

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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## **GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, I thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for another inspired message this month. Lord, please continue to fill this ministry with Your Holy Spirit's Indwelling Spirit. Father God, please help us to know You better and walk in Your Ways. Lord Your Words of Divine Wisdom are a Light at my feet. Abba Father, please help us to stay connected to Your Holy Presence. Father, may Your Divine Light continue to shine through the darkness of this fallen world. Almighty Father, may Your Eternal Light keep getting brighter and brighter! Lord Jesus, please help us to walk together hand and hand with You all clothed in Your Righteousness. Father God, I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus. Hallelujah....Amen!!

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Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's Monthly Journal for March 2015. This month's inspired message has to do with God's Forgiveness! Let us begin In **Matthew 6:14**; Jesus said; **For if we forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** In this Scripture, Jesus gives us a startling warning about forgiveness. If we refuse to forgive others, God will also refuse to forgive us. Why? The reason why is because when we don't forgive others, we are denying our common ground as sinners in need of God's forgiveness. God's forgiveness of sin is not the direct result of us forgiving others, but it is the base on our realizing what forgiveness means. It is easy to ask God for forgiveness, but difficult to forgive others. Whenever we ask God to forgive our sins, we should ask ourselves, "Have I forgiven the people who have wronged me?" If we are looking for God's forgiveness, but not looking to forgive others, we are hypocrites in the Eyes of the Lord. In **Ephesians 4:32** God tells us to; **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.** This is Christ's law and command as taught in the Gospels. Also, **Mark 11:25** the Lord tells us; **And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so your Father in heaven will forgive your sins.** Forgiving others is tough work---so much that many people would like to do something totally distasteful then offer forgiveness to someone who has wronged them. For a person to pray while bearing a grudge, however, is like a tree sprouting leaves but bearing no fruit.

True faith changes our hearts. Real prayer dismantles pride and vengeance, filling the empty holes with God's Love. Real faith, seeks God's Peace! For our churches to have prayer power there must be harmony and forgiveness, evident in the body of believers. God tells us to let go of hurts, abandon grudges, and forgive others. Jesus tells us in the Lord's Prayer---- "Forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors" When Jesus taught His disciples to pray He made forgiveness the cornerstone with their relationship with God. God has forgiven our sins; we must now forgive those who have wronged us. To remain unforgiving, means that we have not understood that we ourselves deeply need to be forgiven. Take a minute at this time and try to think about those who have wronged you. My question to you would be, have you forgiven them? How will God treat you if He treats you as you treat others? However, God does not forgive us just because we forgive others, because, this is just one of the requirements needed for God's undeserving Forgiveness. However, God forgives us solely because of His great Love and Mercy. As we come to understand His Mercy, however, we will want to be just like Him. Having received forgiveness, we will want to pass it on to others. God's Mercy has to be coupled with our forgiveness for those who have wronged us in order to be truly forgiven! Those who are unwilling to forgive, have not become one with Christ, who was willing to forgive even those who crucified Him. Last thought! In order to avoid holding a grudge against someone who has wronged you, the Lord tells us in **Luke 6: 35-38; But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured in your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

My brothers and sisters, a forgiving spirit demonstrates that a person has received God's Forgiveness. If we are critical rather than compassionate, we will also receive criticism. If we treat others generously, graciously, and compassionately, however, these qualities will come back to us in full measure!! Let us pray, Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we pray at this time that Your Holy Spirit, guide us, protect us, and direct us. Father, please help us to see clearly our need for forgiveness to others.

Father God, we all are sinners in need of Your Forgiveness. Lord, please help us to forgive others who have sinned against us. Father, please help us to forgive others as You have forgiven us. Lord, please open up our hearts and minds to the blessings and peace that comes to those who forgive. Father, I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen!!

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### **JESUS CALLING**

*By Sarah Young*

**YOU ARE ON THE PATH** of My choosing. There is no randomness about your life. Here and Now, comprise the coordinates of your daily life. Most people let their moments slip through their fingers, half lived. They avoid the present by worrying about the future or longing for a better time and place. They forget they are creatures who are subject to the limitations of time and space. They forget their Creator who walks with them only in the present. Every moment is alive with My Glorious Presence, to those whose hearts are intimately connected with Mine.

As you give yourself to a life of constant communion with Me, you will find that you simply have no time to worry. Thus you are freed to let My Holy Spirit direct you're your steps, enabling you to walk along the path of peace!

( See **Luke 12:25**; **Luke 1:79** for more! )

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### **A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR MARCH 2015**

The Holy Bible tells us in **Isaiah 32:17** that; **{The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.}** My brothers and sisters, God acts from above to change man's condition here on earth. Only when God's Holy Spirit is among us can we achieve true peace and fruitfulness. We can have God's Holy Spirit with us right now through prayer. He is available to all believers through our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!! Hallelujah, praise the Lord!!!!

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**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

**Proverbs 11:28;** Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

**Proverbs 28:20;** A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

**Proverbs 11:14;** wealth is worthless on the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

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**SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH**

**Psalm 27:1,3;** The Lord is my light and my salvation-----whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-----of whom shall I be afraid?.....Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war breaks out against me, even then I will be confident. Amen!!



**THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST.**

**Please pray for:** Bill Schlupp, Donna Walters, Isaac Strong, Joe Lakes, Phil Hinman, Russ Holman, Warren Wisdom, Paige Parker, Tom Messick, Brad McNamara, Marie Barros, Jonathan Baker and family, Janet Young, Anne Marie Hess, Taylor Hyndman, Michael Avorone, Seth Lutz, Theresa Wade, Janelle Owens, Griscel Gambino, and Carmella Jacobs.

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Well my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, it is my hope that you enjoyed this months inspired message. I thank the Lord for the blessing He bestowed upon this ministry to share His Divine Words of Infinite Wisdom. If you have enjoyed this month's inspired message, please pass it on!!

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Until next month's inspired message, with God's help, may the good Lord richly bless you and your family. I ask this in Jesus name...Amen!!

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