

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

*My grace is  
sufficient for you,  
for my power is made  
perfect in weakness.*

*2 Corinthians 12:9*

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John 5:24 “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life

*Father up in Heaven, again I thank You for Your Divine inspiration for this months message. May Your words continue to touch the hearts of your people, with a consistent message of hope and joy for all Eternity. I ask this in Jesus name...Amen*

## GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE *By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

As I take a good look around at man's quest to find an answer to what life is really all about, I say to myself sometimes, what is life really all about?

When I wake up in the morning after saying my morning prayers, I proceed downstairs to watch the news on the television . Ever morning it seems to be the same things over and over again. The news media, continues to open my eyes daily to the fact that there is something really wrong with this world.

If it's not about who abducted and raped and kill some poor soul, it is about a fatal fire that killed a number of people. If it's not about a fatal plane, automobile, train, ship, bus, crash etc., it's about some bomb going off some where in the world. If it's not about starvation and famine around the world, it's about war and fighting throughout the world. If it's not about some tornado, hurricane, tsunami, or earthquake devastation, it's about an outbreak of viral diseases. If it's not about record high gas prices, it's about corruption in our political system. The list goes on and on and on, there seems to be no end to all the madness! It is no wonder in this uncertain world we live in, why so many people have so many problems today. There is at this time, a record number of people in this country on antidepressants for depression and anxiety. Suicides in teenagers are at an all time high, and so is drug and alcohol abuse in people today. Divorce and homosexuality in our society is running rampede. These problems that I just mentioned, are only some of the challenges that we are faced with today.

Did you ever notice lately, the rat race we are in? It seems like you get up and go to work, come home an eat, fall a sleep, and get up and do the same thing day in and day out. Sometimes you start to say to yourself, what's it all about Alfie. It sometimes feels like I am on a daily treadmill, living in a rat race, at a rats pace, in a world full of rats.

One of the most asked questions spiritually I get is, if God is so loving and merciful, why is there so much trouble in the world today? Another question on the same line is, how can our loving God and Savior allow so many innocent people to suffer and die from so many fatalities ? They always finish there question with a doubtful remark like, if there is a God, then why does He allow all this to happen? These are just a few of the questions about God, that I get from time to time. The answer that the Spirit puts on my heart time after time is, I really don't know, I am not God!

People seem to think, that because you are involved with the word of God, that you have all the answers. Unfortunately again, I don't have a clue. The mystery of it all, lies in the hands of God, and God alone. The only thing

He has given us that really makes any sense at all, is the Bible! The Bible sums up all of God's divine plans for all mankind, past, present, and future. You see in the Bible, the world as we see it, has an eternal purpose. The eternal purpose can be found in John 3:16 **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** In that scripture alone, we start to see

God's Eternal Purpose unfold, for all who believe in Him. What a powerful statement the Lord makes for us in this lost dark world we live in. From the past generations to the present, nothing has changed except the date on the calendar. The Lord's will has been done in the past, and it will continue to be done in the future! That is one thing that we can all take to the bank.

When God sent His one and only begotten Son to earth, that set the stage for Eternal Salvation for all believers. Jesus suffered for all of us, die for our sins, and rose from the grave for our sake! That was really the only way for God to forgive our sins, and to give us hope for Eternal Salvation. Another great statement the Lord makes in Hebrews 5:8-9 **Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect, He became the source of Eternal Salvation for all who obey Him.** It seems what the Lord is trying to tell us is, we all must suffer in this world, but the ones who stay strong and obedient through all these trials and tribulation, will have earned, God's Eternal Purpose.

When Jesus was talking to His disciples in John 16:33 He said: **“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world**

What the Lord is trying to tell us is, there will be trials and tribulations in our lives. But try and always remember, by His death and resurrection, His Eternal Purpose for our Salvation was fulfilled for all who believe.

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, at this time let us try and not reflect on the daily troubles of the world, but on **God's Eternal Purpose.**

By reflecting on His Eternal Purpose, the peace of the Lord will become more clearer to you, the more you reflect. If we continue to fall prey to all the darkness of this world, the light of your soul will become darkened.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank You, we praise You, and bless You Father, for being our bright light in this dark and dying world. May Your light grow brighter, in the souls of all Your people. When darkness enters the soul, may Your grace, and mercy lift our darken souls to the brightness of Your light. May Your light guide us to Your Eternal Paradise.

Father I ask all this, in the name of Jesus.....Amen

## OCTOBER'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

**Poor in Spirit** *By Billy Graham*

Matthew 6:21 **Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,**

One of the hardest truths for some people to accept is that there is absolutely nothing they can do to win their salvation.

No matter how generous.... How honest.... How compassionate they are—it is never enough. God is holy, and His standard is perfection. If we think we are good enough, it simply proves our pride.

Only when we see ourselves as God sees us—sinners, guilty before Him—will we realize we need a Savior. C.H. Spurgeon said, “The first link between my soul and Christ is not my goodness but my badness, not my merit but my misery, not my riches but my need.”

But the amazing thing is this: In spite of our sin, God still loves us so much that Christ died on the Cross for us. All we can do is believe Christ died for us and by faith receive Him into our lives. No, you can't win your salvation—but Christ has won it for us!

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### SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 3:33 **The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.**

Proverbs 3:9 **Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.**

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*Until next month's journal, may the peace of the Lord be with you always, and may the Holy Spirit guide and protect you from the evil one.*

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