**WE MUST KEEP CLIMBING – WE’RE ALMOST HOME!**

As I start this Newsletter, it’s plain to see that we are surely in the closing moments of time. This big earth is reeling under the load of man’s transgressions and sins that are heavy upon it. God’s hand of judgment is upon the nations! We are seeing calamities and hearing of destructions and out of control weather all over the globe – droughts, famines, dust storms covering the lands where the nation’s crops use to grow; reservoirs of water gradually drying up and running out of water; storms and endless torrents of raging rains, floods and landslides washing away everything in their paths; forest fires burning up hundreds of thousands of acres and even square miles of fields, trees and woodlands in different places across the world, tornadoes and windstorms wreaking havoc, millions losing their homes and forced to evacuate with no place to go or run. We are hearing of constant earthquakes in different places, the earth splitting open and large sink holes swallowing houses, streets and neighborhoods. Volcanoes are awakening from their long slumber and coming to life - shaking and erupting spewing its ash and the hot lava flowing down the mountainsides causing towns to evacuate. On top of all that – the unheard of plagues of locusts and swarms of insects that are covering some areas, eating up all vegetation.

Then there is this Pandemic of Covid 19 and its variants that there is no cure for is now sweeping the whole world in every nation, killing and sickening thousands, filling the hospitals and ICU wards. I just got a text on my phone today of one good Holiness pastor having to preach 4 funerals in his church in one week - 4 of his members died of this horrible Virus and he’s asking for prayer! Can I tell you - This big earth and all of creation is in travail – she’s groaning in pain even now, eagerly waiting for her deliverance; she’s crying out to her maker, longing for the manifestation of the sons of God, desiring the millennial kingdom when our Lord Jesus Christ comes to reign in Righteousness as king!! God is shaking the whole globe dear reader, seeking to awaken the souls of man to repent and turn to Him before it’s too late.

Can I say that we too (us Children of God), who have the sweet precious indwelling Holy Spirit

are groaning. We are groaning within under the heavy load of burdens and cares earnestly desiring and longing to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven, a new body that is eternal not made with hands, that will never feel another pain or loss!!!! O for that glorified body! Thank God, our afflictions will soon pass, the sufferings and trials of this life will shortly end! Paul said that we are troubled on every side, but we have a Hope. Though this outward man perisheth, though it grows old and feeble, sick and weakly, yet the inward man is renewed day by day! Thank God our afflictions are working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory!! For I **reckon** that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory that shall be revealed in us. That word reckon means to count up – to weigh in a scale. Paul was saying – if I could put every problem, heartache, burden, care, trouble, hardship, all the suffering and pain of this life and put them all in one side of the scale – The Glories and everlasting joys of Heaven will exceedingly far outweigh them all!! Praise God!! More and more I am desiring to leave this world and go to Heaven! Even so, hasten thy coming dear Lord, we are longing for Home!!

IT’S TIME TO STAY FOCUSED

We live in a pressurized age right now that is filled with much stress, worries and cares. Many are carrying heavy burdens that is almost too hard to bear. There is surely much distraction on every side. We must totally look to the Lord right now and not on things around us. **Pr 4:23** - Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. **25** -Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. **26** - Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. **27** - Turn not to the right hand nor to the left.

We are living in a critical hour, the closing moments of time are upon us and it is later than you think. We are now on the edge of eternity – Christ is coming and if we ever needed to stay focused, it is now!! **2Co 4:18** - While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Now is the time to put our whole-hearted trust in the Lord – keep our eyes trained and fixed on God and His Word. If you get your eyes off Him now and on the things going on around you, it will fog your vision. If you listen to all the bad news of the media, you may well sign your death warrant, for it will surely drown your faith and it will take away your Hope and peace!! STAY FOCUSED! Stay in God’s Word and Prayer, it will be your anchor, strength and lifeline in life’s troubled sea!

God said to Joshua when Moses died – “Joshua, you are to take charge of my people. Go before them and lead them on into the Promise Land. Do not turn to the right hand or to the left hand. Do not look to the sides of you to what is going on – but look straight ahead and stay focused on me! As I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. Be strong Joshua, keep going straight and you will make your way prosperous. Observe my laws and you will have good success!”

YOU MUST KEEP GOING

Can I tell you – no matter how hard life’s battles become, we must keep fighting? Fight the good fight of faith, Paul did and he won. We are in a spiritual race – keep running Child of God that you may obtain the Crown the Lord promised you! Keep running, don’t slow down, we are not home yet. He that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved! We are too close to give up now. No time to retreat to the sidelines – keep going, Jesus did. We read in our Bible the testimonies of the faithful Patriarchs and Matriarchs of old who against all odds kept going. They suffered losses and hardships, persecutions and trials, but they stayed committed to the Lord, they loved and served Him and God always delivered and brought them through.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CLIMB?

THE PATH OF LIFE

I want to now take you on a climb up the Mountain of the Lord that leads to the Lord’s House. The path that starts at the bottom is narrow. This sacred mountain of God is very high and it is steep. The path of life that winds upward ends in God’s Glory at the top. You must know before you start your Heavenly climb, it will cost you! Jesus walked it, the disciples walked it. Many good saints of God have ascended this mountain, they walked this way before and made it home! When once you start the climb, there will be no turning back, your mind must be made up. There’ll be no half-heartedness on this steep path, the lukewarm will not make it. The feet of the worldly crowd and hypocrites are too delicate for this mountain climb – the sacrifice will be too great! Every true believer that enters this path to climb this Holy Mountain to reach the top into God’s glory must know that you will have hardships and pain along the way. It will be too much for the worldly minded and they will not want it.

