“40 DAYS OF CONSECRATION”
June 25 - August 3, 2018

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From the Pastor’s Desk...

Dear Member:

Greetings, in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For the past seven years we as members of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ have participated in a 40-day Consecration, inspired by the loss of our great leader, my father, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. During that difficult time the Lord placed on my heart to call for a consecration, and a sense of renewed peace and understanding covered our church, and reminded us that God is with us.

It is my sincerest desire that we live in accordance with His will so that we may be rewarded for our faithfulness and receive all that the Lord has for us. As we consecrate ourselves, “let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...” (Hebrew 12:1). For when we demonstrate our dedication to the Lord, He will fill us with His spirit, love and knowledge that surpasses all understanding.

I would like for every member to join me as we prepare for this consecration which begins Monday, June 26th and ends Friday, August 4th. I am asking that we fast until 3:00 p.m. daily, unless a member has a medical condition that dictates otherwise. These 40 days of Consecration will be accompanied with a Pastoral Revival, which will be led by me, and will be held July 24th – 28th, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Remember, God is doing GREAT things, and we are expecting Him to do even greater things.

It is my prayer that the spirit of the Lord be with you.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Charles H. Mason Patterson, Sr.
“Like never before I will read God’s word, pray, worship, fast, witness, love one another, forgive others, and serve God”

OUR PLEDGE
We pledge to pray for our Pastor and First Lady Patterson, our nation, national and local churches, church clergy, executive leaders, auxiliaries and ministries, and for one another. We agree to the following:

1. We will dedicate at least 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of consecration to read God’s word

2. We will strive to stop and participate in collective prayer each day at 12 noon, as well as dedicate at least 15 – 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of consecration in prayer.

3. We will strive to attend Sunday Night Worship Service at Pentecostal Temple or the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.

4. We will strive to attend Wednesday’s Prayer (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon) and W.O.W (Worship On Wednesdays) 7:00p.m. at Pentecostal Temple, or Mid-Week Bible Study/Service at the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.

5. We will strive to attend Sunday School 8:30 a.m. at Pentecostal Temple or attend Sunday School at the church you attend during the 40 days of consecration.
DAILY GUIDE

Monday
- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: at least one petition for someone else, church leaders, auxiliaries and ministries
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Tuesday
- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: unemployed will find jobs that meet the needs of their family, and pray for Pastor Patterson and Sis. Patterson, as well as all Pastors and their Wives
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Wednesday
- Read your daily scriptures and devotion.
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: salvation for all who are lost, and wisdom and guidance from God
- Fast until 3:00 pm
- Attend Wednesday Prayer 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and/or W.O.W. Service 7:00 pm/ Mid-Week Service at your home church

Thursday
- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: youth hear the word of God and accept Jesus as their savior and pray for family members or friends who are lost
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Friday
- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: national church and leaders, for clergy, missionaries, and evangelist
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Saturday
- Read your daily scriptures
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes - include in your prayer: those suffering from injustice, comfort for those grieving, healing for the sick, and perseverance for persons participating in the 40 days of consecration
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Sunday
- Read your daily scriptures
- Attend Sunday Worship Services (i.e. Sunday School, Morning/Evening Worship, YPWW)
- Pray and include in your prayer: the messenger as they deliver God’s word, salvation for the lost, spiritual growth of Pentecostal Temple/ your home church
- Fast until 3:00 pm
Faith needs prayer for its development and full growth, Prayer needs fasting for its development and full growth.

1. Humbling the soul before God (Psalm 35:13)
2. Chastening the soul (Psalm 69:10)

Believers should fast when under:

1. Chastening (2 Samuel 12:16-23)
2. Under Judgment (1 Kings 21:27)
3. When in need (Ezra 8:21)
4. When in danger (Esther 4)
5. When worried (Daniel 6:18)
6. When in trouble (Acts 27:9, 33)
7. When in spiritual conflict (Matthew 4:1-11)
8. When desperate in prayer (Acts 9)
“40” Days of Consecration

“It is Well”

“It is well” because the “Promises” of God in Him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God the Father by us II Cor. 1:20.” We say “Amen,” in agreement to His “Amen,” which means “It is So! And so be it!” And it is so because HE said it is! We know that it is impossible for Him to lie! For this reason we have the blessed assurance that “All is well!”

“It is Well” because of God’s Super-Natural Provision which has made everything available to us (His people), through His Word that cannot lie. He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness through His divine power; I Peter 1:3. In Psalms 23 He is our personal Shepherd and Provider. In John chapter 10 He is the Good Shepherd, knowing His sheep by name; and they knowing Him to be Provider, respond to His voice and follow.

We have been provided the marvelous gift of salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who continually intercedes with strong supplication and pleadings concerning our individual as well as collective needs before the Father in heaven. He has given us the privilege of having His indwelling presence through the baptism of His Holy Spirit, who teaches us, leads and guides us, and empowers us to witness and fulfill our assigned “Kingdom” calling, that Father and Son be glorified in us and through us.

“It is Well” because of His Divine Protection. In Phil. 3:3; we have the promise that He will strengthen us, setting us on a firm foundation, and guard us from the “evil” one. In Deut. 31:6, we are admonished to be strong and courageous, not being terrified because of who or what we face that may rise up against us, for the Lord our God goes with us and will never leave us nor forsake us. Psalms 27:1-2 steps in with continued reassurance letting us know that He is our light and our salvation whom shall we fear; He is the strength of our lives of who shall we be afraid? When the wicked, even our enemies and our foes came against us to devour and destroy us, God’s angelic host saw to it that they stumbled and fell; they were unsuccessful (paraphrased).

