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# 30

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# GOD

*30th Anniversary*

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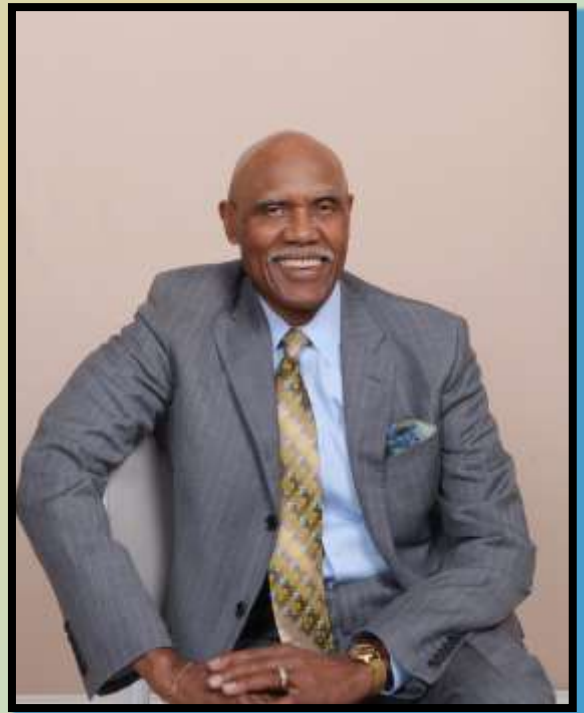
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# The Long- suffering Of GOD



*By Pastor Owen Alston*

***“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”***

***(Revelation 9:20,21)***

Without a doubt, God’s desire is for the salvation of all men. The scriptures clearly reveal the nature of God, “God is Love.” Therefore, it matters not what may be going on at any time, the bottom line is that God desires all men to receive His Son Jesus. This is seen as God speaks through the apostle Peter - “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (1 Peter 3:8,9)

God has revealed many things to us that are going to take place in these last days. There

are many things revealed to us in the book of Revelation concerning the End Time, and some of these things are very dark. Now, the question may be asked, if God is Love, then why all the darkness? Well, the answer is this: God’s love for mankind is so rich that He is willing to activate every possible method to bring men to repentance. The initial act of God’s love was to offer His Son for us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Now that we have a picture of God’s love for us, we can better understand the intent of Revelation. Let us review the tactic of God in a four step process:

God provided the provisions for our salvation – “With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.” (Hebrews 9:12 (NLT))

God pleads for all men to come to Him: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

God reviews the many benefits offered us as the result of receiving His Son:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. (Psalm 103:2-5)

A future benefit is a place with God in Heaven: “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

God gives us the consequence of rejecting Jesus. God is complete in all that He does. It’s imperative that He reveal to us the consequence of rejecting His Son:

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:1-15)

If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, then you are born of God and your name is written in the Book of Life. Amen!



COME TO Me  
all who are

WEARY

I will give you

Rest

Matthew 11:28

*Come Celebrate  
With Us!*



**YEAR**  
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## **Harmony Ministries USA, Inc.**

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***Celebration Begins Monday,***

***Rescheduled***



***Rev. Clarence Bulluck***

EPIC Church International,  
Sayerville, NJ  
Monday, October 12, @7pm



***Pastor Lecarston Chestnut***

Abundant Life In Jesus Christ,  
Wendell, NC  
Tuesday, October 13, @7pm



***Pastor Roger Breedlove***

In Christ New Hope Ministry, Inc.,  
Rochester, NY  
Wednesday October 14, @7pm



***Apostle Michael Freeman***

Spirit Of Faith Christian Center,  
Brandywine, MD  
Thursday, October 15, @7pm



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*Rescheduled*

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**As Part of Our  
30th Anniversary Celebration**

