**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 15 October 2017**

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**Theme : Endurance Run in CHRIST JESUS (6)**

**Our Focus in this *Shakable* World, is to be on GOD’s *Unshakable* Kingdom, in Faith on JESUS.**

**Hebrews 12: 1b – 2a**

***Let us*** *lay aside* *every weight*, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and ***Let us*** **Run with *Endurance*** *the Race* *that is set before us*, ***Looking unto*** JESUS, the Author and Finisher of *our* faith.

**Our Focus in this Life is to *Be Set* on Heavenly Things that Bring *Resurrection Renewal in Life*.**

**~ Our *New Real Spiritual Life* is in CHRIST, Abiding in HIM, so we are in HIS *Resurrection Living*.**

**As GOD’s Chosen, we *Set Apart* from *the Ways* of the World and the World’s Agenda & Goals.**

**~ Our Purchased Freedom is for Sowing Things of Eternity & Blessings to Others *thru our Soul*.**

**Our New *Resurrection Living* is thru JESUS CHRIST, Same Resurrection Power working in us :**

**~ 1 Corinthians 12: 13 (AMP)**

For by one [HOLY] SPIRIT we were *all baptized into* One Body, [*spiritually transformed –*

 *United together*] whether Jews or Greeks (Gentiles), slaves or free, and we ***were all made***

 ***to drink*** of One [HOLY] SPIRIT [*since the same* HOLY SPIRIT *fills each life*].

**~ We are Accepted in our Beloved JESUS, as HE is the HEAD, and we are HIS Spiritual Body.**

 **Ephesians 1: 6 – 7**

To the Praise of the Glory of HIS Grace, by which HE *made us accepted in* the Beloved. In HIM we

 have Redemption through HIS Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the Riches of HIS Grace.

**On Pentecost Feast, 2 *Waves Loaves* offered were Leaven, *Significance* vs Unleavened Feast.**

**Leviticus 23: 15 – 17 (AMP)**

'You shall count from the day after the Sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf

(tied bundle of grain) of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete Sabbaths (seven full weeks).

You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a ***New Grain*** ***Offering*** to the LORD.

You shall bring in from your places *two loaves of bread* as a *wave offering*, made from two-tenths

*of an ephah* of fine flour; they shall *be* ***baked with leaven* as first fruits to the LORD**.

**~ 2 Waves Loaves Leavened signify Believers are Imperfect but *Accepted in the Sinless One*,**

 **Receiving the Outpouring of the SPIRIT, to Bring All to Perfection in the Church, *Completion*.**

**As the Harvest of Grain & Grape was *Gathered In*, All in the City to be *Rejoicing as Reaping*.**

**~ Deuteronomy 16: 13 – 14 (AMP)**

 "You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) seven days, when you have ***Gathered In***

 [***the Grain***] from your threshing floor and [***the Wine***] from *your wine vat*.

 You shall *Rejoice in your Feast*, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female

 servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are within your city.”

**The Season of Former and the Latter Rain to Pour in the Same Month (7th), to be *Double Portion*.**

**~ Joel 2: 23 – 24**

 Be *Glad* then, you children of Zion, and *Rejoice* in the LORD your GOD; for HE has Given you

 the former rain faithfully, and HE *will cause the* **Rain to come down for you - the former rain,**

 **and** ***the latter rain in the first month.*** The threshing floors shall be ***Full of Wheat***, and the *vats*

shall***Overflow with New Wine and Oil***

**The Fruit Harvest of Wine & Oil will *Overflow in this Rejoicing Season* is Spiritual *to be Fulfilled*.**

**~ James 5: 7 – 8 (AMP)**

 So wait patiently, brothers and sisters, until the Coming of the LORD.

 The Farmer waits [*expectantly*] for the precious Harvest from the land, being patient about it,

 **until it receives *the early and late rains*.**

 You too, *be patient*; strengthen your hearts [*keep them energized and firmly committed* toGOD],

 because the Coming of the LORD is near.

**Current Shower of Blessings, after the end of the Dark Ages of the Church (4th, 5th & 6th months).**

**Ezekiel 34: 26**

**“**I will make them and the places all around MY Hill a Blessing; and I *will cause Showers*

to come down in *their season*; there shall be *Showers of Blessing*.”

**End of the Church History - the Season of the Tabernacles Festival (7th Month) - *A Fruit Harvest*.**

**~ A Season of Former and the Latter Rain to Pour in the Same Month (7th), as A *Double Portion*.**

**We Focus & Expect the LORD to *Send the Former & Latter Rain*, Double Portion, in Due Season.**

**~ Zechariah 10: 1**

 Ask for Rain from the LORD at the *Time of the Spring Rain*. It is the LORD who makes

 the thunder clouds; and HE will give them *Showers of Rain*, grass in the field *to everyone*.