“It is Well” because He is our Divine Preserver, be it in life or death. In Psalm 16:1, David cries out to the Lord asking Him to preserve him because he has put his trust in Him. David is actually saying, be a hedge around me; be a wall of protective thorns against those who come to irritate or destroy me. Guard me and keep them from me, continue to observe my every move. Preserve me as I go out and come in. 2 Timothy 4:18 And [indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver and preserve us from every assault and evil work of the enemy. He will preserve and bring us unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever (paraphrased). Amen (so be it). Psalms 48:14 goes even further assuring us that He, being our God will be our guide even unto death. Even as He walks us through this temporary sojourning life span, into His glorious presence forever more.
“It is Well”
Because Of the Promises of God

Day 1: June 25th 2018
II Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) For all the promises of God in Him are yes and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

God will never deny His promises to his righteous little ones. To deny His promises would be to deny the personage of His character, who He is, what He stands for or represents. He is the integrity of who He is. He is His promises. The promises of God are a resounding “YES!” “IT IS SO!” In the Hebrew language “AMEN” is defined as “truly” or “surely” I will do it (whatever His Word says He will do it). This gives every believer the blessed assurance and confidence in each written word of God. We can safely rest in His promises!

In Revelation 3:14 Jesus is actually called the “Amen” of God, the true and faithful witness of God. He is the truth and assurance of God’s promise of our salvation and deliverance of which we now so richly enjoy.

Day 2: June 26th 2018
Hebrews 6:13 (NKJV) For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself….

We have the certainty of God’s promises. He has sworn by His own integrity as there is no integrity greater than His own. He has unwavering confidence and surety in his own ability to bring to fruition what he has promised. When we check His record there is no shadow nor variableness of turning. He has gone before and follows after His Word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:12 God states I will hasten My Word to perform it. He will instruct His Word to get in a hurry and move quickly to meet the needs of His little ones.

Day 3: June 27th 2018
Hebrews 6:14-15 (NKJV) Saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

After standing in a place of faith that endures, and on the promised blessings, the receiving season comes. While we are waiting in patient endurance, God is preparing us and growing us up in many ways so that we will be able to maintain the blessings when they arrive in our lives. God loves us enough not to give us blessings prematurely that we are not able to handle or that may destroy us. He refuses to pick us off the tree of “patience and endurance” until we are ripe enough to receive the promised blessing and maintain it. When we are ready the blessings quickly comes.
Day 4: June 28th 2018
Hebrew 6:17-18 (AMP) Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened (meditated) with an oath. This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God to ever prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and is set before us.

God’s promises are unchangeable (immutable); they are fixed, set, stronger than cement, and more permanent than any permanent writing marker. They are divine solemn promises, sworn statements signed with the blood of Jesus. Psalms 119:89-91 (AMP) makes this statement, “Forever O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven [stands firm as the heavens]. Your faithfulness is from generation to generation; You have established the earth, and it stands fast. All [the whole universe] are Your servants; therefore they continue this day according to Your ordinances”.

God’s decrees and ordinances are subject unto Him as obedient servants. They do not return unto him void, annulled, or invalidated; for His promises are legally binding. The Lord Himself has said so!

Day 5: June 29th 2018
Numbers 23:19 (AMP) God is not a man that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that he should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?
In this passage of scripture we see king Balak of the Moabites wanting Balaam to speak curses over God’s people Israel, but God continued to speak words of blessings concerning His people by the mouth of Balaam. King Balak in his anger wanted Balaam to reverse the words God has spoken over Israel; neither curse or bless them. Balaam informs him that he is not dealing with a man, but God who is the God of all other gods. He (the Most High God) does not feel compunction (an uneasiness, doubt, reluctance, or reservation) to bring to fruition anything He has declared. Nor does He count it necessary to repent, to change His mind about anything He has spoken. For what He has spoken He alone has the Omni-Potency to bring it to pass.

Day 6: June 30th 2018
Psalms 89:34 (NKJV) My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips. This originally referred to the Davidic Covenant which was made with king David and his seed (descendants). But it also applies to us today, as we were engrafted into the royal family of God through Jesus Christ, a descendant of David. This is God’s own covenant He drew up and drafted, and by His own volition entered into it. God, the Lord Most High is not a covenant breaker, but a covenant keeper. He does not alter, or have to alter anything He says in His Word because He knows the beginning to the end of everything as He alone created all things. His council is immutable (unchangeable). His heart is unchangeable in regard to His Word and His promises. God continues to abide faithful.
Day 7: July 1st 2018
Deuteronomy 7:9 (AMP) Know, recognize, and understand therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love and mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

Moses the man of God, speaks to God’s people concerning the character and faithfulness of God; how He keeps His covenant agreement, showing mercy to generation after generation to those of us who love Him, and are determined in our hearts and mind to walk in obedience to His Word and His way. If we draw close to Him in love and obedience, He draws close to us, loading our lives with natural and spiritual blessings. His deep abiding love for us, his children, is evidenced in His unfailing promises made to us. The term “a thousand generation” denotes generations without measure, not a specific time span. As long as God lives (as He cannot and will not die), His promises stand sure and unshakeable! God’s covenant loyalty is boundless and unending (HCSB, footnotes, p. 298).

