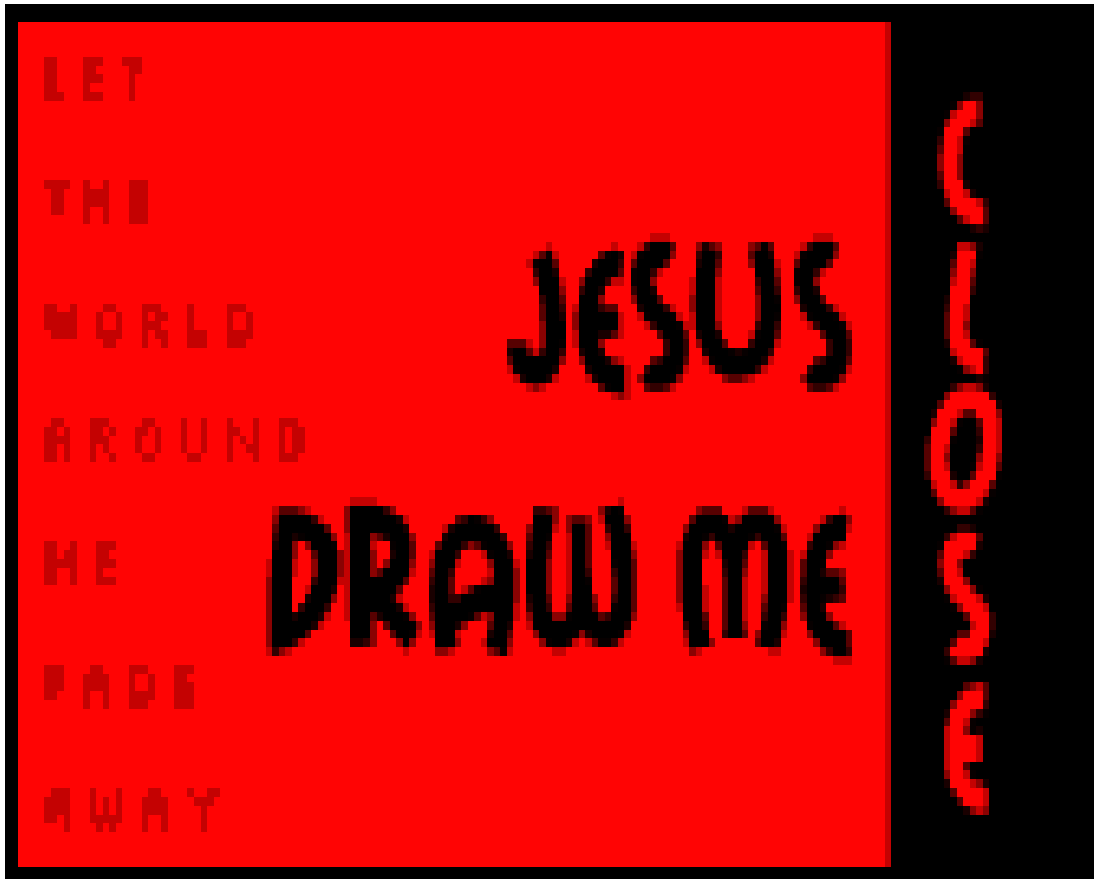


THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Ecclesiastes 2:26 To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness

Heavenly Abba Father, my prayer at this time is for You to fill this dying world, with Your eternal wisdom. May the prideful hearts of this world, come to realize that their knowledge and so called wisdom, is fruitless and foolish compared to Yours. May You continue to bless Your people with Your wisdom, and knowledge in Jesus name ,Amen.

GOD'S ETERNAL WISDOM

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Before beginning this spiritual message this month, I would just like to begin first by giving thanks and praise to the Lord, for giving me the blessing and privilege of this out-reach ministry. Also Father, I thank You for Your continual spiritual inspiration each month, in writing these journals. Also, I thank You again Father for touching the hearts of this ministry. I thank You always in the name of You Son Christ Jesus.....Amen. This month's spiritual theme, is another great awareness we all need as Christians. This spiritual awareness that I will be talking about, will help bring God's eternal light to us, to get through this dark and evil world. These eternal gifts God has blessed us with, are readily available for all believing Christians. When I say all believing Christians, I mean anyone who is willing to put our Savior Jesus Christ first in their lives. When I say putting Christ first in our lives, I mean just that. I mean, He has to be center stage in our lives, in order for Him to be effective in us. At first it seems real hard, to put Him first, because of our selfishness, pride, and ego's. Also, because of all the distorted truth about Christianity, in this world. In order to find the real wisdom and knowledge set aside for all of us to enjoy daily, we need to first shed our worldly flesh and surrender our lives to the Lord. I guess you must be saying to yourself, how can I surrender myself completely to the Lord, when I am burdened down with life's daily stresses. I always thought the same way, until Jesus came into my life.