**~ Hosea 6: 3**

 Let us *know*, Let us *pursue* the Knowledge of the LORD. HIS Going Forth is established

 *as the morning*; HE will come to us *like the* Rain, like the *Latter and Former Rain* to the earth.

**Sowing into the Season of Harvest, even Hard Ground, we *Continuously Enter* into the Harvest.**

**~ Hosea 10: 12 (AMP)**

 Sow with a view to Righteousness [that Righteousness, like Seed, may germinate];

 Reap in accordance with Mercy and Lovingkindness. Break up ***your uncultivated ground*,**

 For it is time to *Seek and Search* diligently for the LORD [and to long for HIS Blessing]

 Until HE comes to *Rain Righteousness* and HIS Gift of Salvation on you.

**The Feast of Tabernacles will be Fulfilled at the Coming of the LORD to Dwell with HIS People.**

**~ The Feast of Tabernacles is the Last Harvest Season, and is the New Season for Sowing.**

**~ The InGathering of the Final Harvest of Every Tongue, Tribe & Nation - *Vast Variety* with HIM.**

**In Summary, the Significance of Incense Ascending before the Throne of GOD in Heaven :**

**~ Psalm 141: 2**

 Let my Prayer be set before YOU **as Incense**, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**~ Revelation 5: 8**

 Now when HE had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down

 before the LAMB, each having a harp, and *Golden Bowls* ***full of* *Incense***, which are

 *the* ***Prayers******of the Saints*.**

**~ Revelation 8: 1 – 5**

 When HE opened the Seventh Seal, there was silence in Heaven for about half an hour.

 And I saw the Seven angels who stand before GOD, and to them were given Seven trumpets.

 Then another angel, having a Golden Censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given

 ***much Incense***, that he should *offer* ***It*** with *the* ***Prayers of all the Saints*** upon the Golden Altar

 which was before the Throne.

 And the ***Smoke of the Incense***, with the ***Prayers of the Saints***, ***Ascended before*** GOD from

 the angel's hand.

 Then the angel took ***the Censer***, *filled* ***It*** *with* ***Fire from the* Altar**, and threw ***It*** to the earth.

 And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

**In the InGathering of the Harvest, the *Spiritual Incense* before the Heavenly Throne is Collected**

**~ Offering of All Prayers of All the Saints *are Ascending* before GOD, Await *Spiritual Fireworks*.**

**Significance of the Incense & Altar of Incense in the Earthly Tabernacle**.

**Hebrews 9: 2 – 5(AMP)**

A Tabernacle (sacred tent) was put up, the outer one *or* ***first section***, in which were the Lampstand

and the table with [*its loaves of*] the Sacred Showbread; this is called **the Holy Place**.

Behind the ***Second Veil*** there was another Tabernacle [***the inner one or second section***] known as

**the Holy of Holies**, having the ***Golden Altar of Incense*** and the ***Ark of the Covenant***

covered entirely with gold. This contained a golden jar which held the manna, and the rod of Aaron

that sprouted, and the [*two stone*] tablets of the Covenant [*inscribed with the Ten Commandments*];

and above **the Ark** were the [*Golden*] ***Cherubim of Glory*** overshadowing ***the Mercy Seat***;

but we cannot now go into detail about these things.

**~ In the Heavenly Sanctuary, the Golden Altar has *Shifted into* the Holy of Holies, behind 2nd Veil.**

**Which *Order* of High Priest is *to Enter the True Tabernacle*, not the Earthly Symbolic Model.**

**~ Hebrews 8: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

 Now the main point of what we have to say *is this:* we have such a High Priest, [the CHRIST]

 Who is seated [in *the Place of Honor*] at the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty (GOD) in Heaven,

 a Minister (Officiating Priest) in the Holy Places and in the True Tabernacle,

 which is erected not by man, but by the LORD.

**~ Hebrews 8: 6 (AMP)**

 But as it is, CHRIST has acquired a [*priestly*] ministry which is More Excellent [*than the old*

 *Levitical priestly ministry*], for HE is the Mediator (Arbiter) of a better Covenant

 [*uniting* GOD and man], which has been enacted *and* rests on better Promises.