Day 8: July 2nd 2018
II Peter 1:3 (NKJV) As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

As we take inventory of our lives, if we take a good look, we can see the overflow of blessings we are presently receiving. The first blessing is we are blessed to be alive and have been given the awesome privilege to experience the great gift of salvation as well as the gifts of natural senses; to feel, touch, taste, hear, and see (if even with the assistance outside aids and devices). We may be blind, deaf, or physically incapacitated, but God in his infinite wisdom and because of His deep abiding love, gives special graces to deal with these life challenges. The greater the challenge, the greater the grace imparted. As we choose to be acquainted with Him, and get to know Him up close and personal, and walk with Him by faith; godliness is being worked into our lives we then experience peace with God, and the peace of God through Jesus Christ our Savior and redeemer. While in the process of being transformed, we also see and feel a divine character change taking place in us whereby His virtue and glory is being displayed. He is making us living epistle being read of men. Who and what are they reading about in our lives? Jesus, and his love for humanity.

Day 9: July 3rd 2018
II Peter 1:4 By means of these he has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature. We have been given immeasurable promises exceeding above all we could ask or think. Nothing in the carnal realm can measure up to what God through Jesus Christ has made available to us in the realm of the Spirit. As we partake of the divine nature of Christ through the Holy Spirit, we become escapees from this world’s system of sin’s vices and depravity. The magnificent fruit of the Spirit began to manifest themselves in our character; hence God in Christ is now glorified in the believer.
II Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV) Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

These promises are ours, the believer. They have been willed to us through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we have been justified, chosen, and accepted into the “beloved” family of God, let us do our part by cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. One may ask; how do I accomplish this? It is accomplished by submission to the Holy Spirit and the Word.

Submission is a powerful word! Its’ prefix, “sub,” means, “under,” “below,” or “beneath.” It is akin to the operation of the “submarine,” which is equipped to operate and stay submerged under water for long periods of time. If we are going to be successful over-coming believers we must stay submerged under the Word, being constantly washed by it. We must willingly “sub-ject” ourselves to Christ and the Holy Spirit. We strive to become His loyal “subjects” through “submission.” Saints live lives much like that of a “Submarine,” submitting ourselves, living under the directions and mandates of God’s Holy Word. In my research on Submarines I found an interesting article about a British submarine that was able to stay under water for 25 years without re-surfacing as long as it had the necessary supplies on board to do so. The Holy Spirit is in search of those who are willing to become “Submarine saints.” If we are willing to stay submerged under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit, He will make available to us an unending supply of His fruit that will enable us to go life’s distance in submission to God.

James 4:1-8 (read), has given us the unfalling formula to unleash the promises of God into our lives. In verse 7; he instructs us to 1. Submit therefore ourselves unto God, 2. Resist the devil, and 3. He will flee from us! (In that order)! We cannot resist the devil or hold him at bay (which means to control him), unless we first submit. Without submission there is no resisting power. The devil knows when we are not living a life submitted to God. Satan’s greatest joy and laughter is when a carnal saint tries to bind him and cast him out of their presence or make him behave. An un-submitted life gives him permission to stay and remain active in the life of a believer. Any “no” to God is and automatic “yes” to the devil. Our “no’s” to God, opens doors to the devil and invites him to rule and reign in key areas of our lives that negate or cancel out the promises of God.

Prayer: Father, help us, anoint us to live submitted lives to your Word and your way so that your promised blessings will have free course in our lives. We want to be a witness to other that Your Word is the only true and unfailing foundation. In Jesus’ Excellent and Marvelous Name we pray. AMEN!
“It is Well”

Because of the Provision of God

Day 11: July 5th 2018

Genesis 3:21 (NKJV) Also for Adam and his wife the Lord made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

The covering of fig leaves they had sewn together to cover and hide their nakedness that they were now ashamed of, did not hide what the real issue was. Their real issue was their disobedience to the mandate God had given not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This disobedience had made something that had been open and beautiful to look upon and enjoy, now a thing of shame to be covered and hidden. So they took something superficial and tried to cover something that had been broken internally. This was like trying to cover a major rupture of an artery in one’s heart using a small Band-Aid on the top layer of skin on the chest to stop internal bleeding. It would be totally ineffective, allowing nothing but death to take place.

Our Father, the Chief Provider, in His infinite love and wisdom knew that fig leaves would not do, and were incapable of repairing or hiding the internal damage sin caused, and the effect it would have on Adam and his seed for generations to come; so He Himself provided the skins from innocent animals as a temporary covering. As it would take the shed blood of a totally innocent victim to heal and cover the blackness and devastation of the sin His first children had fallen into; God instituted the blood sacrifice of innocent animals which would lead up to the ultimate Blood Sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; His Blood, the only “total sin cleanser,” which is totally pure and untouched by any earthly element. (Read Genesis 3:1-7, 14-15)

Day 12: July 6th 2018

The “Chief Provider” Always Provides

Psalms 68:19 (KJV) Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

To be highly esteemed with deep affection is our Lord, who moment by moment, hour by hour, and day by day, infuse into our lives benefits that cannot be numbered. If our minds could in part conceive what God does to keep our spirit, body, and soul intact it really would blow our mind. Our minds are incapable of understanding the deep mysteries of the function of our being from the inside out and the outside in. We never have to instruct our hearts to beat or our lungs to inhale oxygen or to exhale carbon dioxide. Isn’t it amazing that our lungs do not get it twisted and think that we should be inhaling carbon dioxide and exhaling oxygen? The lungs were programmed by their Creator to know this would mean certain death to the body. Another thing that always amazed me is how God constructed our skin. Although our skin is able to absorb certain medications and chemicals when they are applied to the skin; when it rains, our skin acts as a rain coat; it keeps the rain from being absorbed into the inner layers of our skin which is sterile. Rain, not being sterile could very well bring contamination into the body. In our tongue there are receptors that distinguish sweet, salty, bitter and sour, without getting these different tastes confused. We have also been equipped with a hearing and sound system that is beyond our imagination. The eardrum the great sound and noise protector, sensory cells in the inner ear containing little fine hairs called stereocilia pick up sound waves, taking them via the auditory nerve to the brain enabling us to hear and distinguish one sound from another.