*There Will Be A*

# *Formal Gala*

***Friday October 16th, 2020 at 6pm***

*at the*

***Sheraton, Eatontown, NJ***

***Tickets are available***

***Cost Per Person is \$85***

***Children under 12yrs. \$36***

***Please purchase your tickets by October 1st***

# Predestined

*by Deborah Peniston*

Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you, before you were born  
I set you apart; I appointed you  
as a prophet to the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5 ESV

Your purpose or God's plan for you was predestined before you were born. We know Jeremiah was a major prophet of the Old Testament, but God is no respecter of persons, meaning He shows no partiality or favor amongst His children. So like He spoke to Jeremiah, He is speaking to you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

"In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His

purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will." (Ephesians 1:11 AMP)

You may think, what possibly could God use me to do? But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV)

In His word, He shares stories of everyday people who were chosen for their time. We see their lives transformed over the pages of the Bible, as they conform each day, or each year, to what He desired of them, through their love and obedience to Him. Joseph is one such story. He is one of the twelve sons of Jacob, or twelve tribes of Israel. His story begins in Gene-



sis 37. Gifted with the ability to interpret dreams which would later position him as second in command in Egypt, Joseph endured many trials and tribulations before his assignment was clear. He was betrayed by his brothers, who sold him into slavery and then told their father he was devoured by a wild beast. He was taken into Egypt and sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. Potiphar's wife desired him and when he refused, she lied saying he came to sleep with her, and he was taken to prison. While in prison, he interpreted the dreams of the chief butler and chief baker of Pharaoh's court who were also imprisoned. He later interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh.

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled ac-

ording to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." (Genesis 41:39-44 NKJV)

In accordance with Pharaoh's dreams, God brought seven years of plenty and seven years of famine throughout all the land. During the years of plenty, Joseph gathered and stored enough food for the time of famine. So all coun-



# FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

tries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands. (Genesis 41:57 NKJV)

Joseph's position allowed the entrance of the children of Israel, his father, brothers, and family into the land of plenty during a famine. When Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, he told them with no resentment, "But now, do not be distressed and disheartened or vexed and angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life... God sent me before you to preserve for you a posterity and to continue a remnant on the earth, to save your lives by a great escape and save for you many survivors." (Genesis 45:5, 7 AMP)

When Joseph saw his brothers, his assignment was clear. Many years had passed, but God had never left him, despite what it looked like. The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was

with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. (Genesis 39:2, 3 NKJV) But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. (Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV) Despite the fact that Joseph was a slave and a prisoner, the Lord was with him. Joseph found favor in the sight of Potiphar and the keeper of the prison because he was upright, living a life pleasing to God. God never rescinded His gift, and Joseph used his gift through the years as instructed by God. Joseph never lost his fellowship with God, he knew who he was and whose he was. The plan God preordained for him, before he was in his mother's womb was established. God even



# PREDESTINED

by God



*In Love*  
HE PREDESTINED US  
Ephesians 1:5

gave him a glimpse of it when He showed Joseph the dream of his brothers bowing down to him. (Genesis 37:5-11)

God has a preordained plan for you, and it is established. Acknowledge the gifts and talents He has given you. He has equipped you with these gifts for a reason, and know the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29 NKJV) As you continue to seek Him through prayer and His Word, in time His plan will be revealed to you. Do not be moved by what you see, by circumstances, or disappointments, but stay focused on Him, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. (2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV) Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to

himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. (Ephesians 1:4, 5 NLT)

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]. (Jeremiah 1:5 AMP) God is speaking...you are chosen and you are predestined.



**Divine Providence: God's Hand at Work**



To our children who are graduating from various stages in their lives we applaud you on your achievements. As we recognize all of our children today and encourage them to continue to strive for success remembering our faith is not based on what we see but based on what Jesus has done for us.

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Hebrews 11:1

## ***Darius Adams***



**Darius Adams** is graduating from the 8th grade from Manchester Middle School Headed to the 9th grade.

Darius as we know is a basketball star. We’ve gotten a chance to see some of his moves on video.

**Here’s what you didn’t know...** Darius is a multi-sport athlete not only does he play basketball but he also participates in soccer and track.

