**THE LOVE FOR GOD’S HOUSE THE PLACE OF WORSHIP**

The most important thing to God in all this whole earth is His Church! **Isaiah 62** declares that Zion the Church is a Crown of glory in the hand of the Lord and a Royal diadem in the hand of God. The most valuable thing in this world is the Church of Jesus Christ. She is God’s crown Jewel. She is the Pearl of great price that the merchant man found and went and sold all that he had to buy it! God holds the Church in the palm of His hand. The true Church of Jesus Christ is what’s holding this world together. She is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The church is Christs’ body in this world. She is made up of born again, saved and redeemed, blood bought saints.

**Eph. 5:25** – Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a Glorious Church without spot, blemish or wrinkle. **Ps. 45:13** – The King’s daughter is all glorious within. (Glorious means honorable and shining bright with grace and power.)

 We are more important to the Lord than anything else on this earth. Look how God views His children: He says - We are the Body of Christ; we are the Lambs Wife; We are the Bride of Christ! We are the Saints of God, members one of another that make up this glorious Church and Jesus our Lord is the Head of this spiritual body. O how important we are to God!

THE LORD’S HOUSE

 Thank God for a Church building where the saints come to meet together to pray, worship and sing God’s praises. Look at the names God uses through the bible to describe His meeting place. “The Assembly of the saints”. “The House of God”. “The Temple of God”. “The House of the Lord”. The apostle Peter called the Church a “Spiritual House” whose foundation is Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone and we are lively stones in that spiritual house!

 Jesus Himself said in **Matt. 21** – My House shall be called the “House of Prayer”! I’m here to declare – everybody needs a Church, a Place of Worship! Every child of God needs the fellowship of

the saints. We need one another in this hour! You need and must have a place to bring your burdens and cares, a place where the Spirit of God moves and you can feel the presence of the Lord. **Heb 10:23** - Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

 **24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: **25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

 To you who are able and have a good Church to attend - We need fellowship. There’s strength in unity. We draw strength from one another. When we come together to pray and worship, Jesus comes in the midst to minister. When the saints meet together, the Holy Ghost moves in the songs of praise and the ministry of God’s Holy Word. In the Lord’s presence is help and encouragement. We find Divine Inspiration that feeds our souls and cheers our hearts as we share in the worship.

 How many has ever been burdened down with trouble and felt that if you could only get to Church and be among the saints, you would find help and comfort? O how much we need God’s House and the fellowship and prayers of one another! Please tell us sweet Holy Ghost just how important the House of God is! The apostle Paul said in **Heb. 12** – We are of the General Assembly and Church of the first-born. David calls it in **Psalm 111** –“The Assembly of the upright”. **Psalm 149** – “The Congregation of the Saints”. “**I Cor. 3:9** – We are “God’s building”. The Holy Ghost made it plain to the Ephesian saints in **Eph. 2** that God called us out of the world and we are now fellow citizens with the saints and of the “Household of God”. In whom all the Building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord; In whom ye also are builded together for an **Habitation** of God through the Spirit.

 Can I ask you – How can there be a congregation if there’s no Church building? How can there be an Assembly if there’s no House of God to meet in? Paul wrote to the saints at Ephesus that when they meet together in the House of God, they become the Habitation of God through the Spirit. In other words – when we assemble and join together in the worship of the Lord in His house, the Spirit of God will come in the midst. He will touch and flow through the members of the Body of Christ that are united together to bless and minister!

 There must be a uniting together in this dark hour and closing moments of time. We are coming to the end! Jesus is coming VERY SOON! Don’t let the Devil discourage you and separate you from the body of Christ! How can Christ minister to His body if they are divided or missing? The Lord did not make us independent and totally self-sufficient by ourselves. There is never such a thing as a One-man band! A piano has 230 strings. Each string is important and tuned to its own pitch by the designer! It has its own unique place within the piano. The grand piano has 88 keys that when played, the sound of the strings blending in their own way together, they send forth a beautiful melody of sound. The piano player has 10 fingers that God put in the hands to make up the body. If the fingers were missing from the body, there would be no music. If some of the strings of the Grand Piano were broken and detached there would be no true full sound of inspiration. One broken string that’s separated from its peg can be noticed. The sound just isn’t full, it’s not complete. O God, would you help your people in this hour! Bring us together. O Jesus, we need one another. I need the Spirit of God that’s in my brother and sister in Christ and they need the Spirit of God that is within me!

THE PSALMIST DAVID WAS GLAD

 David, will you tell us what the Lord and the Temple services mean to you? “I sure will!” **Psalm 122** – I was Glad when they said unto me – Let us go into the House of the Lord! Why David? Because I can tell you that I have gotten my biggest blessings in the Lord’s house. I have seen His glory there and felt His presence. Yes, I’ve been threatened, hounded and tempted by the Devil; I’ve been battle scarred and weary and so weak, but when I came to the Lord’s House and the music got to playing and the saints worshipping and praising God, the Spirit of Lord moved and I was refreshed and renewed! The power of God falls in the midst and lifts the oppression. My joy is then restored.

