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# **Editorial:**

# **Divine Care And Provision**

International Overseer ~John A. Wilkins, Jr.~

e forget His promises to us when we get with everyday activities but, then we for a bit and it all seems so trivial. Toat in an office, I looked out the window

and saw such a beautiful sky through the window and everything looked so extremely peaceful. It would be hard to imagine winds of over 125 mph coming out of those pretty blue skies, yet they do. I have watched those skies turn gray and then black and have seen the damaging winds come at these extreme speeds so I know what is possible. God gives us His protection during these times as well as when we don't even know the danger around us.

And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: Exodus 33:21-22

He is still our God and our protector even though some have forgotten. We must return to Him and never forget His protection is covering us at all times even during the storms.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these

calamities be overpast. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. He shall send from heaven, and save me from



the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. Psalms 57:1-3

One of the big fires was being examined by a man after the flames were gone and he stepped out into the ashes of a barn and there he found a hen that had been lost. He took a stick and moved the hen that looked as if she had just gone to sleep sitting there and from under her wings ran four baby chicks who had sheltered under her during the fire that claimed her life. Oh, Praise God we are under His protection!

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Matthew 23:37

### HE COVERS US WITH HIS WINGS, TRUST HIM!

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# "KEEP ON PLOWING"

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Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezeki-

ah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

Jeremiah 26:18

We think of the plow as old fashioned and rightfully so, because it goes back to the very beginning of man's tilling of the soil. It seemed man had to come up with a way to turn soil up in order to plant crops that would grow and produce the needed foods and other products needed by man. Plowing was and is a difficult task; the Bible tells us that a sluggard would not do it due to the cold. The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. Proverbs 20:4 In Palestine the plow was a forked bough to which a sharp piece of metal was attached and the farmers had to take their homemade plows to their enemies to be sharpened. It had a sharp point much like that of a spear which just scratched the surface as it was pulled over it. It did not turn over the soil. Plowing was necessary before planting and it was done with great care and was never an easy task. Jesus said, And Jesus said unto him, No

man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62

It is necessary to plow the fields before the planting is done and if one is careless and does not look at what he is doing, will

not plow straight and a mess will be made. If he looks back, then the plow will not stay on a straight course and the field will be unfit for the seeds. Jesus has given us the correct instructions here and we should follow, not looking back. Remember Lot's wife, when she looked back she became a pillar of salt. Our past life of sin is in our past and we must look forward in order to plow the rows straight and help those we meet to focus on Jesus Christ.

Now that we have some understanding of the plow and how that God has a plan for Zion to be plowed like a field, because of Her sins and the sins of the priest and prophets. God is about to destroy them because of their sins and unwillingness to repent. He is promising to make Zion like a plowed field with nothing left. Now He sends Jeremiah to speak to them and tells him what to say without letting one word be diminished. Jeremiah knows how dangerous it will be to speak the words which he has been instructed to speak openly in the ple heard Jeremiah speaking House of the Lord, but he is determined to obey God. Now let us look LORD. Now it came to pass, when



at the set up God gave to Jeremiah.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. So the priests and the prophets and all the peothese words in the house of the

Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ve have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words Jeremiah 26:1-15 in your ears.

Now Jeremiah did not want to go and speak to the Priest and Prophets, but God sent him with specific instructions to speak, the words He had instructed him to speak, so he did. You see it might be a lot easier to agree with your adversary than to speak TRUTH, but the Lord is telling us to speak TRUTH to them. What has happened to The Church of God is not new, but a repeat by Satan of the very things that Jeremiah was up against. It has happened over and over again throughout our history. When the Church was divided back in 1923 and then again in 1955 and over and over it was because of man's sins and a desire to be like other folks in doctrine and practice. Men like Bishop A. J. Tomlinson stood firm and even on a fish box on Central Avenue in Cleveland, Tennessee. He held on to THE CHURCH OF GOD and continued to preach the doctrine just as before. We must stand firm and preach what God has given to us instead of what man has given to us if we expect to be acquitted before our enemy as Jeremiah was.