There will be steep places on the path of Life that leads to Heaven – this narrow path is lined with thorns on both sides all along the way. These thorns represent every trial. They will be present at times to pierce you through and they will hurt. This path has been stained with tears. You will come to places that are so steep that you must persevere to continue on. If you look close, you will see knee prints in the ground where the saints of God knelt to pray and call on God. Remember, Jesus never promised us a bed of roses without suffering and a life without pain.

You will come to places on this path to Heaven that your very faith will be tried, even so as by fire! The rocks will hurt your feet and you will hear the voice of the enemy in these times telling you that you can’t make it, it will be easier to turn back. **But** down deep inside of you - you know that you must keep pressing onward. You’ve got to hold on and not quit. It’s in these trying times that you look back and remember the desire that was in your heart a long time ago when Jesus saved you and you first started out. You caught a glimpse of Heaven, you tasted the love of God and you wanted to go there. Back in that sweet time of precious memory, you had a made-up mind and you were determined to see Jesus and be with your dear loved ones that had gone on before.

The Lord wants you to know that there will come times on this Path of Life of climbing God’s Mountain, there will be choices you will have to make along the way. Yes, in the hard times you will sit down and count up the cost and make your most important decisions – you’ve been there before, when it seemed you’d never make it over the big rocks of hindrance and difficulty in the path and you had to muster the strength to climb over them. You counted up the cost, reached and took the Lord’s hand and kept pressing. To compromise your Christian faith – NO! To look for a worldly way – Never!! To doubt God’s faithfulness and say – I can’t make it, it’s too hard what’s the use – I’ll just give up the sacrifices and turn back for an easier way – NO Never! You just can’t explain it, but something down deep inside of you will not let you quit. So, you lift your voice in praise and song and keep pressing on. Weeping may endure for the night but joy is coming in the morning. Thank God, the sweet Holy Ghost is on this path to lift your heart and give you fresh glimpses of glory. He comes to gird you with strength and cheer you on saying – you can make it! Heaven will be worth the climb!!

Yes, there will be voices all along the Path that will tell you that you can’t make it but you will hear the sweet tender voice of the Spirit saying – Trust me Child, I am with you. No matter how dark and narrow the Path gets, Jesus says - I will always be by your side. You will never walk alone. I will light your path and help you make it Home!!

**Isa 30:21** - And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

I’m glad we have a faithful guide who promised: **Isa 41:10** ¶ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. **13** - For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

With this precious promise, I believe that we can make it in these trying times. There’s just something about knowing that God called you and is with you - we can make it to our longed for sweet Home!! There are too many miles behind me, too many trials are through; too many tears help me to remember – there’s too much to gain to lose. Too many sunsets lie behind the mountain and too many rivers my feet have walked through, too many treasures are waiting over yonder – there’s too much to gain to lose! Bless our Lord’s sweet name. He is our guide and keeper. He’s our strength, our sustainer and helper and precious way maker!

GOD’S BIG HAND OF PROVIDENCE

WE’RE JUST ABOUT HOME

To you of my dear friends who are reading this Newsletter: I believe Jesus is saying to you – I have a Crown of Life waiting on those who endure. My glory and the eternal joys of Heaven are waiting on you. Keep going and pressing on my Child – O the beauties and splendor that awaits. You are just about Home. One day soon you will look back on your life and see my hand of providence all along your way. You will know that I was with you the whole time, even when you felt like I wasn’t there. You might not understand now the things you are suffering and going through, but one day soon you will look back across the years and months and see just where I have brought you from. You’ll see clearly then what I brought you through and you will say – Jesus, you were right there with me the whole time and I’m so glad I held on and kept going!!!! PRASE GOD! Heaven will be worth the journey when I get there. Like the song the Spencer’s sing:

HEAVEN WILL BE WORTH THE JOURNEY

**Verse 1** There’ve been times when I’ve been tested and I’ve been tried, Well now sometimes I have passed, sometimes I’ve failed; Oh when I think I’ll just stop and sit down along the way, Something way down in my soul begins to say - Child hold on, it’ll be worth the journey when you get there.

**Chorus** I know Heaven will be worth the journey when I get there, Oh that City will be so wonderful, bright and fair; When I see Jesus on His throne, I’ll be so glad for every time I’ve made myself press on - Heaven will be worth the journey when I get there! **Verse 2** Oh sometimes I get so tired of traveling this weary road, I cry Lord won’t You come and help me carry my heavy load; Then in the stillness of the night, He takes that load; yes He makes it light, He lets me know that Heaven will be worth the journey when I get there.

How many of you are glad that you started out for Heaven a long time ago? Isn’t it amazing that we are born into this world, we’ve never been anywhere else and yet we never really feel at home here? It’s the only place we have ever known and still we just ain’t completely happy & satisfied at being home in it. We are just not at home here with all earth’s trouble, pain and sorrow. I believe that Heaven is calling for us more and more loud and clear!!!

**Ps 23:4** - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**5** - Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6** - Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

I want to say to my dear readers: It’s time to lift our heads and look up – our Redemption draweth nigh. Don’t be discouraged or dismayed! Keep on climbing. Stay on the Path that God has chosen. Stay focused on God and His Word. Don’t get off now – you’re just about HOME!! You will soon say your last prayer and wipe the last tear as you enter Heaven’s gate and forever be with Jesus! You will lift your voice with happiness and joy and say – I’M HOME!! God Bless all my Readers!!