**The Aaronic Priesthood (Levitical Ministry) is Transitional to the Eternal Priesthood of JESUS.**

**~ Once for All Sacrifice vs the Old Covenant of Ceremonial Law & Ritual of Feasts & Sacrifice.**

**JESUS is the Son of GOD Who Descended & Ascended to the Heavenly Throne of HIS FATHER.**

**Hebrews 1: 3 – 5 (NLT)**

The Son radiates GOD's Own Glory and expresses the very character of GOD, and HE sustains everything by the mighty Power of HIS Command. When HE had cleansed us from our sins,

HE sat down in the Place of honor at the Right Hand of the Majestic GOD in Heaven.

This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the Name GOD gave HIM is greater

than their names. For GOD never said to any angel what HE said to JESUS: "You are MY Son.

Today I have become Your FATHER. " GOD also said, "I will be HIS FATHER, and HE will be MY Son."

**JESUS has to be in Human Form as the One HE has to be the HIGH PRIEST with A Sacrifice.**

**Hebrews 2: 16 – 18 (NLT)**

We also know that the SON did not come to help angels; HE came to help the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore, it was necessary for HIM to be made in every respect like us, HIS brothers and sisters,

so that HE could be our Merciful and Faithful High Priest before GOD. Then HE could offer

**A Sacrifice that** ***would take away the sins of the people***.

Since HE HIMSelf has gone *through suffering and testing*, HE is able to help us when we are being tested.

**Hebrews 3: 1 – 2, 6 (NLT)**

And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to GOD and are partners with those called to Heaven,

think carefully about this JESUS whom we declare to be GOD's Messenger and High Priest.

For HE was faithful to GOD, Who appointed HIM, just as Moses served faithfully when

he was entrusted with GOD's entire House.

But CHRIST, as the SON, is in charge of GOD's entire House. And we are GOD's House,

if we keep our courage and remain confident in our Hope in CHRIST [*faithful to the end*].

**As the High Priest on Ascension Passed thru the 1st and 2nd Heavens to the Heavenly Sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 4: 14 – 16**

Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest who has passed through the Heavens,

JESUS the Son of GOD, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in

*All Points* tempted as we are, *yet without sin*.

Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may *obtain Mercy* and find

Grace to help in time of need.

**~ A Heavenly High Priest went thru *Testing in Human Form in Body, Soul & Spirit*, Still Sinless.**

**GOD Acknowledged JESUS as HIS Son, Status as *A Priest Forever* of the Order of Melchizedek.**

**Hebrews 5: 5 – 6 (NLT)**

That is why CHRIST did not honor HIMSelf by assuming HE could become High Priest.

No, HE was chosen by GOD, Who said to HIM, "You are MY Son. Today I have become Your FATHER. "

And in another passage GOD said to Him, "You are **A Priest Forever in the Order of Melchizedek.**"

**JESUS is Qualified to be the Perfect Heavenly High Priest Whose Obedience Make HIM**

**~ The Source of Eternal Salvation by Same Pattern of Obedience to GOD & HIS Word.**

**Hebrews 5: 7 – 9 (NLT)**

While JESUS was here on earth, HE offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears,

to the ONE Who could rescue HIM from death. And GOD heard HIS prayers because of

HIS deep Reverence for GOD.

Even though JESUS was GOD's Son, HE learned obedience from the things HE suffered.

In this way, GOD *qualified* HIM as a Perfect High Priest, and HE became the Source of

Eternal Salvation *for all those who obey* HIM.

**Our Hope Thru JESUS, the Great High Priest Who *Entered the* Veil into the Heavenly Sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 6: 19 – 20**

This Hope we have as an Anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which *enters*

**the Presence** ***behind the Veil***, where the Forerunner *has entered for us*, even JESUS,

having become **High Priest *forever* according to the order of Melchizedek.**

**The *Symbolic Act* of Entering into the 2nd Veil into the Holy of Holies, into the Presence of GOD.**

**Significance of A High Priest Entering into the Heavenly Sanctuary of the Order of Melchizedek.**

**~ Hebrews 7: 17**

 For HE testifies: "YOU ARE **A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.**"

**High Priest of the Heavenly Sanctuary to be of the Order of Melchizedek *not* Aaronic Priesthood.**

**Hebrews 7: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High GOD, met Abraham as He returned

from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [*the spoil*].

He is, first of all, by the translation *of His Name,* King of Righteousness, and then He is also

King of Salem, which means King of Peace.

**Hebrews 7: 3 – 6 (AMP)**

Without [*any record of*] father or mother, nor ancestral line, without [*any record of*] beginning

of days (birth) nor ending of life (death), but having been made like the Son of GOD, he remains

a priest without interruption *and* without successor. Now pause *and* consider how great this man was

to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the spoils. It is true that those descendants of Levi

who are charged with the priestly office are commanded in the Law to collect tithes from the people –

which means, from their kinsmen - though these have descended from Abraham.

