP)**

And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the LORD [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to HIM].

**Ephesians 5: 18b (AMP)**

But ever be filled and stimulated with the [HOLY] SPIRIT

**Luke 11: 13 (AMP)**

If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly FATHER give the HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask and continue to ask HIM!

**Ephesians 5: 15 (AMP)**

Look carefully then how you walk! Live Purposefully and Worthily and Accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people).

**Colossians 3: 23 - 24**

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the LORD and not to men, knowing that from the LORD you will receive the Reward of the Inheritance; for you serve the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**~ House of Power, Glory and Light**

**~ House of Prayers and Worship**

**~ House of the Living Bread**

**Vision of the House:**

**Bring GOD's Love to Communities with HOPE, FAITH, PEACE and JOY**

**Live Passionately according to GOD's Word and HIS Purpose**

**Wholehearted in Worship and Prayers**