**PATIENCE IN WAITING ON GOD’S SALVATION**

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Our key verse for this Newsletter: **Isaiah 12:2** – Behold (that means to “Pay close attention and take to heart what I say to you”) Behold, God is may Salvation; I will Trust and not be afraid: For the Lord Jehovah is my Strength and my Song; He also is become my Salvation.

 The word Salvation is in all of its forms is recorded 525 times through our bible. The Hebrew and Greek words for **Salvation** means: To Save from the power and presence of sin - to Heal both body and soul, to come to the Aid and help of, to Rescue in times of trouble, to Deliver from the power of the Devil and our many enemies, to Preserve and Keep!

 What’s the Holy Ghost saying through you O Isaiah, O man of God? Salvation is not a one time deal, it saves over and over and keeps on saving and delivering all through your life till you leave this world and enter Heaven. You are born again once, but after that God’s Salvation keeps right on working and coming to your rescue! Our lives are made up of many troubles, trials and afflictions in this world BUT through our God we receive many deliverances and healings! This is the power of God for His Chosen and called out ones. If God be for us, who can be against us? God knows how and when to deliver His Children who trust Him. The Salvation of the Lord will help and succour us in the time of need. God’s salvation is full of power to keep and sustain and hold you up. It will not let you fall or go down.

 The Holy Ghost is telling us that in our hardest times and places of difficulty, that’s when God becomes our Salvation. When everything all around you is bad, that’s when the Lord becomes your Salvation again – it doesn’t run out! We not only go from trouble to trouble but we go from glory to glory by the mercy and grace of our God.

FACING HARD CIRCUMSTANCES

 What do you do when you come up against the hardest circumstance in your life – when it looks like there’s no way out and the enemy of your soul says – you’re stuck right where you’re at and it’ll never get any better, you’ll not get over this problem, there’ll be no victory or deliverance in this trial? When you’re tempted to say – nothing good can come out of this mess?

 Children, don’t you know that our blessings and the deliverances in our past are stepping stones of Faith to help us cross over the next difficult stream we face? The trials that we are facing now are conditioning and building in us a strong faith that will endure. Trials are meant to strengthen us and increase our determination and will-power to hold on to God. It’s in the hard times that we learn to stand. Our trials build in us a resistance when pressure comes! When pressures increase, they are working in you and for you an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. This is what draws you closer to God and you see His Glory manifested, which strengthens us inwardly. It’s in your hardest trials that God puts something in you that the devil cannot make you doubt or deny! It’s in these trying times that you say – “I’ve been here before in hard places, it might be a different trial this time, but I have proved my God faithful! I know where I’ve been and I know where He’s brought me from to where I am today. Here I stand by the grace of God waiting on His great Salvation again!”

 I’ve had my battles and my share of bad times but those experiences have taught me to Trust in my Lord and each time He has become my Salvation! Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning. Our trials don’t last always. Our God giveth Songs in the night.

**1Pe 5:10** ¶ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

TELL US PSALMIST DAVID

**Ps 27:1 -** The LORD is my light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **118:14** – The Lord is my Strength and Song and is Become my Salvation.

**Ps 62:1** - Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my Salvation.

 **2** - He only is my Rock and my Salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. (greatly moved means – Devil, you cannot remove or destroy me!)

 What are you telling us David in these scriptures? I’ve had my battles, I’ve had my problems, I’ve had my share of the enemies’ mind games. (Satan’s many lies become mind binds that hinder us and hold us back. They discourage us and take away our faith by constantly showing us the negative and the bad.)

David will tell you – you’re no different than me. My enemies are many and they are lively and strong. They hated me and they will hate you. The devil would like to stop you, stop worship and service and see you go down. David would say along with us - I’m up against it – nobody knows the pressure I’m under and the fears I face. The trial I’m going through is hard, it’s nothing new, I’ve been here many times before. But know this Satan, **The Lord is My Salvation.** What time I am afraid, I will trust in God’s mercy and I will praise His Word. I have learned to wait on God and He has always brought me through!

 Dear reader, can you tell the adversary of your soul, the devil – “You cannot have my Song and my Praise. I will keep my testimony alive until the Lord moves! I am waiting on the Salvation of my God.”

PATIENTLY WAITING ON THE

SALVATION OF THE LORD

**Mic 7:7** ¶ Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

 Some of you reading this Newsletter may be at a standstill right now and facing a certain circumstance that is out of your control. You don’t know exactly what to do. What do I do Lord in this situation? I don’t have the answer, I’m afraid to make a decision or to move! Do I go forward or to the left or the right? There are obstacles all around me and the way is not clear. How can I get through?

**Ps 27:13** - I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

 **14** - Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait**, I say, on the LORD.

 Listen: It is in these trying times that you wait on God to bring deliverance. Stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord. There are times that you are forced to be still and let God work. Don’t do anything drastic or foolish.

**Ps 46:10** - Be still, and know that I am God.

Sometimes your hardest battle is waiting. Does the Lord tell us how long we must Wait? No! In our human nature, we are impatient. We would rather go, do, run and move rather than to wait. If we’re not careful, we can jump into things and make decisions that creates a mess that we can never fix and sometimes even God can’t straighten out! Our enemy will push us on the spur of the moment. He would rather for us to jump the gun and miss God. Hurried rash decisions, whether it’s personal, or concerning marriage, family, job related or finances has caused a lot of God’s good children a lot of problems. They have suffered and are suffering trouble today for it.