Let us not forget the rods and cones in the retina of our eyes that are responsible for low light and night vision as well as seeing in black and white and color, as well as the pupil that dilates (opens), and constricts (closes), via the muscles of the iris (which gives the eye its color), directs just the right amount of light to the retina greatly assisting in our vision and perception of what and how we see! King David refers to this in Psalms 139:14 as being fearfully and wonderfully made!! This is just a very minuet part of His daily provision in our bodies. We have not touched on His super-natural blessings of food, clothing, shelter, jobs, the mind, intellect, and ability only He can give to be able to maintain these blessings. The Lord is continually loading us with provision from seen and unseen sources as a witness of His love and unending ability to provide for His prized creation. He is our source and re-source.
Day 13: July 7th 2018
Psalm 103:1-2 (KJV) BLESS THE Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
His benefits are too numerous to count; we may not remember “all” of them, some slip our minds, but there are so many of them that stare back at us all day long. We often say, “He woke us up this morning and started us on our way.” It may sound like a nice religious cliché, but it’s the real truth. No one or no-thing has the power or authority to do this. Not only does He wake us up, but keeps us while we sleep, not knowing what may be going on around us. We are kept by His awesome power and merciful hand all day; then the super-natural process starts all over again. WOW!! This should cause us, as it did the “Sweet Psalmist of Israel” to pour out praises from every area of our being to the only Great God for extending to us a benefit package like no other!

Day 14: July 8th 2018
Psalms 103:3 (AMP) Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases,
We have been awarded an on-going forgiveness and cleansing “benefit package” to rid us of our sins and iniquities, as well as healing of the mind body and soul. Sin, is an offence or transgression (transgression meaning to go beyond or against a moral principle or established standard of behavior), concerning God’s divine laws; but iniquities go beyond the action of sin, denoting the mental/moral temperament of character in which one carries out an action of sin, such as perverseness and crookedness of heart, or an action carried out because of perverse thinking and a dark dirty heart. To know that we have a God who is capable of blotting our sins and iniquity, and giving us access to daily cleansing is minding blowing! This kind of love and power is beyond our human comprehension.

Day 15: July 9th 2015
Psalms 103:4 (KJV) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Again we can testify with the Psalmist (king David), that our lives have been redeemed and delivered from the pit of sin’s degradation as well as escaping many times from the destruction of death. The price to buy us back; or get us out of the sin fix we were trapped in as a result of the sin of our first parents had to be paid with nothing less than the pure sinless Blood of Jesus.
There are times in our lives when death tries to quickly snatch us, but the saving Hand of the Lord was quicker; rescuing us from death’s grip. As we walk through life with Him as our leader and guide, we experience His lovingkindness being worn as a beautiful sustaining crown, advertising to all that we are indeed kingdom children, belonging to and being sustained by the King of Kings. We also experience His tender sensitive mercies. Mercies that are sensitive to feel and know our makeup (Psalms 103:14 AMP) For He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust.
Day 16: July 10th 2018
Psalms 103:5 (KJV) Who satisfies thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s. As we commit to rest in His loving care the old sinful, destructive desires begin to change. We begin to be satisfied with the wholesome (things that are good for us) desires of God. (Psalms 34:8 Oh! Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him! He will even satisfy our natural mouths with food items that are good for making the body healthy and strong, and replacing the old worn out cells and tissue with new healthy cells and tissue. The human body, being divinely constructed by the hand of God functions in a state of on-going divine healing. This is why we can live (some of us for many years), with chronic and terminal illnesses, continuing to carry on our activities of daily living. Thank God for all that medical science does and has contributed. But it is nothing less than the inner-workings of the super-natural power of God in our bodies causing us to be renewed and strengthened as the eagle, who’s pinions and feathers are gradually replaced giving it renewed soaring strength. We like the eagle can continue to live in renewed strength and soar in the favor and blessings of God.

Day 17: July 11th 2018
Psalms 23:1 (HCSB Study Bible) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. Because He is our shepherd, the Good Shepherd, there is no-thing that we have to experience lack in. The basics of all natural, emotional, and spiritual things have been provided for us in Him. Act 17: 28a For in Him we live and move, and have our being; In Him, the Good Shepherd, resides everything His sheep have need of, and we lack for no good or beneficial thing.

Day 18: July 12th 2018
Isaiah 40:11 (KJV) He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Jesus, who is the gentle compassionate Shepherd feeds His flock with Himself. He is the living Bread, the fresh Bread of life. He is the real Manna that came down from heaven. He is Meat indeed and Drink indeed. When we drink of Him all thirst is quenched. Jesus the Word, has a way of carrying the spiritually young, the slow, the weak, and infirmed little ones in His arms and bosom; close to His heart allowing them to experience His special love, patience, peace and provision. He is our place of rest from the cares of life. There are times in my life that he carries me in just this manner; how about you? SELAH!
As He is being formed in us; and when we are heavy with ministry and spiritual assignments that He Himself impregnated us with, He gently leads us and gives us respite and relief when needed.

