



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

Periodical Message (June 2019)

A Word from us,

It was an exciting time in Iraq while helping Christian widows and Christians in need AND while there we were active during Global Outreach Day and the Lord blessed us in a double way. We helped suffering Christians to be HEALED through the Power of Forgiveness AND helped Muslims to HEAR the TRUE story of Jesus Christ. When I arrived in Europe a dear friend and believer asked me ‘How was it?!’ and I answered ‘Great!’

Did it happen to you in the past to ‘sum-it-up’ in one word like me? We tend to minimize the mighty work of God to ‘IT’ or ‘GREAT’ though the impact, both in the heavenly as well as the visible world is immense. Seeing how the Holy Spirit works through us, helping a lost soul to repent is NOT only great, and should be measured by the standard of God. The Bible tells us: “Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” Lk 15:10—it is that IT in ‘How was IT?!’ which brings JOY to heaven; it is that GREAT, which brings joy to the Heavenly Father. Swim in the blessing, oh faithful, and measure like your Father in heaven does and BRING joy to heaven by sharing IT (The Gospel) with others.

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Invisible God with an invisible touch,

The other day I was reading in the Psalms and praying and while reading the following biblical passage I was reminded of something from my youth: “Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations He hath made in the earth. **He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;** He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth”

Psalm 46:8-10

It was during our Summer Vacation in August 1972, while I was still a Muslim student in a Secondary School. Something was happening ‘out there’ and the news was spreading about invisible ‘attacks’ from Outer Space. In Iraq the Media was different at that time; there was no internet or international television stations, but only the state-controlled radio and two TV Channels. With time I heard about a series of flares on the surface of the sun which blasted x-ray

emissions and solar ejecta toward the earth. The energy they released so overwhelmed the earth's own magnetic fields that auroras were visible as far south as Spain. The wave of energy was so powerful that it damaged communication equipment on satellites in space and caused radio blackouts on earth. With time news from all over the world spread, telling us about 'strange' things happening like the story of the mines off the coast of Vietnam. The Communists propaganda was telling how 'invisible power' was fighting the USA and defending Vietnam. In reality there was one unforeseen effect of this blast of invisible energy from the sun. Voice of America broadcasted the story of a large number of magnetically-sensitive Navy mines--- dropped off the coast of Vietnam only three months earlier – which were detonated. Navy fighters in the area recall seeing dozens of explosions in the sea – all within a thirty-second period. It's interesting that an invisible force, from 93 million miles away, could suddenly bring to nothing the weapons of war. Interesting as it might be, the words from Psalm 46 were written in commemoration of the miraculous deliverance of Jerusalem from the Assyrian Army in the days of King Hezekiah. Sennach'erib the Assyrian king had threatened to level Jerusalem to the ground and deport its inhabitants if they did not surrender. He even mocked the God of Israel, comparing Him to the weak, ineffectual gods of the lands he had conquered. Brother, did it happen that your God was mocked in front of you and you felt weak to defend Him? Please see how an awesome God you serve. In response, King Hezekiah cried out to God for deliverance from the Assyrian army. Our God, of course, heard the king's prayer and dispatched **ONE** of His angels—The Angel of the Lord. This invisible messenger went forth and destroyed the army and its weapons – killing 185,000 enemy soldiers. The devastation could be equaled to that of the Iraqi forces fleeing Kuwait in 1991 during Desert Storm.

As a result of that 'invisible' power (The Angel, whom the Lord God—YOUR GOD-- sent) the enemy was completely defeated and the Assyrian king returned to his own land, incapable of waging war again (Please read: Isaiah Chap. 36 and 37).

I ask you to accompany me while going through passages in the Bible: After His Resurrection Jesus encountered hundreds of people, explained the Scriptures to His disciples and did wonderful things. THEN He promised them that 'POWER from on high' will come upon them. That 'invisible power' DID come upon them as the Bible tells us: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:1-4

It was NOT only power but **the invisible Person of the Holy Spirit** Whom the Father sent as He promised; yes He was invisible, but what He did through those 120 faithful was very visible; at that time ALL those in Jerusalem and beyond heard of what He was doing.

Then think of the invisible voice of Jesus, in the same way, which calmed the tempest and stilled the roaring waves, as we can read in Mark 4:35-41. And both in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament we read how God sent His word and healed the sick and raised the dead (Psalm 107:20; Matthew 8:5-13; John 5:25, 28-29; 11:41-44)—thus says the Scripture. His invisible voice also has the power to melt hardened hearts and heal broken ones. God's invisible force can overthrow all the schemes of the wicked and suppress all their activity. No matter what weapons the enemy forms against you, God will send forth His invisible word to disable them and send your enemy fleeing "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" Isaiah 54:17. I pray that YOU, dear believer, are hearing what the 'Spirit says to the Churches'.

When facing injustice or dangers, instead of raising a fist to fight back, raise your voice in prayer, as King Hezekiah did. God is infinitely better at fighting our battles than we are. Indeed, the Scripture tells us that the battle is not ours but God's and He will fight for us, if we just let Him "And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" 2 Chronicles 20:15.

In all what is written so far, it is visible that God is always at work, in visible or invisible ways,

and that HE is the One defending His People. Then the Lord reminded of the following verses
“And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to **fight against God**” Acts 5:35-39.