**Congratulations Darius we love you!**

## *Shanice Barry*



**Shanice Barry** is graduating from the 8th grade from Howell Middle School South and headed to the 9th grade.

Shanice runs track and is excited to continue running in High School. She participated in her school's cooking program and enjoyed eating the treats. Shanice loves to create beats on her computer and spending time with her cousins.

**Here's what you didn't know...** Shanice is creative in photography and creating videos.

**Congratulations Shanice we love you!**

## *Cynthia Mack*



**Cynthia Mack** is graduating from the 5th grade from Johnson Elementary School Headed to the 6th grade.

Cynthia as we know loves to sing and not only does she sing in church but she also sings on stage at her school lunchroom and also the children's choir.

**Here's what you didn't know...** Cynthia is our little artist who loves to draw.

**Congratulations Cynthia we love you!**



**Ryan Dennis** is graduating from the Kindergarten from Walnut Street Elementary School Headed to the 1st grade.

Ryan was honored as “Student of the Month” September 2019 and also participated in the school chorus.

**Here’s what you didn’t know...** Ryan currently holds an orange belt in karate and is passionate about singing, dancing and playing drums.

**Congratulations Ryan we love you!**



**Xavier Kendle** is graduating from the Kindergarten at Spruce Street School and is Headed to the 1st grade.

Xavier likes superheroes and playing with action figures. He enjoys dancing especially to Michael Jackson’s music.

**Here’s what you didn’t know...** Xavier is a big sports fan.

**Congratulations Xavier we love you!**

## Prayer For Our Children

Father God,  
In Jesus Christ name we ask for your almighty hands  
to be upon our children as they complete their school  
year and advance to higher education. Bless their  
lives with goodness and love. Help them to stay com-  
mitted to your Word and use their gifts wisely to  
walk into their future with faith, hope and love.  
Amen





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***Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and Follow the EXAMPLE of their faith. Hebrews 13:7***

The High School Graduating Class of 2020 was asked a series of questions listed below about their life experiences thus far. Check out their profile to find out things you may not know!

1. What is your foundational scripture and why?
2. How do people see you differently than you see yourself?
3. What haven't you taken the time to learn about or have recently learned deeply?
4. In what areas of your life are you settling?
5. What is the most important life lesson you've learned so far in life?
6. Are you living that lesson out?
7. What brings you the greatest joy?
8. What is the best thing about being a believer?
9. What can the millennial generation get out of knowing Jesus Christ?

#### **Self Reflection**

10. If someone from the church body were here right now in this interview, what is the one thing he/she may say?
11. How has the current pandemic affected your senior year or what are your thoughts as you complete this school year?





**Plans after High school: Ocean County Community College with a desire to transfer to William Patterson University, Rowan University, or Georgian Court after two years.**

- 1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1. Faith is a big thing and a lot of people struggle with it. At this time with the pandemic, we have to believe that God will get us out.**
- 2. People outside of the church see me as conservative and quiet because I don't go out of my way to be involved.**
- 3. *During the quarantine, I have learned about self-love and confidence within myself. This has allowed me to love myself more.***
- 4. *Having this notion in my head that I will get to tasks that need to be accomplished when I get to it. Also I used to blame myself for what happens but realized that things do happen.***
- 5. *You can't fix everyone. This took a very long time for me to realize.***
- 6. *Still working on it but has gotten better.***
- 7. *Company. I enjoy (love) having people around me.***
- 8. *Safety and love. These are two things people need and God provides assurance in both.***
- 9. *Developing a relationship with Jesus Christ will guide you from being in the wrong places.***
- 10. *When we do Praise and Worship, I don't always really sing to every song.***
- 11. *I don't think it is fair that something is not being done at my school to allow my graduating class to walk at graduation. There are so many alternatives.***



Plans after High school: Attending William Paterson University

College Major: Psychology

**1. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. –Philippians 4:13**

Knowing that Jesus is with me all time, whether any struggle, I will be able to get through. God is my friend.