Day 19: July 13th 2018
Psalms 23:2-3 (AMP) He makes me to lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me by the still and restful waters. He refreshes and restores my life (myself); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake. The Good Shepherd knows better than we do when we need rest from the cares of this life that sometimes weigh us down. He is the means and the place of refreshment for our weary souls. The provider provides new and fresh perspectives in life for our total person. We are then led further on our journey in the correct and safe paths of life; there we receive the wisdom and knowledge that only comes from above. Let us not be like the Old Testament Israelites in Jeremiah 6:16, where God instructs His people to ask for paths that are good and wholesome for them to walk in that they may find rest for their souls, but they blatantly refused His righteousness and His rest, stating “We will not walk therein”. By walking in the paths of righteousness we are guaranteed restoration. Let us also remember the first four letters of R-E-S-T-oration, this is what has been made available to us by our Shepherd for the sake of His own Great Name and unspotted integrity in caring for His people, the sheep of His pasture.
**Day 20: July 14th 2015**

Psalms 23:5a (NKJV) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; As we encounter our enemies and the nay-sayers on our journey, the Chief Shepherd and provider prepares a banquet table over-flowing with the dainties of His super-natural provision and blessings. As our enemies look on, they are amazed at the intimate love and care we are receiving from the hand of God. They then must recognize and confess that the King of Kings is over-seeing and handing down the over-flow of blessing in our lives.

**Day 21: July 15th 2015**

Psalms 78:17-19 (AMPC) Yet they went on to sin against Him by provoking and rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness (in the land of drought). And they tempted God on their hearts by asking for food according to their [selfish] desires and appetite. Yes they spoke against God; they said, can God furnish [the food for] a table in the wilderness?

As a word of caution; let us not be like the Israelites, who after all God had super-naturally provided, insulted His love and the ability to provide with doubtful demeaning complaints. What a contrast between Psalms 23:5 and Psalm 78:17-19, although this Psalm is reiterating how God provided for His people (for this was only natural for God to respond to His children in a super-natural way); expresses the heart of God’s people toward Him. Of course this deeply wounded and angered the heart of God. The question in their hearts, and among themselves no doubt, was, “can God furnish?”. Does He have the ability, or the means to furnish. The word furnish, means to supply, equip, provide, and bestow what is needed to take care of a thing or situation. What an insult to our God who had already furnished every-thing that was needed for them to make the wilderness trip through the desert. They questioned the ability of the God who made the universe as well as them. This Psalm is a testimony as well as a warning for His people not to forget His loving care and ability to provide even in our wilderness experiences. Let us not find ourselves stuck in Psalms 78:17-19. That is a very dangerous and bad place to remain.

Prayer: Father if this is where we have allowed ourselves to camp; a place of unbelief and complaining, a place of questioning Your ability to provide; please forgive us and wash us again in Your cleansing Blood. Set us aright, that we might walk in faith, believing You, knowing that it is you who goes before us walking out our steps to the victory You have already promised us. Thank You soooo much! In Jesus’ Marvelous, Matchless, and Excellent Name. Amen

**It is Well**

*Because of the Protection of God*

**Day 22: July 16th 2018**

Psalms 23:4a (NKJV) Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will *fear no *evil; for You are with me;

Many biblical scholars believe the valley of the shadow of death David was referring to was the Kidron Valley, also known as the *Brook of Kidron*, which David crossed as he was fleeing from Absalom (II Sam.15:13-30). The Kidron Valley was a place of idolatrous worship and sacrifice (I Sam. 15:13). It was also used as a burial place for the dead during the reign of king Josiah (II Kings 23:6). The history alone depicts death and darkness. In fact the meaning of the word “Kidron,” means ominous, turbid, very black and full of darkness. We can easily see why king David would refer to it as the “Valley of the Shadow of Death;” but he immediately makes a powerful faith-filled statement; “I will fear no evil, for You God, are with me”. So, All is indeed Well! This kind of confidence can only come from spending quality time with God and allowing the Holy Spirit to train us, using our hearts as the field in which to plant His fruit; He then nurtures and strengthens the crop of Gal.5:22-23 by the super-natural ability of God’s *Grace* working in our hearts to manifest obedience to the Word. In yielding ourselves to this way of life, we can walk in faith, which is the opposite of fear and unbelief. No valley or shadow of death will be able to stop us from our destiny in God. We will be able to say with strong faith, *It is Well!*
Day 23: July 17th 2018
Psalms 23:5b (NKJV) You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Anointing the sheep’s head and ears was not just a ritual. As the natural sheep needed their head and ears anointed with oil, so do the spiritual sheep of the Good Shepherd need the same. In the case of the natural sheep, the shepherd anointed their head including their ears with oil to ward off the different kinds of bugs that would crawl into their nose and ear cannels, make a nest and begin to feed on the brain tissue of the sheep. To the unoiled sheep this was of tremendous annoyance and pain. This would cause the sheep to hit his head on rocks and against trees to relieve its suffering. A sheep could easily fracture his skull while trying to get relief from the bugs eating away their brain. How well a flock was cared for spoke volumes concerning the character of the owner of the flock. The Good Shepherd anoints our heads with the oil of the Holy Spirit to keep our minds protected from the infestation of sinful parasitic thinking patterns this world’s system is constantly trying to invade us with. Each day we must allow Holy Spirit to decontaminate our thinking so that we can think clearly concerning what and who we are as kingdom children, as well as Who we belong too! God forbid that we would be banging our heads against the proverbial wall of mental/emotional pain and anguish, due to our own negligence of not allowing the soothing oil of peace made available to us through the Holy Spirit to keep our minds. He is the Protector over every area of our life.

Day 24: July 18th 2018
Psalm 23: 4b Thy rod and your staff they comfort me.
The “Rod” and the “Staff” were used as instruments of correction and protection, a guide, and to comfort. In defining the use of the Rod and staff, we can also see that they represent the authority and care the shepherd has over the sheep. At times they were used to align them in an orderly fashion, to assist in counting the sheep, and making sure each sheep was in place and accounted for. The Staff was used to lift the wounded and fallen sheep, as well as pull them up from a place of danger and destruction. The Rod was used for chastening a wayward sheep that refused to follow, and repeatedly wandered off leading other sheep astray. The Rod was also used to kill or chase dangerous predators away from the sheep. Yet in the many ways of tender love and protection implemented by the shepherd there are some sheep who seek out ways to escape the love and excellent care of the good shepherd. They continue to wander into dangerous deadly places and encourage other sheep to follow them.

