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“Possessing the Prosperity That God Has Intended for Me”

The opening scripture for our 40 Days of Consecration theme, “Possessing the Prosperity that God Has for Me”, found in the 3rd epistle of John verse 2, was penned by John, the beloved disciple and apostle who is the author of the Gospel of John, as well as the epistles of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and the Revelation. These books reveal one who has a very deep and ardent love relationship with his Lord, Jesus the Christ.

He is the one who reclined next to Jesus during the Passover Meal (the Lord’s Supper), with the other disciples. Most theologians and biblical historians tend to believe he was the youngest of the original twelve, having been called by Jesus between the ages of 16-18 years old. Being the younger of the first disciples called, may have been one of the reasons Jesus guarded him closely in relationship. Most teenagers in this age range are very impressionable and are looking for a role model that seems to have something that is new and worth getting involved with. Jesus had both. It is as though Jesus (knowing all things), took note of this and in doing so, poured unsparingly into his life and spiritual upbringing. He is referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (*John 13:23-26; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20*).

The sacred, soul saving, and life changing writings that we have today give undeniable evidence that John the Beloved Disciple and Apostle had a closeness with his Savior and Mentor that only few can testify of. Out of his Books flow the Life, Love, and Blood of our Redeemer. This same Blood washes the saints continually, empowering us to be the Church of God triumphant in Christ! His great Gospel leaves us in awe as we carefully pause and think on the last verse in chapter 21, (verse 25) “*And there are so many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*” This statement can easily lead one to believe that John heard, saw, and knew of things Jesus did and said that were too phenomenal to even know how to articulate on skins or parchment. He learned through much suffering how to possess the many areas of prosperity that were bequeathed him by his Savior, Lord, and Elder Brother, Jesus Christ.

Day 1: Monday, July 1st, 2024

God's Beloved

3 Jn. Vs 2 (KJV) - Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

John begins his letter by referring to his reader as “beloved”, precious and adored. A bond that surpasses the common emotional thread, and transcends into the soul and spiritual realm. He is expressing his love and approval, as well as God's, towards Gaius his beloved friend in truth, as Gaius stood uncompromising in the truth of God's word which strengthened the believers, those who were under the threat being swayed by agnostics, deceivers, and the anti-Christ community of that day. As we read and study John's epistles, it is like a panoramic view of some of the things we encounter in everyday life and in some churches. John was commending Gaius for his godly stand in contending for the faith that had been delivered to the saints, as well as his boldness in the preaching of the true Gospel. His opening statement expresses the mind of God concerning Gaius, his co-laborer in the gospel, as well as all mankind who chooses to walk in truth; the Body of Christ in particular.

***Prayer for Today:** Father in Jesus' name, help me to embrace your desire for my life. I want to flourish spiritually and be in good physical health even as my soul prospers. I speak to my soul (mind, will, and emotions), and command you to line up with God's will and desire for my life; namely, that I will walk according to Your Word, for Your Word is truth. Amen*

Day 2: Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024

Accepted in the Beloved

Eph. 1:1-2 (KJV) Paul an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from the* Lord Jesus Christ.

Here we see the apostle opening his greeting, affirming who he is; an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. His letter addresses the faithful saints at Ephesus and to us as well, who are also determined to be faithful. He speaks and imparts ‘grace’, God favor and supernatural ability to be able to walk in faithfulness to whatever the mandates of God may be. Paul speaks of the God kind of ‘peace’. This peace is not the peace which the world gives. This peace transcends to a level which we ourselves cannot understand or comprehend. There is a deep inner peace that resides in the real believers as go through the grieving process such as the death of a child or parent. We don't process sorrow, disappointments, or loss, as others who have no hope. It is as though we have been wrapped in a cocoon of an unusual peace that does not allow worry or anxiety to penetrate. This kind of peace is given to us as an inheritance from God the Father, and can only be received through relationship with our Lord, His Son, Jesus Christ. What a greeting and salutation from the God's apostle.

***Prayer for Today:** Father in the name of Jesus; help me to walk in all of the prosperity of your Grace and Peace. What a rich inheritance we have received through the redemptive work of the Cross!! Amen*

Day 3: Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024

Blessed With All Spiritual Blessings

Eph. 1:3 (KJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ.

Special praises and worship to God are to be poured out to God for giving us such a priceless gift as His Son Jesus the Christ. We have been blessed to be seated ‘in heavenly *places* with Christ’. Where Christ is seated, we sit; endowed with all the spiritual blessings and authority. This is our spiritual inheritance in Christ. In Christ we have been raised above the authority of sin and Satan, and now deal with him from a vantage point of victory, a victory that has already been won through Jesus Christ. We now not only claim our rightful place, but possess our possessions bequeathed through that inheritance!

