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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, Anaheim, CA

PRAYER BURDENS

- **Prayer**--That the prayers of the saints in all the local churches would be neither lacking nor hindered during these critical days but rather strengthened and intensified (1 Tim. 2:1; Luke 18:1)
- **Comfort**--For all the saints to be comforted by the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, by casting all their anxiety on Him through prayer and petition with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6-7)
- **Assembling together**--For all the saints to be strengthened and encouraged to continue to meet together in small groups and virtually, that none would abandon their own assembling together, but that this situation would facilitate all the members being brought into function (Heb. 10:25)
- **Families, children, young people**--As schools are closed for the time being many children and young people are home all day; pray for the strengthening of the family life in every household (Gen. 12:1)
- **The various needs** of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. housing, job-related, family-related, health-related)--Pray for the health of all the saints and for the saints whose jobs are affected during the current health crisis
- **FTTA**--The training has been suspended in Anaheim and all the trainees have been sent home in order to continue the training this semester online; please pray for all the logistics involved with this new arrangement and for the proper care and shepherding of all the trainees
- **All the authorities** on the federal, state and local levels--That they all would have the wisdom to guide the nation throughout the current health crisis and that the Lord's will might be done and His interests furthered in this country (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Memorial Day Conference, May 22-25, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training, May 30, 2020, KPCC

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization- Study of Deuteronomy- Week 5: The Goodness of the Land – Becoming Qualified to Inherit the Promised Land*

Portion from Week 5- Day 2:

Whenever the Lord asks us to do something for Him, He does not intend that we do that thing by ourselves...Trying to keep His commandment by our energy is an insult to God; it is abominable in His sight. If we try to do this, the Lord might say, "I do not ask you to do something for Me by your strength or ability, for you do not have the strength or the ability. What I ask you to do for Me, I want you to do by Me. Learn to have faith in Me, to trust in Me. I will do everything for you. I simply want you to participate in My operation. I want to do something in man and with man....If you cooperate with Me, I will be able to do what I desire to do." To do something for the Lord not by ourselves but by the Lord--this is pleasing to Him. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, p. 149)

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapters 9 & 10

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

When we were saved, we thought that since our sins were forgiven, they would never come back to us. We felt that once we had joy and peace, they would abide with us forever. Unfortunately, the sins and temptations came back. There were fewer high experiences, and low experiences became common. There were fewer joyful times, and sorrowful times became common. In these circumstances, we experience two things. On the one hand, temptations, pride, jealousy, and temper return. On the other hand, we endeavor to suppress ourselves.

As soon as these sins come back, we struggle to suppress them and to stop them from manifesting themselves. Those who are successful in suppressing themselves think that they have overcome. Those who have failed live in a cycle of failure, victory, sin, and remorse. As a result they become extremely discouraged. Shortly after they are saved, either they consciously suppress their sins, or they resign themselves to the thought that victory is impossible. They become despondent and discouraged. On the one hand, they experience some victory; on the other hand, they also experience many failures. When they succeed in restraining themselves, their sins are temporarily stopped. But when they fail, they concede to the inevitability of committing sin.

We have to say "Hallelujah!" because there is a gospel for sinners and a gospel for "Christian sinners"! The gospel for Christian sinners is preached in the same way that the cross was preached to us before. Hallelujah! There is a gospel today for Christian sinners!

What kind of life should (we) live? Only after we know this will we see what our shortages are. What does the Bible say about the Christian life?

A Life That Is in Intimate Fellowship with God

Luke 1:69 says, "And raised a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant." Verses 74 and 75 say, "We, having been delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days."...thank and praise the Lord, His Word says that we should serve Him in holiness and righteousness *all our days*. We should serve Him in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live on earth. This is the kind of life that God has ordained for us.

A Life That Is Fully Satisfied in the Lord

The Lord says that He is all we need, but we say that He is not enough. We need this and that before we can be satisfied, but He said that He alone is enough... Why does the Lord say that a believer will not be thirsty again? This is because he has become different inside. Within him, there are new demands and new satisfactions... Are we satisfied with just the Lord? Are we really satisfied with the Lord Jesus alone? If we are not satisfied, it means that there is something wrong with our living.

A Life That Affects Others

John 7:37 and 38 say, "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out,

saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."...Brothers and sisters, do others stop thirsting when they touch us? Or do they continue in their thirst? If others complain about their sufferings and we also complain, if others feel sorrowful and we also feel sorrowful, and if others confess their failures and we also confess our failures, we are not rivers of living water but dry deserts. Even the grass of others will be dried up by us. When this happens, either God is wrong or we are wrong. God cannot be wrong, so it must be we who are wrong.

A Life That Overcomes All Environments

Romans 8:35 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?" Verse 37 says, "But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us."... Whether we encounter tribulation, anguish, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword, we should not only conquer it but more than conquer it! ...But what is our actual experience? The Bible has not kept these experiences from us, but we often do not find the way to enter such a life. Before tribulation even comes in abundance, we are already shouting, "I need patience! I am suffering!" If we find the way to this life, we will more than conquer in all these things.

-Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life" -- Chapter 2

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