**2. At times, people perceive me as needing attention, all about me oriented. This is mistaken for my confidence and strong personality.**

**3. The Bible**

**4. Friendships. Setting for less. I have learned to spiritually discern between negative and positive spirited individuals.**

**5. Trusting God when times get hard. There are other people in the world that will not bring the best out of you.**

**6. Yes, 100%. It is the because of Him, I am not being led down the wrong direction.**

**7. Being an extrovert, I embrace being around happy people. Also, my family is something I cherish dearly.**

**8. Jesus Christ loves me and because of that, there is someone to talk with.**

**9. You will always have someone to talk to and finding comfort in church.**

**10. Too loud and obnoxious.**

**11. Very upsetting and I cried a few times. I figured it was coming and became real.**



Plans after High school: University of Valley Forge

College Major: Music Production

**1. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7**

**It is true! Whatever you put in is what you will get out.**

- 2. I have no clue and that is ok because I am a child of the Living God.**
- 3. I would like to learn about my DNA History. I want to seek if my cultural roots are deeper than just Jamaica.**
- 4. School Life. I know and have the ability to push myself to do better overall academically; excited to do so at college.**
- 5. Not everyone is your friend.**
- 6. Yes, I have realized that and it is ok because God is the only friend you need.**
- 7. Playing the drums. It is my happy place where I can take my mind off of things.**
- 8. Knowing that no matter what you do, you will always have God's love it is endless.**
- 9. I don't know, I don't know to be honest.**
- 10. I drum too loud.**
- 11. Disappointed but have no choice but to deal with it.**



## **Plans after High school: Enlisting in Navy: Basic Training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois**

**In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Matt. 6:9-13**

**This is the prayer my mom use to have me say every night when younger.**

- 2. People think that I am outgoing and like to meet new people. I am the opposite; like to stay home and is difficult to have conversations with people I do not know.**
- 3. Honestly, politics because am not into it. I am realizing though how important they are and wish I had read up on this topic earlier to become more knowledgeable.**
- 4. I could of done more academically. I enjoyed studying up until I go t to high school. Once there I didn't do the extra.**
- 5. That your path in life can be altered by not giving 100%**
- 6. Yes, I should of pushed myself more. Know myself well enough that if I would of applied myself more, I would of scored higher on the ASVAB and went to ROTC first. The application of pushing myself would of changed my entire path of more opportunity.**
- 7. Finding a great book that I can immerse myself in.**
- 8. The feeling of knowing that there are other people around that you can count on and depend on them.**
- 9. The feeling of unity and a common ground. You can talk to one another and truly believe that you have one another's back knowing things will be ok.**
- 10. I do not go to church enough because of work. My mom discusses this with me often.**
- 11. It made me upset because I knew details of the events seniors were supposed to partake. This quarantine changes you or at least it should have but it did for me. I am an introverted person and this quarantine showed me friends of different levels. Some who I thought were a fixture turned out not to be and that really opened my eyes.**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**PRAYER FOR THE 2020 GRADUATING SENIORS**  
**OF HARMONY MINISTRIES:**

***Father God,***

***In Jesus Christs' name we ask for your almighty hands to be upon our children as they complete their school year and advance to higher education. Bless their lives with goodness and love. Help them to stay committed to your Word and use their gifts wisely to walk into their future with faith, hope and love.***

***Amen,***

“For I know the plans  
I have for you,”  
Declares the LORD,  
“Plans to prosper you  
(and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
hope and a future).”

Jeremiah 29:11

We must mirror God's love in the  
midst of a world full of hatred. We  
are the mirrors of God's love, so  
we may show Jesus by our lives.