But this person [*Melchizedek*] who is not from their Levitical ancestry received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who possessed the Promises [of] GOD.

**Hebrews 7: 15 – 22**

And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another Priest

Who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the Power

of *an endless life*.

For HE testifies: "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

For on the one hand there is an annulling of the *former commandment because of its weakness*

and *unprofitableness*, for *the law made nothing perfect*; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in

of a better Hope, through which we draw near to GOD.

And inasmuch as *HE was* not *made Priest* without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an Oath by HIM Who said to Him: "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT RELENT,

'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK' "),

by so much more JESUS has become *A Surety* of a better Covenant.

**JESUS EnActed A New Covenant, Better as Based on Better Promises by HIS Fulfilling the Law.**

**~ Hebrews 8: 12 – 13**

 FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND

 THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

 In that HE says, "A NEW COVENANT," HE has made the first obsolete.

 Now what is *becoming obsolete* and growing old is ready *to vanish away*.

**Significance of JESUS’ PROMISE to Open the Way by the 1st Pentecost thru the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**~ Hebrews 9: 8 (AMP)**

 By this the HOLY SPIRIT signifies that the Way into the Holy Place [the true Holy of Holies and

 the Presence of GOD] has not yet been disclosed as long as the *first or outer tabernacle* is

 still standing [*that is, as long as the Levitical system of worship remains a recognized institution*].

**~ Hebrews 9: 9 – 10**

 It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which *cannot*

 *make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience* -

 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until

 the Time of Reformation.

**The Better Promises from Better Covenant that is Empowered by the SPIRIT for Inner Renewal.**

**Hebrews 9: 14 – 15**

How much more shall the Blood of CHRIST, Who through the Eternal SPIRIT offered

HIMSelf without spot to GOD, *cleanse your conscience* from dead works to serve the Living GOD ?

And for this reason HE is the Mediator of the New Covenant, by means of death, for

the Redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those

who are called may receive the Promise of the eternal inheritance.

**Hebrews 9: 12 (AMP)**

HE went once for all into the Holy Place [the Holy of Holies of Heaven, into the Presence of GOD],

and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through HIS Own Blood, having *obtained and secured* Eternal Redemption [that is, the salvation of all who personally believe in HIM as Savior].

**Hebrews 9: 28 (AMP)**

So CHRIST, having been offered once and once for all to bear [as a burden] the sins of many,

will appear a second time [when he returns to earth], not to deal with sin, but to bring salvation

to those *who are eagerly and confidently waiting for* HIM.

**We learnt from the Feasts in Day of Atonement & the Tabernacle, Sacrifices are All Ceremonial.**

**Hebrews 10: 8 – 10 (NLT)**

First, CHRIST said, "YOU did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or

*other offerings for sin*, ***Nor were*** **YOU pleased with them**" (though they are required by the

law of Moses).

Then HE said, "Look, I have come to do YOUR Will." HE cancels the first covenant in order

to put the second into effect. For **GOD's Will was for us *to be made Holy***

by the Sacrifice of the Body of JESUS CHRIST, *once for all time*.

**Hebrews 10: 19 – 22**

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter **the Holiest** by the Blood of JESUS, by

a New and Living Way which HE consecrated for us, through ***the Veil, that is, HIS Flesh***, and

*having* a High Priest over the House of GOD, 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.

**In the Old Covenant, Living without CHRIST, as Living in the World without GOD, Without Hope.**

**Ephesians 2: 12 – 13 (NLT), 18 (NKJ)**

In those days you were living apart from CHRIST. You were excluded from citizenship among the people

of Israel, and you did not know the Covenant Promises GOD had made to them.

You *lived in this world without* GOD and *without hope*.

But now you have been united with CHRIST JESUS. Once *you were far away* from GOD, but now

you have been brought near to HIM through the Blood of CHRIST.

For through HIM we both *have access by* One SPIRIT to the FATHER.

**Root of All Sin in Mankind is Self-Will, the Weakness in 1st Adam, JESUS as the Last Adam**

**~ Sinless as GOD-Man with NO Self-Will, as HE Came to Fulfill the Will of the FATHER.**

**~ John 4: 34b**

 **“MY Food is to Do the Will of HIM Who sent ME, and to Finish HIS Work.”**

**~ To Be CHRIST-Like is to *Be Not Self-Will* in our Desires, and to *Fulfill* GOD’s Will in our Lives.**