



**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

Periodical Message (December 2018)

A Word from us,

My phone was ringing and when I answered somebody told me ‘Can you call me back please?’ I cut the line and called back with an application ‘Thank you’ I heard a voice saying ‘I had no credit but needed to talk to you’. I listened to that lady and learnt that she and her relatives were in dire need; all of them were widows and it seems they heard about our support for widows last Christmas. I took the names and phone number and after proclaiming the name of the Lord upon her I promised to visit them.

That night I prayed for that widow and her two relatives, who were widows too and the Holy Spirit reminded me that I need CREDIT to call back; without having enough credit I would not be able to call back. The Holy Spirit made me aware that we should always be fully ‘tanked’ and ready to act in Jesus holy name—yes, the Spirit made it clear that we need to PRAY. Prayer is a channel to strengthen us and to fill our hungry souls, but prayer is also having fellowship with the Light. We need to be ready, always walking in Spirit and following His directives. Our ‘batteries’ should be fully recharged in order to be able to give others. It is well-known that you can’t give what you don’t have. May you always be filled, daily, with the Spirit and be ready for good deeds, done for the glory of our Lord “... whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” 1 Cor 10:31.

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Do you wait upon the Lord for direction?

People are impatient and they want to achieve things immediately; it seems believers are no exception from this phenomena!!

We have things happening around us and in our life and Ministry too, so we turn to the Lord in prayer, asking for guidance and remembering Job; though he was a man of sorrow, he patiently waited upon the Lord. Yes Job waited for God’s Timing and at the end he got to know God as He is “I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee” Job 42:5—until this day Job is an example of a patient and faithful man. But hear with me WHICH conclusion he had, when he got to know God in a way he’s never thought of “Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” Job 42:6.

What a humble man...!!

Job was neither proud of himself nor of the knowledge he acquired of God, instead he 'abhor' himself—how many men of God are willing to say the same today?

Yes, the patience of Job is well-known and as an example for millions over generations, BUT we have others who became also 'an example'--- a NEGATIVE example. Reading in the Bible we think of Saul, the FIRST King of the Israelites; they demanded a King from God Who was THEIR King, and He let them have one!

The Psalmist tells us "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" Ps 22:14, but it seems Saul had NO patience and he did NOT wait upon the Lord, instead he gave God a deadline!

Of course he didn't declare it with words, but deep in his heart Saul decided that if a word from above didn't come by a certain time, he would do whatever was 'needed' to save the situation.

"And Saul waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. So Saul said, 'Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me. And he offered the burnt offering" 1 Sam 13:8-9.

Impatiently, Saul moved ahead, sinfully acting as a priest to make the sacrifice; he knew very well that he has NO authority, even as a King, to offer sacrifices. Little did he know that Samuel was just around the corner and that he was approaching according to God's Timing.

Christmas for us believers in Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of God's Promises which He's spoken through the prophets over many generations. As it is written "But when the **fullness of the time** was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law..." Gal 4:4.

But Saul had NO respect to such things and acted in a selfish way; when Samuel the Prophet arrived, he smelled the sacrifice Saul had offered and became incensed at the king's sinful impatience.

Dear believer in the Saviour, I am convinced that Samuel was delayed because God clearly told him exactly when to arrive; he was that man of God who HEARS the voice of God. You see, this was a test to see whether Saul would believe that God could be trusted and that the 'Battle is the Lord's'.

Our God orchestrated it all because He wanted to give Saul a testimony of humble dependence on Him in all things, especially in a dark crisis, when the storm is ragging and the enemy is so cruel and furious. But Saul failed the test; yes indeed because he looked at the worsening conditions and decided that something had to be done. Of course God KNEW what to be done, but He wanted one of his chosen ones to learn Who He really is and that He could be trusted. God wanted to speak to His people in a mighty way, showing them that He is Emmanuel, that Living God Who is WITH His people. He wanted them to have confidence in the Word He's been sending them concerning their enemies and that HE, the God of Israel, is the One to defend them against their their enemies. The King failed and did not pass the test of his faith in God and after seeing Samuel the Prophet what could he say?

Can you picture yourself in Saul's situation? He was surrounded with enemies and he thought I must do something; I can hear him reasoning to himself, "I can't take this indecision any longer. God sent me to do His work and I'm willing to die for His cause. But do I really have to sit here doing nothing and just WAIT upon the Lord? If I don't act, everything will spin out of control." Saul felt a gripping need to act immediately in the situation; he concentrated more upon his circumstances instead of listening to the voice of God. And finally his impatience overwhelmed him. I can see myself in Saul's place and remember how many times I acted 'in faith' or out of desperation to find myself at the end of the day in defeat!

Brothers, Sisters this is where we fail during those times in our walk with the Lord and when it is too late, we are not even willing to admit we acted in ignorance and impatiently IGNORING the voice of the Holy Spirit Who tries to warn us. Yes, I believe Saul had a bad conscious while standing there and acting as a Priest; no matter how well he knows the rituals, still he was NOT to do what ONLY a Priest, an Anointed of the Lord, should do.