The devil would like for you to fight your own battles, to work things out on your own rather than to wait on God. Sometimes it takes time for the Lord to move – there is a right way and a right time and we must let the Lord work, make known His Will on when, where and what to do! You must Fast and Pray till you pray through and the Holy Ghost gives you the Witness of His Spirit and a good feeling in your heart that what you are doing is right! You must never forget that the decisions you make not only affects you but affects others both now and on down the road for years to come!

**Ps 37:3** - Trust in the LORD, and do good; **5** -Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. **7** - Rest in the LORD, and wait **patiently** for him.

PATIENCE

Patience means: To bear long, to be longsuffering in trials and afflictions. To hold up under strain and difficulty, calmly trusting in the Lord. Jesus said concerning the last days – “In your Patience, possess ye your souls!”

WHAT IT MEANS TO WAIT

 We are living in a time when people are weary. Satan is seeking to wear out the saints of God. Trouble after trouble, worries, cares and fears on every hand. We feel the pressures of this age increasing and people are fainting under the load of stress. But the Lord is saying to us by His Word – “There is a renewing in me of Strength and Power!” But you must Wait on Me!

**Isa 40:28** - Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

 **29** - He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

 **30** - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

 **31** - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

 So, do you really know what it means to Wait on God? The word for Wait in Hebrew is Kaw Vaw which literally means – “to Bind together and patiently look to God in full trust and hope. To wait on God is binding yourself to Him and His Word, relying on Him to move for you. You anticipate Him coming with Salvation to save and deliver you. You eagerly wait for His help and touch.”

 The word Wait is not passive or inactive, it is an action word! When you go to a restaurant, you have a waiter or waitress to come to your table to wait on you. They work for you. They bring your silverware and napkins. They bring your food and drinks when it is fixed and prepared. They return to your table over and over asking – is there anything you need or want? What else can I bring you? They bring your refills when your glass is empty.

 I’m telling you, when you Wait on the Lord, you do not sit idle and do nothing!! But you keep praying and reading God’s Word and serving Him. Stay busy for the Lord obeying His Will and in due season He will surely move for you.

**Gal. 6:9** - And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Keep working Child of God as you Wait on the Lord!

Can you say with confidence – I know the Lord will make a way for me? If I live a Holy life, shun the wrong and do the right, I know the Lord will make a way for me.

THE RED SEAS OF LIFE

In Exodus 14 and 15, God had delivered His children, 2 to 3 million of them, out of Egypt, out of the devil Pharoah’s hand and land. Now you have God’s Old Testament Church standing before the waters of the deep uncrossable red sea. A huge mountain stood on their right side and a huge mountain on their left side. There was no way to go forward and the mountains had them hemmed in. Looks hopeless doesn’t it? Evil Pharoah with his army of chariots and horsemen were closing in on them from behind to take them back to bondage in Egypt. Trapped, wouldn’t you say? We have come this far, what now? There’s no worse feeling in your life than to feel a sense of hopelessness! I guess we’re done for. I can’t go on, I guess the enemy has got me! I’ll never make it to the Promise Land now!

 If you were in that crowd that day, what would you have thought and said? Exo. 14:10 says they were sore afraid. (They were scared to death). Fear gripped their hearts. They cried out to the Lord and then said to Moses their shepherd and leader – why did you bring us out here to die in this wilderness? It had been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die out here. Moses would answer them in this way – “It wasn’t me that brought you out here, it was the Lord who led you here to this point. You are here for a reason! God already knows and He sees exactly where you are. He is aware of the situation and He already has a plan. He’s got the answer when you cannot see it! In His way and time, He will move – TRUST HIM!

 Dear reader, have you ever asked the Lord to increase your faith? To reveal Himself to you? This is where real faith is developed in us. Moses could say - I know God! I have seen His miracles in Egypt, enough not to doubt. I don’t know how He will deliver us this time but He’s called us out for a purpose and He’s going to move here in this situation! He didn’t bring us this far to drop us. Don’t shrink back in your present trial, it may be that God is getting ready to prove Himself in a way that you will not doubt. The Lord has a way of building our faith. He supernaturally comes through for you in ways that you will not forget His miracles the rest of your life. That way, when the enemy comes against you the next time threatening, you can say – Devil, my God is a deliverer! I look back on my life and I see the hand of providence that has been with me. My Lord has come through for me over and over many times and brought Salvation. Dear God, I am persuaded and I believe you are working for me now!

STAND STILL AND SEE THE

SALVATION OF THE LORD

 Moses said to all of God’s people as they stood before the Red Sea – “Stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord. The Egyptians you see today, you will see them no more. The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace.” Can I say – when you come to the hardest place in your life, an impossible situation and it goes against every grain in you – “Be Patient and Wait on God!” The Lord who called you and saved you is still in control! The Lord told Moses - Lift up thy Rod and stretch out thy hand over the Sea, and the Lord caused the waters to go back by a strong east wind all night long and the Lord divided the waters and made the sea dry land. (Don’t tell me our God can’t move! We must wait on Him!)

 The children of Israel went on dry ground and crossed to the other side. Can I tell you – every precious soul crossed safely to the other side, not one of them was lost or left behind! Not one Mommy, Daddy or child was left behind, every one of them made it. God cared about every individual in that crowd that day and HE CARES ABOUT YOU! There is coming a time when our last battle will be fought and we’ll cross safely to the other side and our enemies we will see no more forever! *MAY GOD BLESS MY READERS!*