By: Brenda Benjamin



*Jesus replied, this is the work (service) that God asks you: That you believe in the One Whom He has sent (that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger. John 6:29 (AMPC)*

***2020 has been called the year of:  
New Vision  
Manifest Power  
& Great Change***

In the United States of America and around the globe we have seen this word come to pass. Almost every aspect of our lives has been affected by change because of the worldwide Pandemic. We have discovered new words such as social distancing, pandemic, Covid-19 and so on. But praise God! His Word stands forever; it never changes, "He is the same, yesterday, today and forever", according to Hebrews 13:8(NKJV).

From the middle of March 2020 until the present time of May 2020, our Pastor Owen Alston of Harmony Ministries has been sending morning text messages daily to his congregation, friends, and loved ones to encourage each of us about the love of Jesus, His finished work and His redemptive plan for mankind.

These scriptures from the Word of God are to remind us that we are victorious over every illness, plague, situation, circumstance or problem that comes against us as stated in 1 Corinthians 15:57

(AMPC) " But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are to stand immovable and do as it says in 1 Peter 5:7 (AMPC) "Casting the whole of your care (all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all) on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."

We do not succumb to the spirit of fear, which comes from our adversary Satan, but follow the instruction in 1 Peter 5: 9 (AMPC), " Withstand him; be firm in faith (against his onset rooted, established, strong, immovable and determined) knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world."

When fear makes an attempt to take over our thought life we must "Speak the Word only", as stated in Matthew 8:8 (NKJV) FEAR NOT!

The words that we speak determine the outcome of every situation that arises in our lives. The Word of God says in Proverb 18:20-21 (AMPC), "A man's (moral self shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequences of his words he must be satisfied (whether good or evil). Death and



life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it (for death of life)."

The Word of God that we receive daily gives each person an opportunity to put into action what is stated

in Deuteronomy 30: 19-20 (NKJV): " I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live. That you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him for He is your life and the length of your days."

In times of great change, we must "Have faith in God (constantly) as Jesus tells us in Mark 11:22 (AMPC). The last three months have been a time for us to draw closer to God in prayer and fellowship. Locate where we are in our faith walk with Him and His covenant promises, so that we can help those around us who need encouragement, kindness, forgiveness, and the love of God exhibited to them. Let people know that they are not forgotten, but valued, cherished and precious in the sight of God and our eyes as well.

I recently heard someone make this statement which stopped me in my tracks. "When love opens a heart, I want to make a deposit that will change that life." That is exactly what the love of God does for anyone who will open his heart to the unction



of the Holy Spirit, we are here to love people to Jesus everyday. What a privilege we have been given by the Almighty God Who loves us so much that He gave the Ultimate

Gift for us so that we could love others as He has loved us.

In closing, 1 John 5:4-5 (AMPC) says, "For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world even our faith. Who is it that is victorious over (that conquers) the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God (who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact).

Praise God!! That the victory is WON!!! We are more than conquerors! We have the eternal victory in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. ( I will) not, ( I will) not, ( I will) not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let ( you) down (relax My hold on you)! Assuredly not!

So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm ( will not fear or dread or be terrified). What can man do to me? Hebrews 13: 5b-6(AMPC)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah



*I Am a Citizen  
of the Kingdom of God,  
and of God's  
Covenant Promise*

Ephesians 2:11-22



# *Trusting* **GOD** *In Troubled Times*

**By: Marilyn Phillips**

“And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.” Psalm 9:10

For all of us this year’s experiences have been quite different and challenging during this COVID 19 pandemic. Some people have suffered great pain from the untimely loss of close friends and family members. For many of us just having to remember to wear masks and even gloves each time we go out of our homes can be truly bothersome. Additionally, realizing that many healthy-looking individuals around us may be asymptomatic but infected with COVID19, poses another reason for concern. These are surely uneasy factors; we are constantly reminding ourselves of one of the universal precautions

to treat everyone as if they were infected. In these difficult times we can bear in mind though, that God’s promises does not necessarily mean we will be void of pain and suffering. They certainly declare that He will never leave us despite what we may encounter. We are reminded in Joshua 1:9, that God indicated, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Jesus also states, we should keep our eyes on Him despite every circumstance. He tells us in Psalm 112: 7, to not be afraid of bad news, but keep our hearts firm, trusting in the Lord.”