Prayer for Today: Father I thank You in Jesus’ name! It is because of Him (Jesus), we have been allowed to sit where he sits; in a place of authority and power over all malignant evil principalities and powers in the heavenlies. Therefore I can continually walk and live in victory in every area of my life, thereby possessing the prosperity you have intended for me! Amen

Day 4: Thursday, July 4th, 2024

Chosen to Live Holy

Eph. 1:4 (KJV) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

Here the Father is not choosing specific individuals to be saved, for that would override ones gift of choice or to choose. We are chosen as we freely choose Him, this is a plan for all believers, therefore we are placed in God via Christ. The final choice to choose Christ is decided by the individual. All are called and chosen to become holy before God in love. The condition is to accept His plan, arrangement, and process of redemption, which is Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Today: Father, what a unique Kingdom plan. My greatest desire is to be holy and without blame before you in love. Thank you for the ‘Jesus Plan’ that you have so freely given to me. It is because of you, Jesus, that I have been given the choice to be elected and predestined to have eternal life. Amen

Day 5: Friday, July 5th, 2024

Adoption; A wonderful Word

Eph. 1:5 (KJV) Having predestined us unto adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

It has been foreordained by the Father to choose by adoption, making legally His, anyone who accepts his Son as Savior and Lord. He becomes our legal ‘daddy’, and we inherit all that is in Christ, ‘The Word’. Jn. 1:12-13 sums it up this way; “But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them he gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God. It was the GOOD PLEASURE of His will to legalize our adoption into the royal family!

Prayer for Today: Father I feel like the song: Oh, Oh, Oh, What He’s done for me.... I never shall forget what He’s done for little old me. A million and more thanks to you my Jesus! Amen

Day 6: Saturday, July 6th, 2024

Favored and Accepted By God!!

Eph. 1:6 (KJV) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

The Psalmist says it this way, “Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men!! (107:31). Out of all the wonderful works that the Father has bestowed on us, this is the greatest! What favor, what love! Every believer is now a legal member in the ‘Beloved’ family of God! This is a ‘Nevertheless’ kind of love. Love in any lesser sense would have left us in a bottomless pit of sin with no way out. The devil would have won. Jesus paid the full price of a debt we owed but couldn’t pay. Let us continue walking and living in the natural and spiritual prosperity that was purchased for us through the Blood of Jesus!

***Prayer for Today:** Thank you Jesus for footing a ‘sin bill’ that all the gold, silver platinum, diamonds, or any other riches the world has to offer would be enough to clear this debt. Help me to live all I can for you; as I know I will never be able pay the debt that I owe you. Amen*

Day 7: Sunday, July 7th, 2024

We are Always on His Mind

Jer. 29:11 (KJV) For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you an expected end.

In offering some clarity relating to this particular verse of scripture, Jeremiah writes a letter to the exiles, who had been taken from Judah to Babylon to live out 70 years of captivity because of their continued sin and rebellion against God’s laws and mandates. The prophet Jeremiah had repeatedly warned them of their impending doom if they did not repent and turn to the living God. Consequently they were unable to possess the prosperity God so wanted them to enjoy, but ended up in captivity in a pagan society of idol worshippers. This greatly resembles the portrait of the picture being painted of America. This nation has positioned itself against God. Once again the Psalmist speaks to us; stating “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and every nation that forgets God” (Ps 9:17). In Prov. We are also reminded that “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34).

The prophet Hananiah had prophesied lies to the exiles telling them they would be returning home (to Judah) in the space of 2 years. In verse 4 of this chapter, Jeremiah implies that it is God who allowed His people to be taken from Jerusalem to Babylon as captives because of their grievous lifestyles and blatant disobedience. Jeremiah advised them to build homes, marry, and have families; to settle in because this would be their home for a while. Nonetheless, God’s love for his people remained constant and unrelenting. His thoughts and desires toward his beloved Israel did not change. He promised to bring them home after 70 years. The time in captivity was to provoke them to call upon him, to pray, and seek him with their whole heart, God said, then I will be found by you, because now your whole self is involved in the seeking. *(America, this is what it is going to take).*

***Prayer for Today:** Lord, please save us from ourselves! Amen*

Day 8: Monday, July 8th, 2024

Forfeiture of Prosperity

Before we expound on our subject we must define the meaning of “forfeiture”.

Forfeiture: the loss or giving up something as a penalty for wrongdoing, the loss of a right due to illegal conduct.

Prov. 11:24 (NKJV) There is *one* who scatters, yet it increases more; And there is *one* who withholds more that is right, but it *leads* to poverty.

When we throw our resources, financial or otherwise, in the directions God intends for us to send them, they increase all the more. We must be mindful that we release a spirit of poverty upon ourselves and our household when we withhold that which God has said to release. There is always a penalty to be paid for *wrongdoing*, and *illegal conduct*. We must not get it twisted; God will never let you or me, beat Him giving. Remember He owns it ALL!! It is important to remember that these sixty six books are a Legal Document handed down to the world; but to the people of God in particular; there are certain consequences when its laws and statutes are violated. Let us not ‘*forfeit*’ our prosperity!