By being born again with the help of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, I began to have a greater understanding what to do with all my daily trials.

In Matthew 11:29 the Lord said: **Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** How great of a promise and assurance does the Lord give us believers, with this scripture. This scripture can be so positive, assuring, and comforting to our souls in times of trouble. I don't know about you, but for me, it is so uplifting to know that the Lord is in my corner always. Before Jesus, I did not have anybody or anything that could help me in my moments of darkness and despair, until I surrender my pride and ego to Jesus. You will be so surprised and uplifted down deep in your soul, when you finally come to Jesus with a sincere and surrendered heart.

When I say come to Him with a sincere and surrendered heart, I mean a heart that is trusting in Him only. A heart that is totally trusting in Jesus, for complete guidance in this world of hatred, corruption, and violence.

If you are looking for the gift of knowledge and wisdom, the Bible is very clear with where it can be found, and that is in the word of the Lord.

The Lord says in James 1:5 **If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.** One of the greatest examples of that scripture, was back in the Old Testament with respect to King David's son, King Solomon. He was one of the greatest kings of all time. God found favor in him and told him that he could have what ever he wanted. He could have asked God for anything his heart desired, but he asked God, for the gift of wisdom. Through Solomon's gift of wisdom, everything on the earth at that time, was his to have. Unfortunately for King Solomon, in the end, he strayed from God's grace which was the source of all his wisdom, and started to build idols of detestable false gods. In 1 Kings 11:10 the Lord said: **Although He had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command.** By disobedience to the Lord in the end, Solomon was never the same in the eye's of the Lord. Try and reflect on this scripture for a while, and try and understand the importance of staying in the graces of the Lord always. For as soon as you forget where your blessings come from, the sooner God will take them from you!

There are some more scriptures in the Bible that I would like to share with you at this time with respect to God's wisdom. In Psalm 119:105 the Lord said: **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

This scripture is a great one, to remind us all how spiritually handicapped we all are, without the Lord's light dwelling within us.

In Psalm 32:8 the Lord said: **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.**

Also in Psalm 51:6 the Lord said: **Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

A great scripture that comes to mind, that kind of sums it up at this time can be found in Proverbs 2:5-7 when the Lord said: **Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, He is the shield to those who walk blameless.**

Well my friends in the Lord, I hope you will take some time to reflect on God's wisdom at this time, and realize what you are missing at this time, if you are still on the outside looking in with the Lord. Try and always remember about the Lord, He stands knocking outside your door, and waits for all of us to let Him into our lives!

May God bless us all, and with His grace, I hope to talk to you next month.

APRIL'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

The Message of Easter By Billy Graham

Mark 16:6 (NIV) **He has risen! He is not here**

The message of Easter is the central focus of Christianity. The apostle Paul said, “ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins”(1 Cor. 15:17, NIV). It is as simple as that. If Christ is still dead, then He cannot be our Savior, for He was not the Son of God, and He died like all men. More than that, Heaven’s doors are still locked. But if Christ is risen, as the Scriptures teach and as hundreds of witnesses testified (none of whom ever recanted that testimony despite threats and death for many of them), then we have the ultimate hope of humanity— eternal life with God who made us and the certainty of life beyond the grave. What does Easter mean to you? It should mean everything, because Christ has conquered death! And that makes all the difference—now and forever!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT THIS EASTER SEASON

Easter’s celebration is a time to reflect on what God’s perfect plan is for all mankind. That plan, was exclusively design to fulfill the Lord’s final work for us, through His Son, Jesus Christ. Through His birth he gave us all hope, through His death on the cross, He gave us Eternal Salvation.

So this Easter Season with all it’s different earthly traditions, let us all look beyond tradition, and give thanks and praise to the Lord Christ Jesus for His victorious resurrection!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST

Eleanor Santarpio-John Baker-Jerry Owens-Anthony Palma Jr.-Janet Neil
Bill Storm-Garland Wilson-Michael Morales-Kim Kurd-Virginia Murucci
Also prayers at this time, for our troops in Iraq and around the world.
Prayers for our Government, and all the governing bodies of this world.
Prayers for all the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the lain,
the helpless, the broken hearted, the hopeless, the persecuted, the dying,
etc., people of this world. I ask these special prayers, in Jesus name...Amen.

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In closing, thank You Father again for your inspirations for this monthly pulpit. May Your inspired words continue to fill this ministry with Your wisdom. May all the people of Your family world wide, enjoy this Easter celebration of Your Son’s glorious resurrection. I ask this in the name of our victorious Savior, Jesus Christ.....Amen.