During this COVID 19 pandemic we can remember on our brother Daniel who remained steadfast and unflinching in his faith



and trust in God. Daniel was determined to trust God regardless of the situations and consequences.

He did not give in when pressure was surrounding Him. God could have delivered him from the lions' den. However, God chose to demonstrate to us that he will not allow every difficult circumstance to be annulled, but He will never leave or forsake us. God stayed faithful to Daniel and He will remain faithful to us as well. He shut the lions' mouth and not a scratch was found

on Daniel (Daniel 6:22-23). In troubled times, Daniel did not become fearful but continued to pray. God also instructed us not to be fearful. He states in, Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I will be with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." When we encounter uneasy times, we should continue to pray earnestly. Prayer is more effective than panic. Prayer confirms our trust and hope in God. Panic affirms one's hopelessness. We can trust God to be with us through every trial and every circumstance, because He is faithful and good to His chil-



# TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM

dren. The Word assures us in Nahum 1:9, “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in him.” We can be assured that our future is secured in Christ Jesus. This confidence creates peace despite the storms.

We will undoubtedly emerge out of this pandemic of COVID 19 stronger than we were before. We will increase our praises to God as we call to mind his boundless goodness and protection towards us during these troubled seasons. God reminds us that uneasy times will occur in Isaiah 43:2, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” God always demonstrates His sovereignty and power in difficult and troubled times. We recall that God’s Word is our shield and refuge. The Word says, “Whoever gives thought to the word will

discover good and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord” (Proverbs 16:20). God will receive the glory from this pandemic. Many individuals will turn to the Almighty and powerful God as they establish that the scientists, the doctors, and many others don’t have the world’s answers. God has been moving in historical times, establishing the destinies of generations and will continue to do so. Despite new reports and personal discomforts, we are confident that nothing is too great for our God. We will continue to constantly apply the Word over our lives for God’s Word is “living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). His redemptive power is inexhaustible and constant. We will continue to trust and believe God’s Word in these troubled periods for we walk by faith, not by sight.

(Second Corinthians 5:7)

**\*\*\* PRAYER OF SALVATION \*\*\***

**DO YOU KNOW...?**

GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

**God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense**

**PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:**

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

Submitted By: Jacqueline Cuavers

# Games

## Sermon on The Mount



### ACROSS

- 1 "\_\_\_\_, and it shall be opened unto you."
- 3 "A good tree cannot \_\_\_\_ forth evil fruit"
- 5 "I will liken him unto a wise man, which \_\_\_\_ his house upon a rock."
- 6 Lay not up treasures here
- 10 "Beware of \_\_\_\_ prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing"
- 11 "Neither cast ye your \_\_\_\_ before swine"
- 12 "Because strait is the \_\_\_\_, and narrow is the way"
- 15 "Ye shall know them by their \_\_\_\_."
- 16 "And every one that \_\_\_\_ these sayings of mine, and doeth"
- 18 "Consider the \_\_\_\_ of the field, how they grow."
- 20 "For he taught them as one having \_\_\_\_, and not as the scribes."
- 23 Jesus told them to "enter into thy \_\_\_\_" to pray and shut the door!
- 25 "Give us this day, our \_\_\_\_ bread"
- 27 "As we \_\_\_\_ our debtors"
- 28 "Or if he ask a \_\_\_\_, will he give him a serpent?"
- 29 "Judge not that ye be not \_\_\_\_."
- 31 "And the winds blew, and \_\_\_\_ upon that house"
- 32 "Ye cannot serve God and \_\_\_\_."
- 34 "Sufficient unto the day is the \_\_\_\_ thereof."
- 36 "Whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a \_\_\_\_?"
- 37 "Seek, and ye shall \_\_\_\_"
- 38 "Is not the life more than \_\_\_\_, and the body than raiment?"