"Unless you have found something in life to live for that is more important to you than your own life, you will always be a slave. For all another man needs to do is threaten to take your life to get you to do his bidding."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

v- 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, <u>This man is worthy to die</u>; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

They are now ready to kill Jeremiah for speaking these TRUTHS to them. Now about this same time, another prophet by the name of Urijah, who was prophesying by the same words as Jeremiah against this city and against this land and they were putting him to death, so he fled from them and

went into Egypt. They sent for him and brought him back to Jehoiakim the King. Jehoiakim slew him and cast his body into the graves of the common people. If God sends you and tells you what to say it is of most importance to obey regardless of the cost here on earth.

Some of the worst problems we have had did not come from without, but they have come from within when men would rise up and appear to have the spiritual insight for everyone and they have taken thousands away from the fold with their cunning craftiness and deceiving messages. We have not called them out, because of our desire to be politically correct and avoiding offense of the brethren while we fail to realize that covenant breakers are not brethren. They will go to Hell if they do not repent and return to the way of holiness. They have willfully turned away from Christ and refused to walk in His will any more.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, blessed for who is Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the

natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness. fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; Whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Romans 1:21-32

The ranks of the ministry have been chosen over the quality of life that the minister displays to his fellowmen in these last days. Some desire the office of bishop without regards for the weight of this office upon those who are selected to serve therein. The title bishop will not cause one to be trust worthy, honest, loving or kind, but in many cases will cause the flesh to rise up and destroy the soul of the one bearing the title. A bishop is to be one above reproach and humble before God and He is to be chief servant among God's people. The bishop does not have any people, but is servant to the people who love God. Over the years, the Holy Ghost called on The Church to repent in nearly every assembly

and it was turned into a mockery as the Bishops said to each other, "Who is to repent? What are we to repent of? Have you repented yet?" It was a circus as they made light of what was being transmitted from Heaven to our church. Nothing was done about it except for those few who did repent and ask God for His help in this matter. Then later when it was too late, evervone wondered what went wrong. A leader was selected to replace our leader who would single handed take the church into darkness like she had not seen since the Council of Nicaea when the Priest took over the government and God no longer was the leader. When God doesn't lead, bad things happen like divisions, splits, new doctrines, sinners become preachers without repentance and deception occurs and thousands are lost never to be recovered again.

Jeremiah was commissioned to go and preach what God had given him and he did and when they decided to kill him, he held a special meeting with the priest, prophets and all the people.

When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and

against this city all the words that ve have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

God spoke in the ears of all the church, but many decided not to listen just as the people of Judah did when Jeremiah delivered the Words of God to them. Now they decided to let Jeremiah live because they knew that God had sent him to warn them. We too are commissioned by the Lord to warn people of our day. As we refuse to bow down to the new 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wavs which the leaders decided to take God's Church. Now it is time to preach the TRUTH as it was and will remain until Jesus returns to this earth. We must proclaim the TRUTH without one word diminished and wait for Him to lead us into new fields where it will be heard and heeded. Come out and declare the unsearchable riches of the Lord to the people who will listen and be willing to turn from their sin and be saved. People are not being saved today because they want the Lord and the world at the same time and that will not work. If you get saved the world will diminish and look dull compared to the light of the Lord! I have little

time for those who know the TRUTH and have walked in it and have once been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost who now walk after their own lust. Unless they return back to God they will fill their corner in Hell like all others who know not the Lord. We have tapped danced around these issues long enough and now it is time to forsake them and pray that God will have mercy upon them and they will return back to Him. There is teaching in the world today showing people how to speak in tongues as the Devil gives them utterance while the Bible says, "...but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: ..." Don't speak for the Holy Ghost, let Him do the talking!

If God sends you, He will tell you what to say and then He will take care of you even if your life on earth is terminated. Jeremiah knew in whom He believed and he was convinced if they killed him God would take care of everything. It is imperative that we speak the Words of God instead of a watered down version of some idea that we have conjured up in our mind. Jeremiah said, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ve have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you."