I am reminded of Phillip Keller, the author of the wonderful book, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalms 23.” He was a former shepherd from Kenya, Africa. He relates an incident with one of his prized ewes, ‘Mrs. Gad-about.’ “I once owned an ewe whose conduct typified this sort of person. She was one of the most attractive sheep that ever belonged to me. Her body was beautifully proportioned. She had a strong constitution and an excellent coat of wool. Her head was clean, alert, well-set with bright eyes. She bore sturdy lambs that matured rapidly.

But in spite of all these attractive attributes she had one pronounced fault. She was restless – discontented – a fence crawler. So much so, that I came to call her ‘Mrs. Gad-about.’ This one ewe produced more problems for me than almost all the rest of the flock combined.

No matter what field or pasture the sheep were in, she would search all along the fences or shoreline (we lived by the sea) looking for a loophole she could crawl through and start to feed on the other side. It was not that she lacked pasturage. My fields were my joy and delight. No other sheep in the district had better grazing. With ‘Mrs. Gad-about’ it was as an ingrained habit. She was simply never content with things as they were. Often when she had forced her way through some such spot in a fence or found a way through the end of a wire at low tide on the beaches, she would end up feeding on bare, brown, burned-up pasturage of a most inferior sort. But she never learned her lesson and continued to fence crawl time after time. Now it would have been bad enough if she was the only one that did this. It was a sufficient problem to find her and bring her back. But the further point was that she taught her lambs the same tricks. They simply followed her example and soon were as skilled at escaping as their mother.
Even worse, however, was the example she set for the other sheep. In a short time she began to lead others through the same holes and over the same dangerous paths down by the sea.

After putting up with her perverseness for a summer, I finally came to the conclusion that to save the rest of the flock from being unsettled, she would have to go.

... it was a difficult decision... I loved her in the same way I loved the rest. Her strength and beauty and alertness were a delight to the eye. But one morning, I took the killing knife in hand and butchered her. It was the only solution to the dilemma.

She was a sheep, who in spite of all that I had done to give her the very best care – still wanted something else. She is not the one who said, ‘the Lord is my Shepherd – I shall not want.’

It is a solemn warning to the carnal Christians - the backslider - the one who wants the best of both worlds. Sometimes in short they can be cut down.”


Even if the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, if the Shepherd does not lead us in that direction it is not the place for us to hang out and feed. Where He leads, we must follow.

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**He Protects and Guards His Sheep as the Apple of His Eye**

**Day 25: July 19th 2018**

Deuteronomy 32:10 (NKJV) He found him in a desert land. And in a wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of His eye.

Moses, the great Law-giver, writes the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy (known as the Song of Moses), to the children of Israel as a witness against them because of their rebellious ways against God. He reiterates to them the goodness of God, how He protected and provided for them as He led them through the wilderness. He refers to them as the apple of God’s eye; meaning they were the children of a special love and place in His heart. Even in their rebellious stiff-necked ways, they were cherished of God above all other nations. God has and always have had a sensitive eye for His children. When their disobedience and rebellion was at its worse, and they refused to repent, God would turn His back, or turn His eyes away as not to look upon them in their wretched condition. Their actions deeply hurt and wounded the heart of their Creator and Maker; and because He honors, exalts, and magnifies His Word even above His own Name; meaning, if He has said in His Word that the penalty of sin and rebellion carry certain consequences unless true repentance followed, He was obligated by His impeccable integrity and reputation to do what His own Word says. Their sin and rebellion, just as ours, must be dealt with. As His reputation and integrity are on display, not only before the world, but before Satan himself and his demons. Many times God allowed whatever person, place, or thing, esteemed higher or more important than relationship with Him, be the weapon used as a means to discipline and chasten those He love so deeply. Most times we must endure some form of suffering before we are able to understand the deep love and care our Savior has for us.

Even we as humans, when we have a deep sensitivity to certain relationships, have a greater vulnerability to be wounded much deeper. This helps us to understand the heart of our dear Lord when we persist in rebellion and disobedience. As the eye is sensitive to anything that comes near to touch it or enter into it, so is the sensitivity and protection of our God towards His children.
Day 26: July 20th 2018
Psalms 17:7-9 (KJV) Show thy marvelous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings. From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

Once again we see king David reaching up to the one whom he is very well acquainted with. He has on many occasions experienced the marvelous lovingkindness of his God. He appeals to the protective instinct of God’s divine character toward him. He knows that for his enemies to touch him would be like them sticking their finger in the very eye of God. When our enemies come against us to do us harm, it is a direct insult and assault against God. Even we as brothers and sisters in Christ have to be careful how we handle each other. We must be careful not to stick our finger in God’s eye!!

Day 27: July 21st 2018
Psalms 34:19 (KJV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Biblical history teaches that David wrote this Psalm as he ran from king Saul and sought refuge among the Philistines with king Achish of Gath, Goliath’s folks. These were Israel’s and David’s enemies. They hated and feared David; knowing it was he who destroyed their champion, Goliath. David feigned insanity to escape these haters and escaped to the cave Adullam. He suffered untold afflictions as he ran for his life from Saul. In this Psalm he testifies of God’s miraculous deliverance and protection, for indeed God did without a doubt deliver him out of them all. This Psalm is a witness to us of God’s ability to protect and deliver His people while in affliction or going through affliction. We learn that most times the only way out is through. Going through teaches lessons and puts in us a trust in God we never would have learned.

