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Psalm 34:17 **The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles**

JUST A PRAYER AWAY

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Father again, thank You for this months divinely inspired message. May all of Your people who hear this message, understand it's spiritual meaning. May Your Divine Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all believing Christians.

I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.....Amen

Often we as Christians go through periods in our walk with Christ, that can become flat and ungodly. I have seen so many times in my life, where because I am saved, I start to become spiritually complacent.

When I feel myself sliding into spiritual complacency, I start to fall back into my old self again. Shortly after that point, sin starts to become easier to commit. I then, feel myself starting to slip out of God's grace.

When I talk about slipping out of God's grace, I mean I can feel His internal grace starting to leave the spiritual realm of my body. It's a feeling that you start to pick-up, when you are spiritually tuned in to the Lord. When it first happened to me after I was saved some years ago, I started to get real nervous from within. I would say to myself, how can this be, just a couple of days ago, I was on such a spiritual high. When I was on this spiritual high, it felt like I could touch the sky. As soon as I let my guard down, by getting too comfortable, a cold empty feeling started to come upon me. I started to feel like something had died inside of me. Like I had lost my best friend. I started to feel spiritually insecure again. The only thing that I could think about at that time, was to go back and find the source of my spirituality!

That source can only be where it came from, and that is the Lord Himself.

The Lord says in Psalm 145:18-19 **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cries and saves them.**

Scriptures like this, can be the difference between us staying in trouble with the Lord, or drawing back securely close to the Lord's grace.

Thanks be to the Lord, for always helping me find my way back to Him.

Through His infinite wisdom, I have learned that He is only a prayer away.

In my daily travels, I run across so many people who are filled up with so much guilt and shame. When we become intoxicated with sin, guilt, and shame tends to distant us from God's blessings. At that point, the devil starts to move in for the kill. He will continue to make you believe that you are no good and not worthy of God's grace. The more we believe that lie, the further we become infected with sin. Well let me tell you the real truth about our loving, all forgiving God. All the Lord is looking for when we fall into sin, is simple repentance from our heart, and all is well again.

The Lord says in Job 11: 14-15 **If you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear.**

I can remember when I was young, watching different cartoons depicting the angel on one side of the shoulder, and the devil on the other side.

In this secular world we live in, good vs evil is pawned off as a some form of comedy. To pawn it off as comedy, can be a terrible mistake. You see, Satan is live and well in this world, and wants to destroy our souls.

Both good and evil, are really close to everyone of us. I have been on both sides of the fence. The only real true peace and joy, is in the Lord!

When the Lord is dwelling inside of us, Satan has no power at all.

His power to destroy our souls, is diminished by God's Almighty power.

Please try and remembers always, that when the devil comes knocking at your door, the Lord is just a prayer away.

In the Holy Bible, God has left all who are spiritually in Him, scriptures to help us through those times when the devil is hot on our trail.

The Lord says in Isaiah 30:19 **How gracious He will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears—He will answer you.**

In Psalm 50:15 He says: **“and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.”**

Everything is possible when we pray from our hearts, to the Lord.

The Lord says in John 16:23—24 **My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and the joy will be complete.**

Another great scripture comes to my mind at this time, with respect to the power of sincere prayer and that is from 1 John 5:14—15 the Lord says again. **This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we ask of Him**

In closing with this months spiritual message, lets try and remember the real power we all have as Christians to draw upon, in times of trials and tribulations. When God is in us and not on the outside looking in, there is no greater advocate then Him in this world. So instead of looking around for different ways and means to deal with lifes trials, call upon the lord.

All who are in Christ, have a 24 hr 7 day a week direct line to God.

So try and remember, Father God is JUST A PRAYER AWAY !

Let us pray, Father God teach us all, the power of your prayers. Help us all not to rely on our flesh, but on You. Help us always to remember where our true insulation from the evil one is. Father please protect us, guide us, and direct us through this world. I ask this in Jesus name..... Amen.

OCTOBERS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE *By Billy Graham*

Hebrews 9:14 The blood of Christ,.....[will] cleanse our conscience.

Each of us has a conscience that sits as a judge over our every thought, word, and deed. It can be sensitive, undeveloped, or distorted, depending upon the way we have used or abused it.

The human conscience is defiled by sin, says the Bible—and that is one reason it is not a reliable guide by itself. Our conscience needs to be cleansed by the purifying work of the Holy Spirit, and honed and sharpened by the truth of the word of God. Satan can even twist our consciences if they are not yielded to Christ and convince us that wrong is really right.

But in spite of frailty, our conscience is still important, and God still uses it to warn us of danger. All of us have experienced the backlash of guilt after a transgression.

Is God speaking to you about something that is not right in your life? Something you may be doing—but you know dishonors Christ? Don't ignore that voice or think it doesn't matter. Face it, confess it, put it right, and never touch it again.

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 15:4 **The tongue that brings healing is the tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.**

Proverbs 15:21 **Folly delights a man who lacks judgement, but a man of understanding keeps a straight course.**

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK & LOST

Janet Neil Janet Young Jerry Owens Vince Moschella Michael Morales
John Baker Tony Scarangelli Joe Hinley Kim Kurd Jennifer Smit

Also a special prayer in general for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the lost, the addicted etc, people of this world. A prayer for our country, for our leaders and the leaders of this world to find away to live in God's peace. I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen.

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