Prayer for Today: *Father, in Jesus’ name, I thank you for reminding me of how blessings flow down from You into our lives when we obey word by releasing into the world and your Body what you have asked for. Help me to know that it is a win, win, deal that you have offered us; and there is no way I can lose! Amen*

Day 9: Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

Don’t Be Lazy

Prov. 6:6-11 (NKJV) ⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷ Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest. ⁹ How long will you ^lslumber, O sluggard?

When will you rise from your sleep? ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,

A little folding of the hands to sleep— ¹¹ So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

What a lesson for us in the world we live in today! Many in today’s society have allowed the ‘ant’, one of God’s smallest creatures outdo them when it comes to work and responsibility. We see so many able-bodied humans looking for a hand-out. The ant whose only over-seer is God works tirelessly making preparations for the now as well as their future. Some humans are sleeping their lives away while being fully awake physically. All types of poverty is eating away at their lives while Satan has them walking around in a daze. He is cheating them out of possessing the prosperity God intend for them to have. They are un-conscience of the prowler of poverty that is eating away their God given talents and the abilities, that if implemented properly, will walk them into a prosperous natural and spiritual life.

Prayer for Today: *Father, in the name of Jesus, please do not let me forfeit a life of blessing and prosperity because of an attitude of laziness. Save me from the thief of poverty!!*

Day 10: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

Father Deliver Us from Poverty Shame

Prov. 13:18 (NKJV) Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards rebuke will be honored.

Let us not close our minds and lives off from corrective teaching. The results of doing so will always catch up with us at the most inopportune time – when the teaching we have cast off is most needed. If we receive the teaching, which is often accompanied by rebuke or scolding; though it seems very hard, and most times is; will reap the blessings and success of being raised right. Heb. 12:7, 11; gives us good insight on the value of receiving correction and/or rebuke. God is only dealing with us as is children, his sons and daughters. God does not have illegitimate children. We have been legally adopted into His family via the Royal Bloodline of his Son. He is the Father who will raise his children correctly!! So afterward, our lives will bear and reflect the peaceable fruit of righteousness due to the good ‘Godly’ training we have received. *Prayer for Today: Thank you Father for the chastening!! Amen*

Day 11: Thursday, July 11th, 2024

Invest in God’s Plan

Eccles. 11:1 Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.

This scripture encourages us to invest our resources wisely, and in the right place at the right time; first and foremost the kingdom of God and its plan concerning God’s people through tithes and offerings, through blessing individuals as the Lord would lead. Sometimes we may not see the return on our investment right away, but when we invest into what God instructs us to, there is always a sure return. Let us keep in mind that the reaping is always greater than the sowing. God usually gives us a bumper crop of blessings. (that which is much, much, more than we invested).

Pray for Today: Father in the name of Jesus; give us to open our hearts to give. To cast our bread upon the waters, trusting Your Word to do what it says it will do. We know that you are not a man that you have to lie or make excuses! If you spoke, You will make it good!!! Amen

To possess the prosperity that is ours by way of inheritance, we must believe that God has it to give and that it really is ours to have and possess.

Day 12: Friday, July 12th, 2024

Where and What to Seek

Matt. 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness in faith FIRST, opens the door “for all these things”. What are all these *things*? They are *everything* that pertains to life and godliness. Before Jesus stated this verse, he talked about the spirit of worry and anxiety. We as humans worry and fret about so many things we personally have no control over. Jesus reminds us that we have to put things in their proper perspective. It must be FIRST things FIRST! As he is the maker and ruler of all things; He should be our FIRST point of contact. In FAITH we must seek Him first, and his righteous requirements. In doing so, we experience His covenant faithfulness as every need in our life is met. We must grab hold of faith and realize that God and his Word is already in our every tomorrow.

Prayer for Today: Thank you Father for your Word already being in my tomorrow before I get there!

Day 13: Saturday, July 13th, 2024

What We Have Obtained

2 Pet. 1:1 (NKJV) To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter opens his 2nd epistle by including ALL of us who have comprehended the value of faith, or considering our faith as something more precious than anything; PRICELESS! Why priceless? Because it sets us in a place in His righteousness, allowing us by faith to receive every great and precious promise given us by inheritance. We must remember everything we have received through the redemptive Blood of Christ is priceless and cannot be secured or maintained by tangible, temporary things. We are helpless without Him. Jesus already told us in John. 15:5 we are only the branches on the Vine. We must stay connected to Him to produce. Our very life source must flow from Him. We are dead, lifeless, and in a state of nothingness without Him. He says to us, “Without Me, you can do NOTHING!

