

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Psalms 119-1 **Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.**

## **BE OF GOOD CHEER**

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*Dear Lord, thank You for blessing this ministry with Your inspired words of hope and love for eternity. Father, may we all grow spiritually, through Your endless teachings. Lord, may we all stay strong and spiritually hopeful, for the return of Your Son Jesus. Father, please protect us from the devil's deceptive attacks and helps us put on Your full amour of righteousness. Lord, help us to stay obedient and convicted to Your will.*

*Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior, Christ Jesus. .... Amen.*

*This months message, has to do with being of good cheer, whatever the situation is.*

*When I say be of good cheer, what is the message that I am trying to convey?*

*The Lord told His disciples in John 16:33 **"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 Jesus was trying to explain to His disciples with this verse, was the fact that His time on earth was soon coming to an end. He would no longer be around to guide, teach, and counsel them. But while He was gone for a while, He was sending the Counselor, the Holy Spirit to be their guide in a dark and sinful world. Jesus knew exactly what He was doing. He knew that His main purpose was to be the sacrificial Lamb, that would take away the sins of the world. Christ suffered, died and had to rise from the dead, to free us all from the sins of this world. Jesus was the final atonement for man's sin. There would be no more need for sacrificial rituals for the forgiveness of sin. Back in the Old Testament days, sacrifices were man's only means to come to God. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, all of man's physical sacrifices, became null and void meaning God, was finished with this type of atonement for sins. The Cross now symbolizes our free access to God, through Christ Jesus. When we sin now, we no longer have to approach God through going to a priest and offering sacrifices. The New Covenant makes it perfectly clear, that Jesus is the only way we can be forgiven for our sins. According to God, it's foolish to assume that the final atonement for our sins through Jesus, can be found in any thing else.*

*So many people today, are struggling to make a connection with God. Man's road block to God, is nothing more than the lack of understanding of His divine word! Most religious organizations today, are still hung up in the Old Testament. Most of them have studied the New Testament, but have not yet embrace it's significance. There is nothing wrong with the Old Testament. In fact, the Old Testament, it is a vital piece of our existence and religious history. Also, it sets the stage for the coming of Jesus Christ.*

*But God's Eternal Plan for His people, did not start and end with the Old Testament. According to the Bible, it started with God's Law in the Old Testament, and ended with God's grace in the New Testament.*

*The Lord made it so much easier to find forgiveness for our sins, through Jesus Christ.*

The problem is, that the door to forgiveness, is obstructed by a thing called faith. In order to ever have real faith, we must first believe. With all the different distractions, belief systems, and opinions out there today, it no wonder why there is so much disbelief. This disbelief is all part of the devils plan to bring the world down to hell for eternity, with him. Besides satin's relentless motivation to destroy, he has an overwhelming hatred for God and His people . He loves to confuse, separate, and divide wherever he can. It is clearly obvious, that his master plan is winning at this time. But, according to the word of the God, satin and all his demons will be defeated in the end, when Jesus returns to judge the world. It is really sad that the majority of this world, does not have a clue what is going on behind the scene. I believe that our vulnerability to sin, comes from a feeling of not being loved or worthy of God. That combined with a feeling of guilt, fear, despair, and a sense of hopelessness, can bring us down, to where the devil can corrupt our minds. These are some of the stumbling blocks that the evil one uses, to lure us into his deadly trap. With the sad state of affairs that the world is in, we need Jesus more than ever. The point that I am trying to make, is the fact that when we are spiritually vulnerable, satin will always prevail! It is also important that we all try and stay focused on the fact that no matter who we are or whatever trial we are bearing at this time that, "**He that is in us, is greater than he that is in the world.**"

Meaning that if we truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have asked Him to come into our life, there is really nothing to worry about. God has everything under control and will never leave us or forsake us. All our problems, are really God's problems if we truly believe in Him. The **he** meaning the devil that is in the world, hasn't got a chance when we have God's full armor of righteousness wrapped around us. If we are living in darkness and not wrapped with His full armor of righteousness, we will fall prey to the devil. If you are looking for God's eternal light, In Psalms 119:130 the Lord says: **The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

To eventually go from darkness to light, this light can only be found through Jesus words. The Lord's divine words, can be found in His Holy Bible. God also said in Hebrews 4:12 **For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

With time running out for all of us, it is more important now than ever in our lives, to start to take the Bible serious. The Lord clearly says in Revelation 1:3 that; **Blessed is the one who reads the words of His prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**

So my friends in Lord Jesus Christ, I will close with this thought. The only way any of us can " **BE OF GOOD CLEAR**" we must believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, we must all equip ourselves daily, with God's full armor of righteousness.

MARCH'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

**The Brightness Of God's Love** By Billy Graham

Psalms 73:26 **My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart.**

Trouble will not hurt us unless it does what many of us too often allow it to do—harden us, making us sour, bitter, and skeptical. But it need not be this way. Troubles we bear trustfully can bring us a fresh vision of God and a new outlook on life—and outlook of peace and hope.

If we make our troubles an opportunity to learn more of God's love and His power to aid and bless, then they will teach us to have a firmer confidence in His providence. As a result, the brightness of His love will fill our lives.

Learn to trust God with a child-like dependence on Him as your loving heavenly Father  
And no trouble can destroy you. In those darkest hours before the Cross Jesus could still say, "**I am not alone, because the Father is with Me**" ( John 16:32 )

The same is true for you. Even in that last dark hour of death, when your heart and your flesh fail, you will be able to depend in peace upon Him who "is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

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### **THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST**

Please pray daily with this ministry for Jack McKean Helen McKean, Mark Davies, Jerry Palma, Jimmy Palma, Evan Goldglantz and family, Russ Holman and family, Jim Flynn and family, John Longo and family, Chris Valquez, Joe Brancato, T. Scaregelli, Donna DiAngelous, Vince Phillipelli, Mike Buettner, Johnathan Baker, Michael Monforto, Marian Wilson, Anthony Palma, Joe Hinley, Keith Ruggerio, Anthony Lakes, Joe Lakes, Janet Neil, Rene DeMatteo, Arlene Santarpio, Robin Weiss, Candice Kania, Bob Lambert, George Ollis, Sandy Wisdom, Ron Forczek, Also a special prayer for all, The sick, the poor, the homeless, the lost souls, the disable, the hungry, the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the weary, the restless, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the emotional distraught etc. Furthermore, a prayer for our new President, that he follow God's directive, and not the world's. Also, a prayer for all the troops that are in harms way, around the world.

Finally Father, a special prayer for Your sanctification at this time, from all the sins of the world. Sins of pride, corruption, anger, hatred, violence, wars, genocides, adulteries, fornications, etc. Lord, I ask these prayers in Jesus name. . . . . Amen.

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