Day 28: July 22nd 2018.
Psalms 27:1 (KJV) The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

King David gives us a lot to think about, as well as hold on to and rest in. He says the ‘LORD’ is my light and my salvation. It is the Lord who lights the way in which we travel on this life’s journey. The illumination of His Word working in our lives brings salvation (deliverance), and protection from the snares of the evil one. Our faith in His Word and what He can do comes alive in our hearts. He becomes our sun and shield. He lights our way, as well as shield us from dangers seen and unseen. We learn to lean on His everlasting arms. For what we cannot see; He can. This is why it is impossible for us to conceive in our minds the many ways He has protected us from danger and death when we had no clue they were right upon us. David asks the question; “whom shall I fear?” He is really asking, who is greater, or more powerful to protect us than the One who holds us in His hand? The answer? No one! This is why we do not have to fear!! He is our strong-hold in the day of trouble.
Day 29: July 23rd 2018
Psalms 27:2 (KJV) When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

David talks about the wicked who were against him, his enemies who came against him, then his foes. The wicked; the immoral and corrupt. His enemies; those who opposed him in a hostile manner, his combatants and adversaries. His foes; his rivals, those who were in league with and cooperated with his enemies. David was experiencing this type of demonic onslaught one after another, and some at the same time. Some were pseudo-friends and family members, one being his beloved son Absalom. Sound familiar? Those who came out against him were so full of rage they literally wanted to tear his flesh apart. They wanted to see his utter destruction! Even through all these things He was surrounded by the Chief Protector, Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner, our place of refuge.

God knows how to hide us in plain sight; in a place that defies the apprehension of the evil one (Satan). O’ what a Protector our God is!!

Day 30: July 24th 2018
Psalms 124:1-3 (KJV) If *it had not been* the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say; If *it had not been* the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

This Psalm is one of the Songs of ‘Ascent’. It is one of the fifteen chapters (120-134), in the 5th Book of the Psalms (107-150). Some biblical scholars teach that these were the Psalms that were sung as the Jews would ascend to the Holy Temple three times a year when attending the Jewish festivals. The Psalmist says, “If it had not been the **LORD** who was on our side. Not the rich and famous, not some great person of influence, not an Obama, Trump, or Bill Gates; but the **Lord**. In other words, most adversarial situations we the people of God face are nothing less than a ‘God-Case.’ The only effective help, deliverance, and over-coming victory rested squarely on His gigantic shoulders. The three “T’s,” Test, Trials, and Tribulations, as well as our adversaries would have swallowed us up in a hurry!! But the Lord, our soul and life protector, is our enduring strength in the face of the enemy through the power of the Holy Ghost that has been given unto us!!

Day 31: July 25th 2018
Psalms 124:7 (KJV) Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Through the power of the Holy Ghost, we became escapees out of the snare (traps and pitfalls) of Satan. The Lord broke and destroyed the chains of bondage the devil had so strategically placed in our lives for our demise. Jesus Himself, through the sacrifice of His sinless Blood made a way for our escape. Jesus is always looking out for the ‘apple of God’s eye’; **His people.**

Day 32: July 26th 2018
Psalms 124:8 (KJV) Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Our help is in **HIM**; as we are related to Him by **BLOOD**! We are family; we have His Name! Our staying power is in Him. Any kind of protection we need or desire is in Him. He protects us even from ourselves. You do know that we ourselves can be our greatest enemy and source of destruction! But there is a ‘Greater One’ who loves us more than we love ourselves; and with great compassion and understanding knows how to save and protect us from ourselves. **For He knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation** 2 Peter 2:9a

**Prayer:** Father we thank you so much for the many ways, and the many escape routes you brought us through to defeat our arch enemy; the devil. Truly if it had not been **You** who was on our side we would have been swallowed up in destruction. We say THANK YOU with our lives! In Jesus’ Marvelous and Matchless name. Amen!
Day 33: July 27th 2018

Psalms 121:1-2 (KJV) I will lift up mine eyes to the hills—From whence cometh my help. My help comes from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

This is another Psalm of the ‘Ascent’ which was spoken of previously. Another historical teaching is, this is one of the Psalms that was sung by the Levites as they gazed upon the hills that surrounded Jerusalem while ascending the fifteen steps to the Temple in Jerusalem to minister.

The Psalmist declares, “I will lift my eyes to the hills” (figuratively speaking, a place of refuge); a place of on-going stability and strength, symbolizing a God that cannot be moved. To have our eyes focused on any other person, place, or thing is futile. We cannot focus on the mundane, ungodly, depressing things that surround us, but our eyes must be focused on things above. The true worshippers, in lifting their eyes unto the hills; make an uncompromising statement of where their help comes from. Our help comes from the one who made heaven and earth. When we cast our eyes upon Jesus, and look firmly into His wonderful face, the things of this earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Day 34: July 28th 2018

Psalms 121:3-4 (KJV) He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

We must remember; He who is in charge of us needs no sleep or rest. His focus is on us. His vigilance over His ‘little ones is unceasing. We are engraved in the palms of His hands. We are tattooed in His gigantic hands. The Lord will not allow the feet of them who walk in faith, trust, and obedience to His commands be moved.

Day 35: July 29th 2018

Psalms 121:7-8 (KJV) The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall Preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

He will preserve us in our going out and coming in. “Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand save me (Psalms 138:7.” While in the midst of the evil that lurks all around us we have the blessed assurance we will be kept today, tomorrow, and the duration of our pilgrimage as we travel in this life toward our heavenly home.

Day 36: July 30th 2018

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Paul writes this letter to the Philippian Church addressing himself and Timothy as slaves (by their own consent) of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not force them to be His ‘love slaves’, but they consented with joy! (It is believed Paul is writing this letter during his first imprisonment in Rome).