***Prayer for Today:** Father please do not let me get it twisted. Remind often that all that I am or ever will be rest in my faith in You alone! Amen*

Day 14: Sunday, July 14th, 2024

He has Given Us All Things

2 Pet. 1:3-4 (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. Verse⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be able to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

It is His ‘divine power’ that is at work for us and in us. He is working for us as through a power that is directly from Him to us, releasing the supernatural ability of His Grace. We now have access through faith to have everything operating in our lives that is appropriate, applicable, as well as the concern to live godly lives. We become partakers of all the great and precious promises in Him; all the Yea, and Amen promises that are an escape route from the corruption of this world. His divine power will cover us from the infiltration filth that is trying to permeate the Body of Christ

***Prayer for Today:** Father in Jesus’ name increase my faith to know that I can have all things working in my life that pertain to everyday life and godliness; that this is a exceeding great and precious promise to me as Your child. Please don’t let me live my life as a spiritual or natural pauper, missing out on what you have already left to me in Your last Will and Testament. Amen*

Day 15: Monday, July 15th, 2024

Who or What is Framing Your World?

Heb.11:3 (NKJV) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the thing which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Everything in the universe is a completed live moving portrait that was put in place and held there or framed by the spoken Word of God, just as a picture is held in a frame. It does not matter what kind of cataclysmic event that takes place in the universe, the sun, moon, and stars are never out of place even though it seems to us that storm, tornados, and hurricanes are tearing up the world, they never waver in their assignment; His universe remains constant. When our faith is resting in him, His Word holds our lives together in the same fashion.

***Prayer for Today:** Father help me remember that it is Your Word that is Framing my World! Amen*

Day 16: Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

We'll be Rewarded with What We Believe

Heb. 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Why is faith so important? By God's faith filled Words the worlds were spoken into existence. The worlds are framed (held in place), by the spoken Word of God. Faith, operating in our lives cause change. The first change is usually in us. There must be the type of faith working in us that agrees with God's Word and all that we can comprehend Him to be. The Word of God does not have to agree with us; we have to agree whole-heartedly with it. How can that which was made turn on the Creator who created it? Everything in the human body as well as the universe is presently operating in the faith of God's spoken Word and promises. God is pleased when that which He created in His own image and likeness, strives, and seek diligently to be people of audacious unflinching faith, walking in a way that reflects His glory. He is pleased, and our reward is great!

***Prayer for Today:** Father these are times that try us to the core of our existence; but these are also times that can cause us to know you is a ways that we never would have known you, nor experienced a level of your power that proved to be available in a time when we needed it the most. Thank You.*

Day 17: Wednesday, July 17th, 2024

What Do We Count it As?

James 1:1-2 (NKJV) James, a bondservant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. Verse ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials

James is writing at a time somewhat like the times we are living in, and embarking upon. The Church was in great persecution, (as the real Church is today). The 12 Jewish tribes were being scattered throughout various regions of the Gentiles because of this new teaching related to this new Messiah that was being preached. He did not open his letter with a flowery salutation. He did not address himself as the leader of the Jerusalem church, but a 'bondservant', a willing slave of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. This letter was written to up-lift and encourage the persecuted Jewish saints.

In order for the people of God to really possess the God kind of prosperity that the Holy scriptures are referring to, the Holy Spirit must have preeminence in our lives as we encounter severe testing and persecution. We are not dealing with a 'sand box' adversary, but one who is very serious about stealing our God given inheritance, killing our inspiration to live a holy life, and ultimately destroying our faith. He is not an ignorant adversary; he knows that without faith it is impossible to please the Lord. We are admonished to *count it all joy when we fall into various trials/tastings*', meaning when it seems as though we have been enveloped by test, trials, and adversarial situations. The persecution against the early saints had gotten so hot they had to leave their homes and cities, running for their lives. But wherever they were scattered they shared the gospel, bringing many souls into the kingdom. We must ask ourselves; what would we do with the gospel if it caused us to lose everything and get run out of town. Would we leave our faith in God and the gospel behind on our way out?? Humm....

Prayer for Today: *Lord, help us to know what real faith is and how it will us give power to endure through extremely tough times when we appropriate it according to your Word. Amen*

Day 18: Thursday, July 18th, 2024

Tested, Tried, and Proven Humm...

James 1:3 (AMCV) Be assured *and* understand the trial *and* proving of your faith bring out endurance *and* steadfastness *and* patience.

We don't know if we really believe or know God, or how spiritually resilient we are until we are tested. Severe testing informs us of where we are on the Faith thermostat; whether we are hot or cold. When we purchase an item, we want to know if it is in good working order. Can it do what it was manufactured to do; will it stand the test. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us when we were in the junk yard of life. ("For by *Grace* are ye saved through *Faith*; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9). Grace, God's supernatural ability and favor, works with our faith as we believe. These are the powerful supernatural twins that met us at the altar. They continue to accompany us through every hard and difficult place, every obstacle, and insurmountable problem in our lives. Through these two powerful entities we learn how to endure with patience.