### DOWN

- 2 "Which of you by taking thought can add one \_\_\_\_ unto his stature?"
- 3 "first cast out the \_\_\_\_ of thine own eye"
- 4 "Do men gather \_\_\_\_ of thorns"
- 7 "For where your treasure is, there will your \_\_\_\_ be also."
- 8 "And \_\_\_\_ us not into temptation"
- 9 "He seeth in secret"
- 13 "Hypocrites love to pray out there in them"
- 14 "thy Father which seeth in \_\_\_\_ himself shall reward thee openly."
- 17 "Therefore I say unto you, Take no \_\_\_\_ for your life"
- 19 "Not everyone that saith unto me, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, shall enter into"
- 21 "Our Father, which art in heaven, \_\_\_\_ be thy name."
- 22 "No man can serve two \_\_\_\_"
- 24 "enter into the \_\_\_\_ of heaven"
- 26 "The \_\_\_\_ of the body is the eye."
- 27 "and it fell not: for it was \_\_\_\_ upon a rock."
- 30 "Behold the \_\_\_\_ of the air: for they sow not"
- 33 "and it fell: and \_\_\_\_ was the fall of it."
- 35 "But when ye pray, use not \_\_\_\_ repetitions"

# FUN PAGES

## MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD

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# LIVING IN God's Rest

*By Michael Clausen*

Sir Isaac Newton's Law of Inertia states that an object in motion will stay in motion unless acted upon by an outside force. Conversely an object at rest will stay at rest unless acted upon by an outside force. It is in the middle of the two that true balance exists, where things move at times and are at rest at times. We know that rest is necessary in order to for a person to have adequate energy to get things done. Like most natural laws this just makes sense, it is part of creation that goes all the way back to the beginning; after six days of work building everything, even God rested.

There are many places in the scriptures that show that rest is an important, if not critical, thing for a healthy life. We of course know of the mandate of the Sabbath and the holy days described in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, but there are references to the importance of rest throughout the Bible. There are references in the Psalms; "He makes me to lie down in green pastures" Psalm 23:2 and Psalm 37: "Rest in the Lord,

and wait patiently for Him." for example. In Exodus 23:12 the Lord says, "You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working. This gives your ox and your donkey a chance to rest. It also allows your slaves and the foreigners living among you to be refreshed." This instruction for the Sabbath is not just for us to rest, but for all our workers, even those who do not have the same beliefs we do. Rest is important for everyone, not just the believer. We need to be cognizant of the need for everyone to rest.

Even Jesus took time off for rest, Matthew 8:24 "Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping." "Then Jesus said, 'let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.'" Mark 6:30 He wasn't always left alone long enough for what we today would consider a good and healthy rest time, nor did he always have a place to rest, as He says in Matthew 8:20 (NLT) "Foxes have dens to





live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay His head.”

Jesus also tells us that there is true rest in Him. Also, in the Gospel account of St. Matthew Jesus tells us “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:29-30 We know that Jesus was fully God and fully human, and so needed to physically take time off to recharge His batteries. We know for example that He spent time with friends like Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha, and that when Martha chastised her sister for not helping with the serving of the guests Jesus told her that Mary had chosen the better in spending time with Him because He would not always be with

them, well not physically as He was then.

Pastor recently taught about the twenty-four-hour day and how it applies to how we should organize and discipline our lives. Eight hours of the day are meant for work, eight for sleeping and eight for socialization and life. God was pretty smart when he set up the day in this way. It was in the basic design for us to have a good long rest to recharge our bodies. We know from experience that when we get adequate rest, we are more prepared to face the day and live up to the calling of God on our lives. Take the time God allotted for you and get a good long rest. It is, after all, built into the day for you and as Pastor has taught us, when God gives you a gift the only response needed is to say thank you.

# God's Rest

Hebrews 4:1-11

# ANSWERS

## Sermon on The



### Solution to Number 43

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ

(Romans 1:16) KJV

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