Paul first imparts unto them God’s Grace (the super-natural ability to be and to do God’s bidding); and the peace of God that transcends all human understanding. He says, it gives me joy to pray for you. He encourages the Philippians concerning the ‘good work’ (labor of love) that God through Christ has begun in them. Paul assures them that God is going to preserve it and them, carrying it on to completion until He returns for them.

God was at work in them then just as He is at work in us now. He is working the will and the do (Philippians 2:12-13), as we must work out our own salvation by His grace, with fear (reverential respect) toward God, as he works in us by that same super-natural Grace for His own good pleasure. We must work out what God, by His Grace is working in us (whatever that may be). We must finish by application that which God has already imparted to us in principle. This is what will continually preserve us and carry us on until the day Jesus calls us home.
Day 37: July 31st 2018
2 Timothy 1:11-12 (AMPC) For [the proclaiming of] this [gospel] I was appointed a herald (preacher) and an apostle (special messenger) and a teacher of the Gentiles. And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him] until that day. Paul writes a letter to Timothy his son in the gospel, to encourage him and to thank God for him. Timothy had been on his mind day and night. He says, “I remember your tears.” Timothy could have been struggling and in great distress because of the heavy call and assignment of ministry on his life. Although he had been schooled for this day at the feet of his grandmother Lois, and his mother Eunice, who were strong believers in Christ, I can imagine there must have been some apprehension and fear concerning taking on a godly assignment of this magnitude. Have we ourselves not cried out in anguish and fear concerning some of the assignments God has laid before us to engage ourselves in? Paul reminds Timothy through his own testimony, as well the imparted gift and ordination of ministry he had received by the laying on his hands. Paul further encourages him by letting him know that God is well able to over-see and guard the work that he has entrusted to us, as well as guard and over-see that which we have committed to Him; no matter what cataclysmic storm or event comes against it. Whatever we truly commit to God is protected and preserved by Him.

Day 38: August 1st 2018
Isaiah 3:10 (KJV) Say to the righteous it shall be be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

This chapter speaks of a time of blatant sin, to the extent of anarchy against God. It reads like the newspapers of today as well as face book and twitter. God’s people were involved in some pretty treacherous stuff, as many are today. But Isaiah gives great hope and encouragement to those that are determined to walk in the old path wherein, is the good way. He declares, it shall be well with us! Walking in the righteousee of Christ most assuredly brings persecution and suffering. But if we continue to walk in the Spirit our lives will yield the fruit of the Spirit, and we will eat the richness of the good deeds, and doings of the Spiritual seeds we have planted. We will reap what we have sown, not just by ‘works’ alone, but by laboring in the Holy Spirit to become good fruit bearers, as the character of a man/woman depict what kind of fruit he/she has sown in their life’s orchard or vineyard.

Day 39: August 2nd 2018
Isaiah 3:11 (KJV) Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hand shall be given him.

As this chapter is addressed to Judah and Jerusalem, God’s people of that day, so it is today. This was the social and spiritual climate and environment then as it is now. Isaiah refers to God’s people as ‘wicked.’ A wicked person’s character is developed from the seeds he/she has sown or allowed to be sown in their life. All seed naturally develop fruit of its own kind. Make no mistake in thinking that an apple had the propensity to change its mind and became an orange while it was hanging on the tree. The seed determines what the fruit is. If wickedness, hate, jealousy, lust, fear, malice, envy, and strife are manifesting in our lives; these seeds have been sown at some time or somewhere. When we see the manifestation of these kinds of seeds in our lives, this is a sure indication that we need a Holy Ghost tilling, uprooting, and a land clearing in the soil of our hearts; then a new crop of Spiritual seeds can be sown so that Galatians 5:22-23can take root in our hearts once again. Remember we will eat the fruit of our labor, whether our fruit be, righteous or wicked.
REFLECTIONS

As our 40 days of special consecration are coming to a close, let us reflect not only on these forty days, but continuing lives of consecration. Let us also reflect on the many messages of encouragement we have heard from our Pastor, Bishop C.H. Mason Patterson on the ‘Promises’, the ‘Provision,’ the ‘Protection,’ and the ‘Preservation,’ of our God. Bishop has reminded us often of the word Isaiah spoke in Chapter 3, verse 10-11; “Say to the righteous It Shall Be Well with them.”

Our part in all of this, is to walk in faith and obedience to His mandates. We must believe His Word that says; *But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exist and that He is the rewarder of those earnestly and diligently seek Him [out] (AMPC).* We insult God and wound His heart when we refuse to believe Him. It is as though we speak against His character and integrity, calling Him a liar. He has given us the *Way, the Truth, and the Life,* through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If we are lost, Jesus is the Way to where we need to go. If we are confused about what is true or false, He is the Truth. If we are living a life of merely existing, Jesus says, I have come that you may experience an abundant life through Me. *(John 14:6; John 10:10; paraphrased).*

His promises are unfailing, His Provisions are on-going, we are never without His Protection, and He *shall* Preserve us from all evil.

*Closing Prayer: Father we truly thank You for this special time of consecration; a time You allotted for us to draw closer to You, to seek Your face so we can see You more clearly. You told us in Your Word that by beholding You, looking at You through Your Word, we are changed into Your likeness and who You want us to be. Father, help us not to let our time of consecration end because the 40 days have ended. Please help us to live lives of on-going consecration so that we can stand without compromising our salvation and our commitment to You in these evil times. Again we say thank You for being our Savior and our God who does all things well. In the Excellent and unfailing Name of Jesus we pray, Amen!!*