If you’ve read these verses please read them again to see the ‘invisible hand (power) of God’ at work. This man Gamaliel, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish council, drew attention to a couple of previously unsuccessful Jewish revolts. He mentioned Theudas and Judas of Galilee, both of whom experienced devastating and immediate defeats. He then went on to advise the Jews that they should ‘Refrain from these men, and let them alone’— otherwise they’ll end up ‘fighting against – the Invisible — God’

Of course we know the Disciples were NOT let alone, every one of the Disciples of Jesus suffered brutal martyrdom except for one who was exiled to a barren island. Not a single one of them admitted that the whole thing was a giant hoax. The ‘invisible power of God’ and the ‘invisible Person of the Holy Spirit’ continued working and the Church exploded in growth. History has forever been changed. The most prosperous human society ever known has been based solely upon God’s Word and His promised, but invisible, Presence. Over a month ago I witnessed, firsthand, someone being filled for the very first time with the ‘invisible’ but still living Spirit of Christ! The Church is nearly two thousand years old and is still growing; I think we are safe to say that this is a work of the INVISIBLE God. My prayer for you, oh Preacher, to tell the TRUTH about our invisible God, Who is at work until the end of the age. I am praying for you, oh faithful, to be a Vessel of Honour in the hands of the Master and to let the world see His invisible touch in your life. My prayer for all of us to GO back to the Lord in prayer and to trust that HE is able to do ALL things--- visible and invisible--- to save us from difficulties in life and attacks from the enemy.

Prayer Ideas

1. Join us and pray ‘Almighty and Merciful Father, I am finished fighting my own battles and agonizing to resolve my own problems. Instead I seek Your divine power and assistance to help me in my turmoil. Please, dear Father, fight this battle for me, whether it is financial or emotional. Speak Your command, O God, and defuse my conflict; send Your word, O Lord, and heal my situation. I trust in Your invisible power to do what I cannot do – to soften hardened hearts, to comfort troubled souls, and to calm tempestuous waters. Help me oh Lord to be a blessing to as many people as possible. Through Your invisible Spirit, guide me to people and let me utter that what You put in my mouth; oh Lord I want to see invisible souls be saved. Amen
2. We are reminded through Your word, dear God, of the mysterious ways of Your dealing with mankind, and especially with Your People; help us oh Lord to hear Your voice daily, to walk with you daily and to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily. Give us wisdom from above to deal wisely with our daily affairs and to live a godly life reflecting Your glory.
3. We continue receiving messages and calls from different Christian families asking for prayer and support, please stand with us and pray for all those suffering because of Jesus’ name. Ask the Lord to keep them under His continuous protection and to provide their needs. We claim in Jesus holy name sufficiency for all those in need; may He the King of Glory be their daily Provider.
4. The Lord is faithful to us and no matter where we go, His Presence is felt; we give thanks to the faithful God Who keeps His promises and provides enough provision, healing and deliverance. Unit with us and give thanks to our God for His Open Heaven, for His Spirit and for every faithful servant He sent our way.
5. When Paul wanted to go to Asia the Lord directed his feet to Europe, please continue praying for Europe asking the Lord for forgiveness to all those who deny Him through words and deeds. Pray especially for Austria and all those living in it, claiming Open Heaven and Mighty Moving of the Spirit of God. Pray for Awakening Austria, all those who were present, but also those who were

touched through the Outreaches. Also remember those active organizers and claim protection for them and their efforts to serve the Lord.

6. A spirit of confession is moving around for a long time and many in the Church seem to be ‘not aware’ of it. We ask you please to proclaim the name of Jesus DAILY upon yourself, your family and the Church you go to. Ask the Lord to open your eyes, and the eyes of those called by His name to be able to discern. Claim the power of the Word of God for all those serving Him and live as Jesus did, always watching where God is at work and JOIN Him.

7. Looking around we see a world in turmoil and things are happening, whether natural, like floods and earth quake or on the political level; please look UP to heaven where our Lord is seated AND WE WITH Him and pray. Our Calling is to do God’s Will and not to solve the world’s problems; we should be LIGHT in a world of darkness preaching salvation to all who want to believe. Our Calling is to look up to the Author of our salvation and keep His commandments; the troubles and tribulations in the world are there because of sin and the deeds of sinful man. We pray and declare ‘Do not be troubled and don’t fear; trust the Lord’.

8. With the inauguration of a new Bishop in Qara Qosh we ask for your prayers for him; the Lord is telling us that HE is in control. Claim wisdom for the new Bishop and protection too; he is living in a very dangerous environment. We pray that the Lord will help us to continue our cooperation with all those responsible in the Church in Iraq and we claim harmony and understanding in love. Please pray for every Christian in Iraq, especially those with higher responsibility; our 24/7 Prayer Team-JHPH is keeping them covered with the blood of Jesus and claiming protection.

9. Finally the Lord prepared many activities for us, whether in Iraq, Jordan, Europe or the States; please be united with us when we claim wisdom in all our dealing with others. In Jesus mighty name we ask our heavenly Father to keep us focusing on the essential, that is preaching Christ and connecting people to Him. We ask for provision, both heavenly but also physical and trust the Lord won’t let us in need; as a faithful God, He promised to provide ALL our needs.

Finally we encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear. 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 and Feedback; let’s know what did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you through it? 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

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