We will never get the chance to preach again at their assembly or in their churches, but the requirement is upon us to preach the TRUTH and stand up for it where we have the opportunity to do so. We are to not speak as one that is angry or disappointed in them, but we are to deliver the message from Christ who has sent us to them and then just like Jeremiah, wait for them to repent in order to avoid the judgement of God. God has called us again and again. He has sent His Word to us again and again and as of now there has been little attention given by them, but God still loves us all, including those who reject His love and calling. May God give us more like Jeremiah to preach His Word to a sin cursed church that He will soon destroy without remedy due to the sin and messages distorted preached? If Bishop Tomlinson could see the Church now that he loved and gave his life for, he would turn his head and walk out just as he did so many times when the doctrine was lost or distorted. We ask, "What are we to do?" We must reject the poison and distorted message and cling to the TRUTH and uphold the doctrine which we pledged to support. This is not an indictment against the Church, but it is an indictment against those who refuse to hear the Words from the Lord and will not obey Him. Hear what the Spirit is saying to you today!

"Will you sincerely promise in the presence of God and these witness that you will accept this Bible as the Word of God – believe and practice its teachings rightly divided – the New Testament as your rule of faith and practice, government and discipline, and walk in the light to the best of your knowledge and ability?" The answer is. I Will.

Did you covenant with God? Is this the covenant you took? In case you did answer "I Will" then you are bound by it forever, it doesn't expire ever. What are you doing about it now? Will you accept your responsibility for it and live a holy life as you have promised to do? If so, then begin right now by walking out of a bad relationship with a church that no longer recognizes this covenant and the Bible that we pledged to walk by to the best of our knowledge and ability.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ve separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive vou, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Yes, I have taken a covenant with God in the presence of the people and I must not forsake my covenant no matter what evil leader wants me to. It reminds me of our government here in these United States of America. They want us to forget our flag and turn on the foundation which our Fathers of the Constitution have laid for us. They want us to forget the blood of our dead soldiers and embrace the abominable new way being promoted today without fear, but I will not be able to do that. We must remain loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ even when times are hard and it doesn't look good for us. Man will try to mess up your plan for following Christ, because

he will promote the world in your eyes and allow spiritual starvation for your soul.

Repentance can come because the Lord is now calling all of us to repentance and to a return to the things that have made THE CHURCH OF GOD what the Bible tells us She should be. He will destroy those that have tried to reduce Her to something less than Holy. Hear the blessed Savior calling us to Him in order to keep IT, THE CHURCH OF GOD. The Church must preach His Words, not their own rendering! When you visit the churches spread over the country today you will hear so many different versions of the Bible that it will be hard to follow them in your mind because they

sound like a "Walt Disney" book of some kind. The blood has been removed, the Holy Conception of Jesus has been removed, saving grace, the virgin Mary is now called a young woman in many of these blasphemous so called bibles. Do not get caught dead with one of these in your hands! I feel God is appalled at the use of them as men call them God's anointed word. They are a disgrace to His Worthy Name. Let's return to the teachings, auxiliaries, established doctrine and the Holy Ghost Power that made the Church great in the eyes of our communities. When we display the Flag of 1933, let it be because of our stand for the doctrine of that period and wave it without the curse of God. It is a memorial against many that have it hid in their closets today, because of what it stands for. God will honor all people who cling to His

doctrine and will obey His Word regardless of church affiliation. Those who by covenant join the Church must remember the covenant is perpetual, without end. The covenant places one in the Church of God when administered by proper authority. The new birth doesn't put you into the Church but it is the covenant and then the Lord adds you upon receiving it.



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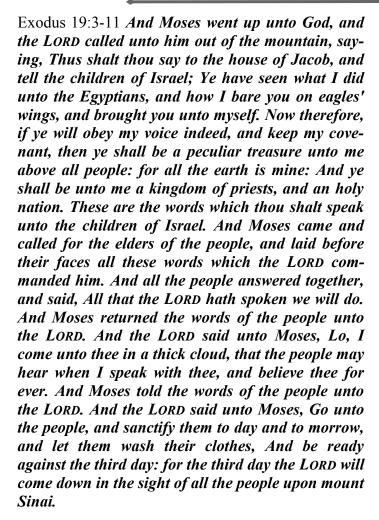
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# = "Sanctified and Set Apart"

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God tells Moses to tell the people the two things they would have to agree to do before He would come down on Mount Sinai and meet with them personally. They must obey him and keep His covenant, on agreement between Himself and Israel. To ratify the agreement and to show that Moses was not doing miracles by sorcery, as was seen by them in Egypt when Pharaohs' magicians did phony tricks through sorcery.

