



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

## **Periodical Message (February 2019)**

### **A Word from us,**

When you put Jesus in the centre of your life everything around you will change; suddenly you don't feel home anymore in a world you once called 'My Home'. Those who were lost, but saved by grace, understand very well what I am saying; they feel, literally, like 'aliens' in this world—and the Bible confirms it **“For our conversation is in heaven;** from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ...” Phil 3:20. Some translations put it 'We are citizens of heaven' thus strangers in this world as millions of believers, including all the Patriarchs before us. “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, **and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth**” Hebr 11:13. It is true that the Lord is our Shephard, and He is the One taking care of all our needs. Still Jesus told us that in the world we will have tribulation, will be hated, persecuted and even killed because we believe in His Name!

Have courage to confess before a lost world who you are and WHO made you to be as such; draw their attention to the Saviour and help them to connect to Jesus. Without Him they cannot have life!

**Yours in the Lord,  
Salman**

## **A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Are we drawing attention to Jesus?

Looking around, starting with myself and our Ministry, I saw many strange things happening; not that is something new, no, it has been this way since the earliest days of the First Church. But the Lord draw my attention to 'new patterns' in the so called 'Christian World' and it seems that every minister of God might have been guilty, at some time, of having less than pure motives. Those ministers (Better put: Servants) may sincerely long to serve God and lead others to Jesus. But they may also wish to please others, gain notoriety, and acquire material wealth. Even the disciples suffered this affliction as the Bible tells us (Just see: Mark 9:33-37; Mark 10:35-45; Philippians 1:15-17) so don't wonder when it is happening around you OR if YOU were that ONE! But Jesus said that no one can serve two masters for very long (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13) and we should be servants by heart as He is.

Serving the purpose of self-promotion has got to give way to the purpose of serving Jesus Christ and Him alone. One of the apostles, Judas Iscariot, gave way to the wrong master and we know the story...or do we? Judas Iscariot had 'other' priorities in His mind and the Bible tells us that he DID steal from the money he was entrusted with. His actions did NOT promote Jesus, neither draw attention to the Master. The other eleven chose Jesus over all other pursuits, so it seems despite their failing here and there; yes some of them were with Him while He was praying, but they SLEPT. Their rest seemed more important than their obedience to Jesus, though He asked them to be with Him. But their motives became so purified that, eventually, they could lay down their lives for Jesus; I hope you know HOW they suffered because of the name of Jesus. Their martyrdom is well documented and should be an example for you and me. Looking around me, I suspect that many Christian ministers and believers might cease to serve Jesus, when serving Him ceases to be profitable to them.

As Servants of God the Most High, we should be always attracting those around us to Jesus, either through words and deeds or other means. If we want to talk about the world, then we have so many 'attractions' to talk about, whether the so call 'The Ancient Seven World Wonders' starting with the Pyramids or the Wall in China or others. Once I was talking to a minister from Texas and he asked me 'Do you think only Italy has its Pisa Leaning Tower...we in Texas have got one too!' I was surprised because I did not know about it and I was talking to him about something else, that is the 190-foot/58 meters CROSS located on the west side of Groom, Texas, 42 miles/68 km east of Amarillo. That cross was erected only a few years ago as part of The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ Ministries' display. Along with the towering cross, it features the Stations of the Cross with life-size statues and scriptures to inspire religious devotion to Jesus. That minister said "If you've ever traveled across the Texas Panhandle on Interstate 40, then you'll know what I'm talking about". Then he began describing it and its history "It consists of nothing but an old 85-foot/26 meters tall water tower that leans ten degrees to the southeast. It used to be Groom's main attraction".

Of course that 'Leaning Tower' in Groom, Texas has its own story and when it was built, but today it still draws attention – but only to itself. Motorists are constantly stopping for a snapshot of what has become a roadside icon. The tower once served in a support role, to bring customers into a prairie oasis. But now it only serves itself.

In a way, that is the story of many ministers of God today; they have ceased drawing attention to Jesus Christ and now only highlight themselves. Figuratively speaking, in their ministry "the sandwich has lost its meat and only the bread is left." Their focus and goal is the acquisition of wealth and fame. They preach sermons and write books only to make people feel good about themselves or to affirm them in their self-gratifying lifestyles. Many a minister is NOT willing to tell people 'YOU ARE LOST!' instead they only promote 'YOU ARE LOVED'—forgetting to mention the PRICE paid for our salvation.

IT IS THE CROSS that reconciled us to God through the sacrifices of Jesus and WE should attract attention to JESUS, the ONE Who paid the price; if we FAIL then we make His death on the Cross in vain.