 Dear reader, you can get so far down that you don’t even feel like you are part of God’s family. The enemy of your soul will press you. He’ll tell you that you ain’t even saved – you have nothing and you’re not worth anything. All you need is God’s divine touch. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Yes these are trying times & we are facing sorrows, troubles and trials. We see sin abounding all around us, but if we can get to where the Spirit of the Lord is moving we’ll be revived. Praise God, David was saying – just get me to God’s house, hand me my harp and my songbook and we’ll all sing praises to the Lord and see the power fall. **Ps. 34:3** – O magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together. Can I tell you – you’ll never beat the Lord’s House?! It is your spiritual shelter in this hour. Satan does not want the Church assembling together – his kingdom and agenda suffers when God’s people unite in prayer and worship. He’ll try to hinder and block you from coming! He knows your strength and inspiration is there. Jesus said that He will build His Church upon the Rock and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. God has a tried and true Church made up of dedicated believers who will serve Him!

 I’m so glad a long time ago that I cast my lot with God’s chosen sanctified few. Thank God I’m among the Redeemed and called out ones. I belong to the royal clan of the King. I’m a soldier in God’s army. I’m a member of the Elite who proudly with the others hold up the Christian banner! The Church will be your Fortress when the devil comes knocking – it’s where the anointing is that will break and destroy the yokes. The Church is your Refuge in times of storm. In these last days, good brothers and sisters will mean more to you than gold or silver. Dear reader, you are sheltered in the arms of God when you’re among saints!

THE GREEN BAY TREE VERSES

THE GREEN OLIVE TREE

**Psalm 37** – In this chapter David speaks of how the wicked and sinners are fat in their pride, they feel self-sufficient and see no need for God. They are like the Green Bay tree – their roots go down in this world. They stand tall in their pride and worldly pleasure. Their leaves are big, shiny and green. But God says they are unrighteous and bear no good fruit. They grow in strength and spread themselves but they have and offer nothing good. They soon pass away and are forgotten.

 But the psalmist David goes on to say in **Psalm 52** – BUT, I am like a Green Olive Tree in the “House of God”! What do you mean David? The Olive Tree is the longest living and most productive and fruitful of all trees in the Bible. It is the emblem of Peace and Prosperity. The Olive tree is so valuable that one big Olive tree can produce up to 1,000 pounds of oil in a year. The olives were pressed in the vats to squeeze out the oil that was used to make the Anointing oil to anoint the prophets, kings and priests. The oil was used to make healing ointments for the sick to recover. The oil represents the Holy Spirit of God. So, what are you saying David? “I am like the Green Olive Tree! I am planted in the House of the Lord and as long as I stay in God’s House and the place of worship – I will prosper – I will stay green and full of life. I will bear fruit while the world around me withers and dies!”

 What does the Church of Jesus Christ really mean to you? How important is the House of God to your soul? How much do you desire to be assembled together with the saints and take your place in the congregation to offer your sacrifices of thanksgiving, praise and worship?

**Ps. 84** – How amiable (beautiful & lovely) are thy Tabernacles O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Blessed are they that Dwell in thy House O Lord: They will be still praising thee!

 You won’t have to worry about those who are planted in the courts of the Lord. **Ps. 92:12** – The Righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing (Green and full of Life): He is my Rock.

From the heart David uttered these words in **Ps. 27** – One thing have I desired of the Lord and that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His Temple. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His Pavilion; in the secret of His Tabernacle shall He hide me. (A Pavilion means a tent – a covering of the Holy Spirit)

**Psalm 26** – Lord, I have loved the Habitation of thy House and the place where thine Honour dwelleth. The Hebrew word for Honour is Kaw-bode, which means Glory. David was saying – I love coming to the Lord’s House to see His Glory. He goes on to say – I will compass thine altar O Lord, that I may publish (testify and tell) with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all thy wondrous works. (He was saying – it thrills me to bring my sacrifice to praise and worship God. When I come to Church, I will testify to the others and tell them about all the good things the Lord has done for me!

 Your prayer life, and coming to God’s House to be united with the saints in Praise and Worship will be your stability in these last days! Being connected to God’s people in some way will be your encouragement and inspiration and your strength.

GOD SEES YOU – HE KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE AND HE CARES

I will say this: there are many out there who do not have a Home Church to attend that has an anointed Pastor to preach and feed and care for the flock. Good churches full of the Spirit of God are hard to find now days. If you do find them, they are too far to travel to. Some of you reading this Newsletter are elderly and others because of your health condition you are homebound and unable to attend a Church and be together with God’s people in fellowship. This is the reason we send out these mailouts each month to get the Gospel in your hand. My prayer is that the Lord whom you love and serve will bless and keep you. May He keep your heart strong in faith. The Lord will be your Shepherd right where you are!

**Ps 61:1** ¶ <<To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David.>> Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. **2** - From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed (burdened down): lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. **3** - For thou hast been a Shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. **4** - I will abide in thy Tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah. David was saying – Lord, you have surely been a Shelter for me. I look back on my life and I see your hand has been with me since the day I came to know you and was saved. I’ve had hard battles and trials but never one time did you forget or forsake me. Your love held me and I’ve never forgotten your Mercies. You are my Fortress & Shield. You are my strong Habitation where I continually resort. You’re my Covert from the tempest, my Shelter in time of storm. O God, you are my song, my Stronghold in the day of battle. You are my Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. Thank God through it all, I have you Jesus! You are the Anchor of my soul, my Healer, Keeper and Sustainer. Great is God’s Mercy: He’s mighty in Power, enduring in Grace, unfailing in Faithfulness, sweet in forgiveness, Renewing is His Spirit, fulfilling is His Love, unchanging are His Promises, strong is His Hope, sustaining is His strength and eternal is His Living, Holy, Blessed Word! He’s a hand you can hold on to. Children, it’s time to run to the Shelter of God’s arms, this thing is winding up. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! May God keep and bless each of you that are in the body of Christ! He is with you all – AMEN!