Upon hearing God's term, they agree to do "All" that He asked of them. When this was completed by God and Israel, then they could have all of His blessings. The blessings can be seen in Deuteronomy 28: 1-3. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to

observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high

above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. If they turned aside from their covenant in disobedience, they would receive the curses as stated beginning read in Deuteronomy 28:14-44.

Now instead of being overtaken by God's blessings they would be overtaken by curses, and continue until they would be destroyed!

Deuteronomy 28:45-47 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

I encourage all of God's people that have made a covenant with our God, to read the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 28, and take it to heart how important it is for us today to be very diligent in keeping Our Covenant with God. Honor it, speak it often, and serve God in Love, obedience, and with Joy! We must stay cleansed and sanctified, obey His Word and live holy before our God.

Exodus 20:18-22 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God

is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

Children, how often have we heard God admonish us to seek His face and draw nigh to him? Over the years, too many to count, as we remember the Holy Ghost messages to us. We must not fear God as Israel did at Sinai, but fear Him in Godly fear and reverence. Do we feel today that God is trying to prove His people as He did then? This is a time of drawing, close to God as we never have before!

James 4:8a Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Today as from the very beginning in Exodus, God is still seeking a sanctified, holy people that are set apart from the world. A people that desires to be in His presence, having a clean heart and a great love for Him, and a people to draw near to Him. This is not a time for God's people to stand afar off. The world must see and know that we are that peculiar people. Few people today maintain a high standard of holy living and integrity in this present society. God help us to keep standing in "All" that God has said for us to stand in. That Chosen Generation that Peter talked about is who we are.

1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Hebrews 12:18-29 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be

stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

Jesus stated that before His next appearing, this world would be as it was in Noah's day when men's minds were continually on evil. He also said that it would be like Sodom and Gomorra. I think the world has arrived at that place, and we are like righteous Lot being vexed because, of all he heard and saw. No sooner do we see one evil law passed then another even worse is introduced, Our society is on steady diet of sexual perversion, abortion, trans genders, nudity in public, child and drug trafficking and the list goes on.

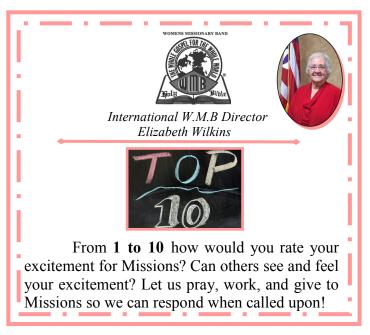
Jeremiah 13:15,16 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

Children we must pray and once again draw near to God, seek His face and repent for the gross sins of our country. All nations need repentance for Jesus died for the whole world, not just ours. Remember, our Great God has made our nation the greatest nation in the world. We of all people should be thankful that we are still free to worship in our churches and homes. Many do not have this freedom.

Thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters are persecuted and even die for the faith they have in God

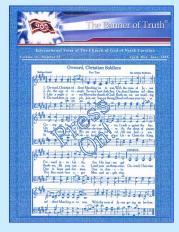
Almighty God, in all history, there has been only one nation like America founded by pilgrims seeking freedom to worship, established on a vast continent between two oceans. We are created equal and presented to us by our creator with certain unalienable rights. One Nation under God. You have delivered us in war, prospered us in peace, and raised us through generations, willing to offer up the last full measure of our devotion, so that we are preserved in liberty at home and abroad We are a light to the world sent through our brave missionaries, the greatest force in our history. But now we are fallen into darkness, disobedient to your word and indifferent. We your people have greatly sinned. Precious Jesus, forgive us and save us from gross darkness and the clutches of Satan. Deliver our children and their children from the distractive course we are on. Forgive us and continue to give us leaders whom we need to strongly support, because they have tried to understand these dark times we are now in, and trying to be good leaders for us. Strengthen them as they face unprecedented opposition from every side. These things we ask humbly in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Let's begin again to do the right things that we can still be set apart and cleansed and vessels for the Masters use. Pray Saints and trust God for who and what He is to us, Spread the news to everyone we encounter and God be praised for the great things He has done.  $\square$ 