Which master will win out in our lives today? Would Christ's absence in our lives leave us empty and purposeless? Or, would we coast along pleasantly without Him? Are we willing to rethink our ways and change our habits—better said, allow the Holy Spirit to change us and to make us like The Son?

In the Book of Judges we read how Samson gave into Delilah's final temptation and sacrificed the last vestige of his vow to God. Delilah then cut off his hair, which left him powerless; THIS could happen to you and me too. Then the Scripture says that he went out against the Philistines as before. Yet he wasn't even aware that the LORD had departed from him (Judges 16:17-20).

He continued going through the motions, oblivious that the most significant part of his life was gone; many a minister today is doing the same; they walk without God, but think God is still with them. Yes, they are attracting great crowds and thousands applaud them—like that Leaning Tower in Texas, they are attracting attention to themselves...but NOT to Jesus and THAT won't bring

salvation to lost souls. May God help us to renounce every other master but Jesus Christ and may God the Father form Christ in us so firmly that life will be unbearable without Him! May God so transform our hearts and purify our motives that our lives won't be worth living without Jesus Christ, the Saviour and the Good Shephard! May God help us to draw attention only to Christ and Him alone...AMEN!

## Prayer Ideas

- 1.** Join our prayer and cry 'Our Father in heaven, as You promised in Your Word, please renew my inner man day by day through your Holy Spirit and FILL ME. Purify my heart, my thoughts, my desires, and my motives and let me be PURE and holy. Conform me, O God, into the image of Your glorious Son Jesus Christ, and grant that I may only glorify Him in my life as long as I live, through words and deeds. Amen.
- 2.** Going with the Lord and doing His will is getting difficult, because of the resistance of the enemy and the new tricks he is using, so please, pray for us. Pray for health, physical and mental, pray for God's provision, pray for the people to whom we minister and pray to God to give us wisdom and the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We will be praying the same for you. Let us all give the glory to the most blessed and most glorious, the Ancient of Days and the Almighty, the victorious and the Immortal, the invisible – God only wise!
- 3.** We ask every believer receiving our Messages to join our Fast & Prayer Schedule (According to Isa 58:6-8) start by humbling yourself before the Lord and asking Him for guidance. Do NOT do things through YOUR power and efforts, but by depending on the Holy Spirit to guide you. Do NOT let your Fast be a matter of obligation but a matter of obedience to Jesus. Be like Jesus when He was fasting and pray as He did, always 'In Spirit and Truth'.
- 4.** The echo of what we did in Amman, Jordan was so strong and people there began praying for us and our Ministry; please join them and ask our Lord for guidance. We do NOT want to do things because they seem 'good', but because JESUS commanded us to do them, thus we claim the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lord, glorify Your name through the simple things we do in Amman, Jordan and guide us to those who NEED salvation. Multiply that what we carry and what we hand out to the needy and let it be a great blessing for them.
- 5.** We always ask believers to pray for our 7-members Team in Iraq; join them if you've not done so yet and claim protection for all of them. Remember to pray for them daily or when prompted by the Holy Spirit because they are, literally, in the midst of fire. Let your prayer be 'Bullet Prayer' concentrating on the essential. Remember their families, their financial needs and claim courage for them in Jesus holy name.
- 6.** We also feel encouraged by the results of our services and claim in Jesus holy name continuity; join us and proclaim success for what we do and great harvest among the lost. Pray that the Lord would encourage many to join us and do what we are doing. Remember our coming Evangelising Events and claim protection for all of us, whether in Iraq, Jordan, Turkey or Europe. We see how the Lord is guiding our steps; join us in our efforts to expand the Kingdom of God on earth and to connect the lost to Jesus.
- 7.** Until now two booklets were printed for ICOM but other books are waiting to be printed too; we ask the Lord for strength to continue the editing of those book until they are ready for printing. Lord, use those booklets and books to rekindle the fire in the hearts of many and to guide them BACK to You and Your commandments. Use the books to open the eyes of many a minister to the truth of Your Word and use them, oh precious Jesus, to establish holiness and truth.
- 8.** The Spirit guided us to hold new Seminars about our faith; join our 24/7 Prayer Team-JHPH and claim as many participants as possible, because we want all to be edified by the material we present. We ask our God to literally change the word we speak to be a tool to equip His people and prepare them to GO to the world and spread the Good News. Claim favour for us, whether in the heart of authorities or those responsible, or in the hearts of other believers; we want only to serve Jesus FIRST, then His people. We are asking the Lord for a PLACE to be the centre of our service, seminars and teaching; may you, oh God, give us a sanctified place and guide us step by step in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

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**