Do you remember situations where you acted like Saul? Did you take a role you are not assigned to? Well, at certain times, we have not waited for direction and have taken matters into our own hands because we do not like feeling uncertain and anxious. We tried to 'do something' when we

supposed to wait for the TIMING of God; we have enough examples in the Bible showing us that ONLY the will of the Lord will be done. And yes, God could delay things, but even that is part of His Eternal plan for your life and mine. Our Lord is looking for total dependency on Him, because He is the All-Knowing God and as a loving Father He knows what the best is for us. That means, dear believer, trusting Him fully to do the right thing in the right way and at the right time on our behalf. It also means patiently waiting on Him not with anxiety but in a spirit of rest; His Word tells us “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” Phil 4:6.

The Psalmist reminds us that God IS faithful “I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry” Ps 40:1.

My prayer for you, oh believer in Jesus Christ, that you’ll patiently wait upon the Lord, always trusting His Word and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. I pray that you’ll wait, patiently, like your Lord Jesus Christ, to see God’s Will be done in your life. Do NOT react to circumstances, but go back to the Saviour, read His Word and patiently wait upon Him, like King David did, and He’ll answer. I pray that Job will be your example and not Saul and that you would act, guided by the Holy Spirit, and not on your own emotions and ‘feelings’. Our Lord is Eternal and He has power upon the Temporal; your life and mine are in His hand. Ask for wisdom and learn from the Christmas example and the birth of Jesus, because nothing would happen unless ‘the fullness of time’ is complete.

Prayer Ideas

- 1.** Praises be to our God for His love; we pray that you would experience such amazing love daily, with every step you take. We claim strength for you, when you pray, kneeling before His Throne and silently waiting upon Him until HE opens your ears to hear. May you be so acquainted with the Voice of the Lord, that you could hear Him, as you are hearing ‘other’ voices in the world.
- 2.** Before Christmas the Lord burdened us to pray for suffering Christians in Iraq and elsewhere; we prayed starting with Christians in the so-called ‘Civilized World’. Our hearts were so heavy to see people living in peace and prosperity drifting AWAY from God, thus we claimed HEALING for the nations. We pray still that believers in such nations should pray DAILY for their neighbours, local authorities and the government. Do NOT let the enemy steal the blessing from you; he does if you do NOT pray. We also prayed for the Local Church and claimed the Fiery Presence of the Lord; join us and pray, claiming the same; the Lord will come one day with eyes like a Flame of Fire! “These things saith the Son of God, who hath **His eyes like unto a flame of fire**, and His feet are like fine brass...” Rev 2:18.
- 3.** Another Gathering Unto the Lord took place and the Presence of the Lord was so mighty; join our prayer for wisdom. We need wisdom to decide for the next steps; we ask the Lord for wisdom for those joining us. Pray and ask the Lord to prepare a PLACE for us in order to Gather Unto the Lord regularly. Ask the Lord to guide our steps according to His Plan and Will. Pray that the Lord will bring more people HE’s chosen for this Gathering to achieve His agenda and NOT ours.
- 4.** We received so much from the Lord this year and we have faith that MORE is to come in order to fulfil our Calling and serve the Lord and His people. Pray for provision, that the LORD will always be our provider, that we won’t be in need to anybody else but Him and that HE would provide in TIME. Ask our Jesus, whether YOU should be a partner in providing for our Ministry and the people we are serving.
- 5.** To have a family and serve the Lord is not an easy task, but we believe the God Who’s called us to serve Him, will take care of ALL our needs, keep our children and us protected and give us wisdom to use the time. We ask every believer to pray for us, remember us as a family but also as servants of the Living God.
- 6.** Jesus taught us to LOVE the brethren, which we are doing, no matter which stand they have towards us; we pray that the Lord would help us to KEEP HIS COMMAND. We pray that we could love, as He loved us. We ask for hearts full of Jesus-Like-Love and compassion like our Lord; join our prayer and be united with us.

7. According to Open Doors, persecution of Christians has increased worldwide and the ‘quality’ of persecution changed; it is even worse today. Join our 24/7 Prayer Team-JHPH-(Jesus Highland Prayer House) and pray for protection, especially for those converting from other religions. Claim protection for their families, homes and businesses. We trust that our God is mighty and He is ABLE to protect His people.

8. We are claiming NEW doors, new converts, new services and NEW level of knowing Jesus for the New Year; join us and believe, in FAITH, that it will be so. Ask the Lord for peace in the hearts of believers and courage to confess Jesus in the world. Rebuke every fear, confusion or false ideas about Jesus and proclaim the name of Jesus as the Saviour of the World.

9. Finally We are asking every one believing that JESUS alone is the JUDGE, NOT to judge others, but to love them, as commanded by our Lord, claiming the Unity of Spirit “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” Eph 4:3. May we LIVE this Unity daily...

Finally we encourage you to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear, and don’t ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen--- He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether Christians or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let’s know through an E-mail containing a phone number to write or call you back. We are waiting for your commentaries; what did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House- JHPH.

Have a \\\^I^|\\ Blessed Day

“...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me” Micah 7:7