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# The Victory Leaders: PASSION for Prayer

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The enemy brings on the everyday exhaustion, the concussing properties of peer pressure and the boat loud of unspent negative emotions that are building up both at work and at home, and throwing us; as Christians up against the proverbial wall and is robbing us of our joy and fervency like the common thug.

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Fervent Prayer.

Do we really understand what this means?

Fervent prayer. It is more than just praying without ceasing. The definition of Fervent is having or displaying a passionate intensity.



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We need to be passionate and intentional when we pray. Not praying over a meal while crawling into bed. We need a new found PASSION for prayer!



# John 10:10 says:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Don't let the enemy rob you any longer.

# Matthew 6:7 says:

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Memorizing a prayer for each meal then before bed or before getting out of bed. Those aren't good enough for the God who sent his only son to die for us nor the son who did die for us! For us! For people who are selfish and can't see past a place or a name for ourselves to see what an amazing sacrifice happened so that we may be free from sin and darkness and the gates of hell.

# Matthew 16:18 says:

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Build your foundation.

Put on your armor.

Bring your Fervency to the fight.



The fight is now. The problem is real. There are two options in this situation we face. Resistance of the devil or resistance of God. I don't know about you but God has a better track record and that's who I pick to lead my life.

Will you join the fight?

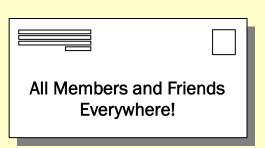
Will you join the army of God?



# A Letter from our USA National Overseer



Thurman J. Lowe Lu Luz, New Mexico





Greetings in the name of our savior Jesus Christ

I hope this finds all of you heathy and well. We have been very busy with moving my mother from Hobbs, NM to La Luz, NM with us and working on our church building.

We pray for all our people daily for God to encourage and keep all well and spiritual in the Lord.

There has been a lot of sickness with some of our members in the United States this year and we are praying that most of this is behind us so we can get ready for the National Convention and Family Camp in October. Pray for me as I study and ask God for guidance with our program and theme for the convention. We are expecting god to help us and bless all of us with his word and inspiration as all messages are prepared and anointed by God for us to grow in body and in Spirit.

I would like to see all of our ministers and members to be at our National Convention. Everyone that comes we are planning to have beds and a place for you to stay and enjoy our great state of New Mexico. Everyone planning to attend the Convention and Family Camp please contact us by letter, by phone or email.

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We are looking forward to seeing and fellowship with you. Praying for God to supply all our needs and finance to attend and worship God and expecting an outpouring of his spirit on all.

God Bless You as We all work for GOD

Thurman J. Lowe, USA National Overseer

There has been a change in location and price for the USA National Convention & Family Camp 2018

<u>Location: The Church of God of NC/Alamogordo, NM 916 16th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310</u>

Cost: \$65.00 for both/\$40.00 each event

Lodging can and will be provided by Members of our local congregation

# **Convention**

October 24, 2018—Service begins at 7:00 pm and will run through Closing Service around noon on October 26, 2018 (We will be serving Snacks after church both nights and lunch on 25th and 26th and dinner on 25th)

(\*\* There will be an afternoon for rest or tourism around our town\*\*)

# Family Camp

October 26, 2018—Gathering and Opening begins at 7:00 pm and will run through Closing service around noon on October 28, 2018 (We will be serving Snacks after church on 26th and 27th, lunch and dinner on the 27th)

(\*We will break for lunch\*)

# **Building Dedication**

Building Dedication will be at 2:00 pm on October 28, 2018, followed by a reception (All are Invited and Welcome!)

Please contact Jannece Colon for any questions you may have and to reserve lodging for you and your family! (Jannece Colon—575-631-3412 (call or text) or email at (jannececolon@hotmail.com)



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