Prayer for Today: *Father in the name of Jesus equip us through Your Faith-filled Words and Your supernatural Grace to stand when we are being tested and tried. More than anything we want to remain faithful in all situations and circumstances. We love You! Amen*

Day 19: Friday, July 19th, 2024

The Perfect Work of Patience

James 1:4 (NKJV) But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Patience is a teacher of tolerance. We learn how to tolerate adverse situation and circumstances, troubles and delays, untold suffering, while resting in the peace that only God can give. Patience is the ladder we climb rung by rung, until we reach spiritual maturity. It is imperative that we allow this gift of grace to complete its work in us, so that we'll have the spiritual maturity and fortitude to stand any type of storm that blows in our life.

***Prayer for Today:** Father help me to embrace the gift of 'patience', so that I will be able to grow into spiritual maturity, and be able to stand steadfast during the storms of life. Amen*

Day 20: Saturday, July 20th, 2024

The Value of Spoken Words

Mark 11:24 (NKJV) Therefore I say unto you whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them* and you shall have *them*.

This is one of the spiritual laws of faith Jesus related to the disciples after He cursed the barren fig tree as it perpetrated a fraudulent appearance. When He spoke the words of death to it, it begins to die immediately. The lesson to us is, when faith filled words are spoken to or over a situation, death begins at the root of the thing immediately. Words have power when spoken in faith. This is why we must be careful with words because we *will* have what we say. We must speak 'right words'. Job 6:25 says "how forcible are right words!" By the same token; how forcible are wrong words! Let our mouths be filled with "right" faith filled words!

***Prayer for Today:** Father in the name of Jesus, Remind me that my words have power to bring forth curses as well as blessings, and that I will have whatever I say, whether good or bad. Set a watch O'Lord, before my mouth, and keep the doors of my lips. Amen (Psalms 141:3).*

Day 21: Sunday, July 21st, 2024

Don't Say Everything

Psalms 141:3 (KJV) Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Spoken words, as we stated earlier are powerful. They not only affect our lives, but the lives of our children and other family members. They have the power to travel through generations. Our children and other family members will sometimes begin to act out what we say and do, whether the behavior or words are positive or negative. God gave His people strict guidelines concerning words to rehearse in the ears of their children. Why? Because words take on life and personalities. We usually act out the words we speak!

***Prayer for Today:** Father, let the word of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable unto You; In Jesus' Name. Amen*

Day 22: Monday, July 22nd, 2024

Say What God Says

Deut. 6:6 (NKJV) ⁶ And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

In this chapter of Deut., God, through His servant Moses, was giving instructions and guidelines to his people as they were about to enter a land of pagan people who worshipped and served many ‘gods’. So it is with us; the commandment, precepts, and statutes of the Word of God must be activated in our own hearts and minds, we and our children are inundated with a society of God haters, baby killers (in and out of the womb), perversion of every kind, and the spirit of anti-Christ; it is so important to be diligent students and doers of the Word. We must Keep (guard) our heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the issues of life. That which flows out of us will most assuredly affect in some way those around us.

***Prayer for Today:** Father please keep my heart and mind stayed on You throughout the day. Remind us often of how important it is to hide Your Word in our hearts so that we will not sin against you. In Jesus’ Name Amen.*

Day 23: Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024

Just Keep on Saying What God Said

Deut. 6:7 (NKJV) ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

God gives us a command to teach his commandments, precepts, and statutes with all diligence. As parents, and leaders in the Body of Christ, we are to value highly, as well as take great delight in teaching God’s Word. One must have a deep devotion and love for His Word to be diligent in teaching it to other. We must be willing to study and spend time in his presence meditating in and on His Word. His Word must be of utmost importance to us before we can teach it convincingly to our children and others. Above everything else, we must believe it with all our hearts. If we value the Word in this manner; it will guide our conversations and way of life while we walk, talk, sit, lie down, and rise up. This may seem like a bit much, but to live a holy life it is very necessary.

***Prayer for Today:** Father, my greatest desire is for Your Word to have preeminence in my life. This is impossible without the help of my Best Friend, Holy Spirit. I look to you Holy Spirit, because you are my Helper!! You are the One who works the will of God in me. Amen.*

Day 24: Wednesday, July 24th, 2024

Tattoo it in My Heart and Mind

Deut. 6:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates

Moses places great emphasis on the importance of relationship and fellowship with God's Word. He instructs God's people to bind them on their hand. During this era the people would incise this scripture along 11:13-21, Ex. 13:1-10, and Ex. 13:11-16 (*read these*), inside small leather cubes connected to leather straps (phylacteries), and bind them on their hand. This may have served as a reminder not to steal, touch, or handle anything that would offend God. A frontlet was a decorated cloth or parchment worn as a band around the forehead. Many of the Jews took this literally and wore these scriptures to ensure that *others* would esteem them as righteous. What the Father wants is for us to keep His law in the forefront of *our* mind and heart; and by seeing, (reading) the written Word, the Holy Spirit reminds constantly of what is required to live holy before God.

Prayer for Today: *Holy Spirit, as I read and study God's Word let it be indelibly written in my heart as a reminder of what He has required; them help me to walk it out in my life! In Jesus' Name , Amen.*

Day 25: Thursday, July 25th, 2024

A Committed Mind and Heart; the Forerunners of Committed Hands

Josh. 1:8 (NKJV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way *prosperous*, and then you will have *good success*.

God made Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' successor some iron-clad promises. In fact, every promise he had given to Moses concerning the children of Israel going into the Promised Land was passed on to Joshua. The mandate to Joshua was to receive His instructions and **"TO BE STRONG"**!! God promised to never leave him nor forsake him, that He would *prosper* him everywhere he would go, and he would have *good success*. But it was imperative that he kept God's Word in his mouth. So it is with us.

In other words; always keep the Word of God in our mouths. Let our mouths answer every situation and circumstance from God's spoken Word. Let His word answer every question. If our way is to be *prosperous*, and we are to enjoy *good success*, we must keep our mouths full of the Word. It must be a constant cycle of eating it, chewing it, swallowing it, and digesting it. Like anything else we put in our mouths; it will show up somewhere in or on the body. All it takes is the right examination or scrutiny to be seen. The right test, trial or situation will manifest what kind of spiritual diet we have been feasting on!!

Prayer for Today: *O' Holy Spirit HELP US! We've been eating the wrong stuff. You are our Helper. We can't do right without YOU. HELP!! IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN*

Day 26: Friday, July 26th, 2024

Uncommitted Mind and Heart; Uncommitted Hands

Josh. 6:18-19 (AMPC) ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the accursed *and* devoted things, lest when you have devoted it [to destruction], you take of the accursed thing, and so make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it.

¹⁹ But all the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

It is of utmost importance to wholly follow the instructions given in God's Word. What would be a devoted thing? Things such as our tithes and offerings, time that should be devoted to God, talents that should be devoted to Him. The tithe which is designed to bless us will turn and curse us when we do with it anything other than what God commanded it to be used for. How we we handle what is devoted to God will affect our lives and the lives of others whether positive or negative. Achan's lack of commitment to God's commandments cost him everything. What is the accursed thing? Anything in us that operates against His will; that which he vehemently dislikes. To embrace that which brings a curse, we are embracing our own destruction; as it was with Achan and his precious family members.

***Prayer for Today:** Father help me to commit my way unto you. Please keep my mind and heart. If I have committed my mental and emotional faculties to you, my hands will handle only what is right and lawful; and my feet will remain in the right paths. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Day 27: Saturday, July 27th, 2024

The Effect of the Accursed Thing

Josh. 7:1 (NKJV) But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

One man's sin and disobedience effected a whole nation of people. The nation fell into fear and discouragement, and approximately thirty-six men were lost in the battle of Ai. Verse 5 states, "**the hearts of the people melted and became like water**". Joshua, the man of God, had become afraid, and the tribal leaders were in great in distress. Ai, a small region about as large as its two letter name had put Israel's two to three thousand fighting men on the run. Joshua was petrified at what the other cannanite tribes would be able to do to Israel, God's son. In verses 10-13, God sharply rebukes Joshua; tells him "**get up! Why are you lying on you face, ISRAEL HAS SINNED!**" Get up from your compromised position men and women of God!! America is laden with sin!! We have embraced the accursed things which God hates!!

Prayer for Today:** Holy Spirit this is crucial! Save us from the spirit of greed and coveteousness! Is this why some of us are losing little battles? Is this why small minute demons are putting us to flight? **HELP!, in JESUS'NAME, AMEN.

Day 28: Sunday, July 28th, 2024

A Nation on Trial

Josh. 7:14 (NKJV) In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be *that* the tribe which the LORD takes shall come according to families; and the family which the LORD takes shall come by households; and the household which the LORD takes shall come man by man.

The whole nation of Israel is now on trial. God has His leader, Joshua flushing out the culprit, the criminal, the responsible party. Each family in each tribe is put on the witness stand and questioned extensively. This detestable situation has weakened the nation of Israel, putting it in a holding pattern until the defiant troublemaker is revealed. God does not stop until He gets to the root cause of any situation. If I were a prophet, I would say to America, get ready to meet God in the courtroom. He's going to deal with the root cause of America's problem.

Prayer for Today: *Father, in the Name of Jesus help us to be standing in the holy place, on the solid foundation of Your Word! Amen*

Day 29: Monday, July 29th, 2024

When Praise is Perverted

Josh. 7:16-17 (NKJV) So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of *Judah* was taken. ¹⁷ He brought the clan of *Judah*, and he took the family of the Zarahites; and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

The *tribe of praise* had to be brought to account. Someone in the tribe allowed that which God devoted and dedicated to the treasury of the Lord God, to be trampled on and perverted. Let's look into the word, "**perverted**": when someone or something is distorted from its original purpose or use; turned around backward from its intent, or intentional use. God had **Holy use** for the spoils from the conquest of Jericho and had laid down specific, strict, instructions for its use. As the first fruit of the harvest were to be set aside for God; so it was with the spoils of Jericho being considered the first-fruit of conquest, and were to be devoted (dedicated), to the Lord.

We are the spoils of God's **Holy** conquest. He enabled us to be snatched from Satan's grip as a result of Gethsemane, where Jesus cried out emphatically "**Never-the-less!**"; and Calvary's undefeatable **Ultimate Victory** was wrought through Jesus Christ!

Prayer for Today: *My prayer today is a never ending praise!! THANK You Lord!!!*

Day 30: Tuesday, July 30th, 2024

The Culprit is Found

Josh. 7:18 (NKJV) Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Although the nation's progress was hindered for a moment the plan of God prevailed. No sin is really hidden. In verse 11, God tell Joshua in detail what had transpired. God has way to make sin and the sinner (the guilty party), expose theirself. He already knows who the guilty one is, but He sometimes will put them on blast so that others will know He means what He says, and says what he means. This was Achan's dilemma. He already knew what he would face, he knew what the penalty would be. Joshua had warned all Israel in 6:18, as foretold that taking the spoils of Jericho to keep for *themselves* would be an accursed thing. What do we have hidden in us that should have been devoted to the treasury of God for His glory? Is it ministry gifts, talents, etc? Don't let it become sin to us!!

Prayer for Today: Father we stand before you naked and exposed. We not only surrender to You, we submit, our all is on the altar. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Day 31: Wednesday, July 31st, 2024

Guilty as Charged

Josh. 7:19 (NKJV) Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide *it* from me.

Joshua speaks to Achan with what would seem to me much compassion; but God's verdict had already been decided, and was irrevocable. I'm sure Achan would have longed to see this day! (the in which we now live). Thank God for his rich grace, and his tender sensitive mercies that are brand new every day. If we are still breathing, it is because of His grace that favors us, and his tender mercies that remembers we are nothing but fragile imperfect, faulty dust. We don't like to admit it, but we are flawed. It is His Grace; his super-natural ability that works in us the believer, strengthening us to accomplish that which we cannot do in our own strength. We are strengthened moment by moment to turn away from sin. His strength is made perfect in our weaknesses. God's Laws and Precepts did not reside *in* Achan's heart as does in us today. Let us not forfeit what has been given to us.

Prayer for Today: Thank You Father for Jesus! Thank You Jesus for the Holy Spirit whom Father sent to us in your Name to be our helper in every situation! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Day 32: Thursday, August 1st, 2024

Thou Shall not Covet

Josh, 7:21 (NKJV) When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.

Achan's sin and disobedience was intentional and deliberate. He knew exactly how much silver and gold he had stolen, even to the weight of it. He was a master thief. He had no regard for God's instructions. He blatantly put his hands to what God had said not to touch; nor did he consider the penalty he would have to pay when caught. Take note; I did say *when* caught. He had no reverential fear toward God. God's given mandate meant nothing to him. The lust of the flesh, and of the eyes destroyed him, everything connected to him, even the tent he occupied. No one gets away, and most don't get by for too long, before God the Holy Spirit comes calling to chasten us to put us back in our proper place with God. Isn't that wonderful!! Thank God for the privilege of being chastened.

***Prayer for Today:** Father we ask you to do what is needed, so that we won't miss prosperity here or heaven when it's time to leave. In Jesus' Name. Amen*

Day 33: Friday, August 2nd, 2024

Disobedience and Sin Breeds Trouble

Josh. 7:24-25 (NKJV) Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

God brought destruction to what had become an accursed thing. The garment; the silver and gold that was to be devoted to Him. These things were to be dedicated to God for his glory, not to Achan. Achan cursed himself and his family. His sinful act brought serious trouble to all Israel; and he brought on himself and his family the death penalty. The garment, the silver and gold were neutral, and had no power over what was done with them; and since God is not broke, and heaven is not in a state of bankruptcy, these items were not the issue, just the spirit and the act of how Achan handled them. The moral of Achan's story; Disobedience and sin breeds trouble. Be careful how handle what is dedicated to God, namely you or I.

***Prayer for Today:** Yes Lord!!*

Day 34: Saturday, August 3rd, 2024

The Value of Obedience

In following the Holy Spirit as I write, He is saying obedience is paramount in the days in which we live. We will never fully possess what God has for us if we live in a place of compromise. As our leaders try to bring us into a place of possessing what God really wants us to have, let us not fight against them, by being prideful or secretly rebel against them by becoming complacent. Remember, God resist the proud, but gives his grace to the humble (Jas. 4:6b) When we don't submit and adhere to obedience, we hinder progress in the house of God. In His house; the physical church building where we meet for praise , worship, and instructions; as well as our personal house, (Him dwelling in us), and the ones we occupy made of brick and mortar.

***Prater for Today:** Father please deal with us concerning our obedience and submission to the authority you have place in your house over us. Help us to realize that they watch out for our souls. In Jesus ' name. Amen*

Day 35: Sunday, August 4th, 2024

I Don't Own Me

1 Cor. 6:19 (NKJV) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

We do not own the title deed to these houses of dust we live in. We will only occupy them for a short time. But while we live in them, we have been given a mandate to take care of them spiritually, physically, and emotionally. That means we do not have the right to put that anything that is harmful in them, or engage in any activity that is against the Word of God concerning them. This scripture passage is dealing with sexual sins. In the above passages it talks about our bodies being the members of Christ and not making them member of a harlot. Because he or she who is joined to a harlot is one with the harlot and become one flesh; we who belong to Christ becomes '**one**'spirit with Him! Every sin that a man or woman commits is the body, but sexual immorality is against their own the body, it causes soul ties to other bodies that one is not in covenant relationship; as well as many diseases that cripple and kill the body. Stay away from sexual immorality!!

***Prayer for Today:** Father we resign our bodies and our spirits to Your precious will. Keep us sexual pure for your glory and praise. In Jesus ' Name. Amen.*

Day 36: Monday, August 5th, 2024

We've Been Blood Bought

1 Cor. 6:20 (NKJV) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's

Having said all that was said; the bottom line is we have been bought and paid for by the precious Blood of Jesus. He has the treasure of who He is into frail human vessels. We own Him the glory and the praise of our lives. We will never possess the prosperity that he means for us to enjoy unless we come proper and correct. His love is everlasting but we must meet the criteria, the standard. That he has set in place. We are mandated to glorify Him in our bodies and spirits, which really belong to him.

***Prayer for Today:** Help us to remember who we are, and whose we are. there is nothing within ourselves that we own. Everything that this body is made of whether physically, mentally ,or emotionally functions by Your mighty power and will. Thank you for being the God of all flesh. Amen*

Day 37: Tuesday, August 6th, 2024

Submission to His Will

Jas. 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

This is what we must do! Without submission there will be no resisting the devil. The unsubmitted life is in trouble. Because the devil knows when we are not submitted to the Word, he walks up and down and in and out of our lives at will. I almost sure I wrote before about the submarine named 'Astute', that had the capacity to stay submerged for up to 25 years without surfacing. This really intrigued me. I questioned how was this possible? The faithful Holy Spirit, my best friend whispered to me, it the stuff that in it, how it was constructed gave it the capacity to stay under water. He then said, if you allow the Word to build you, construct you, you too can remain submitted. The prefix to the word sub-mit, sub, means under. The submitted life to the Word gives us the capacity to defeat the the enemy. He can do nothing with a submitted life. He has to run fast the other way.

***Prayer for Today:** Lord help us by Your Spirit to submit to you. Help us to know that submission and obedience will birth victory; and victory will birth the prosperity that You have willed to us in your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen*

Day 38: Wednesday, August 7th, 2024

God Chasers

Jas. 4:8 (NKJV) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded

It is time for the saint to run after God, and be intentional in our pursuit. As we pursue Him, he is in hot pursuit of us. Our pursuit is not only heaven, but to possess the goodness of all his wonderful blessings while we're here. Don't forget, he daily loads us with benefit (Pslm. 68:9). We don't want to miss out by having unclean hands, hands that grasp after the sinful things the world is offering. Nor a heart that is sprinkled with wickedness, deceit, and falsehood. It is these things that breed a fractured mind, a double-mind, one that goes in many directions; causing our Spiritual cognitive ability to be warped. Let us keep our minds stayed on what ever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report (not gossip), saturate our minds with these things

Prayer for Today: Father we commit our minds to You and your Word; as You have promised to keep (guard) that which we commit unto you. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Day 39: Thursday, August 8th, 2024

Stand Fast

2 Thess. 2:15 (NKJV) Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

Paul is encouraging the body of Christ to stand fast, or stand fastened, held down and in place by the traditions of the Word of God, don't be moved. The Word is our sure foundation. There is no other foundation that has been legally or spiritually laid other than Jesus Christ. Any other foundation is faulty and unable maintain the real Church of Jesus Christ. Other foundations would crumble under the weight of the sin that resides in our society. Thank God for Christ our solid rock. Because of His we can stand, prosper, and possess the prosperity You so graciously willed to us.

Prayer for Today: Father help us to standfast in your Word. These are tough time we live in, and without You we will go under, we'll fail due to the pressure. Put an uncompromising stand down in us. We look to you in faith, knowing you will bring us through. Thank You Father in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Day 40: Friday, August 9th, 2024

Benediction

Jude 1:24-25 (KJV) Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen