



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

**Periodical Message
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A Word from us,

We sometimes go to God in prayer as if He were a rich relative who will support us and give us all we beg for, while we lift not even a hand to help ourselves. We lift our hands to God in prayer, and then put them in our pockets; yes, we expect our prayers to get God to working for us while we sit idly by, thinking to ourselves ‘He has all the power; I have none, so I will simply stand still and let Him do the work’. That might sound like good theology, but it is not; God will have no idle beggars at His door. He deals with us like a loving Father and He CALLS us to Himself. When did you hear His voice last? Trust me His voice is SO mighty and it is difficult to believe some who claim to be HIS children but NOT hearing from Him. The Psalmist says “The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty” Psalm 29:4. I encourage you to LISTEN when the Lord is calling you; His voice, if listened to and followed, would change everything in your life. “The LORD will give strength unto His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace” Psalm 29:11—may His strength and peace be always with you.

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

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

A Call to come up to the Mountain,

Things are changing daily, if not every hour(minute!) and some voices are getting louder, but dear believer in the Saviour Jesus Christ what are you thinking and what are you doing...or NOT doing? Are you staying STILL and getting to know the Lord better? Are you coming NEARER to Him because you love Him OR because of your fears of what is happening in the world around you or because of your worries? We were busy INSIDE ourselves, seeking, searching, praying, and coming nearer to Him through our meditation on His Word. The Psalmist wrote: “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; **let them bring me unto thy holy hill**, and to thy tabernacles/dwelling” **Psalm 43:3** – if you are saying or desiring the same, then move yourself and go UP to the Mountain. This week we began differently by reading the Gospels, searching for different themes; ours for this week was ‘He led them up into an high mountain’. Here is the verse “And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and **He was transfigured before them**” **Mark 9:2.**

The same was mentioned also in the Gospel of Matthew “And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. And **was transfigured before them:** and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him” **Matthew 17:1-3.**

The Transfiguration is so amazing, and we always call it ‘The Eternal invading the Temporal’ those disciples with Jesus had REAL encounter with Visitors from Eternity. But we are interested in the

Mountain; we are not talking about Zion, but what God has in mind when He calls His people to come UP to the Mountain. Yes, NOT everyone is going to be called up to the Mountain, but those who are called should go up. As we know Moses received a call from God to come up to His holy mountain; The Bible tells us: “And the LORD said unto Moses ‘**Come up to me into the mount**, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God” **Exodus 24:12-13** There was a CALL from God to Moses and he obeyed and went up to the Mount of God – Preacher, did YOU receive such a CALL? Are you WILLING to follow the CALL and go UP to the Mount to face the Master? Yes, it is a challenge, and many of us have ALREADY received that Call, but did NOT obey; amazingly these are the same who are praying and asking God for an encounter!

We have so much respect for Moses, this humble man of God; I believe he was the most humble in the whole Bible. Now listen what he did “And **Moses went up into the mount**, and a cloud covered the mount” **Exodus 24:15**; I don’t believe many true believers of today would do what Moses did. The Holy Spirit breathed through Moses these words “And the glory of the LORD abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like **devouring fire** on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and **got up into the mount**: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights” **Exodus 24:15-18**.

When we think of THAT experience, we shudder; imagine yourself going IN a cloud, which is like ‘Devouring Fire’ (Isn’t THAT our God according to Hebrews 12:29 ‘For our God is a consuming fire’?!) waiting for seven long days until God calls you to ‘Come up the Mount’ THEN you stay there FORTY long days in His Presence (The Bible makes it clear that Moses did NOT eat or drink the WHOLE time!) Our Lord Jesus, though He was “...the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature...” Colossians 1:”15 **also received a Call to go to the Mount**. He did not go alone, but took with Him Peter, James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. I am sure He KNEW the reason for His going up to the Mount and He wanted those ‘Chosen Ones’ to experience something extraordinary. I believe He was preparing them for what to come and to let them have a glimpse of Eternity while on earth. That was clear when He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white. But that was not all; suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him; I mean as Jews they must have been shocked to the core, knowing that those two great servants of God were ‘gathered to their forefathers’ long time ago! The religious mind is always present and inventive and Peter said to the Lord Jesus ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings/Tabernacles here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” Matthew 17:4 but HEAVEN has different purposes and they heard ANOTHER voice “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said ‘**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him**’ And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid” Matthew 17:5-6. Jesus had something else in His mind when He took them up to the mount. Preacher, are YOU contemplating upon that Divine Encounter and the great impact it left on those ‘Chosen Ones’? But I want you to think that despite SUCH encounter, Peter denied the Lord THREE times; and THAT alone should tell us A LOT about the human nature. I am comforted though to see Peter testifying about that encounter with the Eternal and we hear the Holy Spirit speaking through Him: “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **were eyewitnesses of His majesty**. For He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to Him (Jesus) from the excellent glory ‘**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**’ And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him (Jesus) in **the holy mount**. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Many others, including you and I received a Call to go UP to the Mount; I want you to think of Martin Luther King in the United States; he too received a call to come up to the mountain. I read his last speech and remember very well when he exclaimed: “Well, I don’t know what will happen now. We’ve got some

difficult days ahead' (Was he talking about others hijacking his name and colour to claim and do things in ignorance?)

But he continued "It doesn't matter with me now. **Because I've been to the mountaintop.** And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And **He's allowed me to go up to the mountain.** And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"

I am glad to quote what Martin Luther King said "I'm not fearing any man" – but do you feel safe today when those from Black Lives Matter, OR their associates are around? They don't care about a Call from God, and the Mountain means nothing to them, in fact most of them do NOT know Martin Luther King as he is, but only as a BLACK man!

Brother, there is glory on the mountain – God's Glory and a person is totally changed on the Mountain of God. Paul The Apostle wrote: "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

It is important to understand that the mountain top experience is not about our agenda. **It is a divine appointment to hear the plan of God for our lives that conforms to His purpose.** We are not called to celebrate our mountain top experiences (and think of building a Tabernacle or a memorial, like Peter!) or to boast about them. We are called rather to receive guidance and strength, you could say 'Power from on high' to do what would otherwise be impossible.

We have to come back down to the mountain to face the challenges ahead; challenges that we know nothing about. When Moses came down he witnessed a full-fledged mutiny; what about you, what did you face? And when Martin Luther King came down he faced assassination. And when our Lord Jesus came down, He faced the cross. You should be aware that the mountain top does not shelter us from tribulations; on the contrary, it is going to REVEAL them to us. It prepares us to follow our Lord at any cost in order to experience a real Pentecost. You might hear some saying 'But God calls only extraordinary people to come up to this mountain...right?' Dear believer the answer is a clear NO...NO...and again NO!

Moses, Peter, James, John, and Martin Luther King were ordinary people who answered an extraordinary Call and THAT Call made out of them Extraordinary men of God. The same God, with the same Call is calling us again, today and at such hour; with the so-called Pandemic and Corona Virus and other challenges facing our generation. There is a day coming when everyone who desires, will be able to hear directly from God. Isaiah the Prophet prophesied long time ago BEFORE Jesus was born: "And many people shall go and say 'Come ye, and let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" Isaiah 2:3.

Of course we know that this prophecy has to do about the Millennial Reign of Christ. But until that day, we must soldier on in a fallen world that desperately needs to hear a message from God that He has given us to speak. But first we must be willing to come up to the Mountain of the Lord; He is calling us TODAY; are you willing to hear His voice and heed His instructions? The psalmist wrote: "Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy" Psalm 99:9.

Prayer Ideas

1. Our faithful God, in this time of confusion in the world, help us to consider our ways. Lord we don't want to be sowing much and reaping little, neither do we want to eat, but have not enough. You warned us through the man of God Haggai and we want to receive wisdom from above, from you, our dear heavenly Father. Yes, we WANT to go up to the Mount and be in Your Presence; change us, oh, Lord, to be like Jesus.

2. It was, and still is a challenging time for us, with all the restrictions imposed on us, but we want to lift up our hands and sing with joy. Oh yes, YOU brought us through the storm, safe and strong; what an amazing God you are, oh faithful Lord! We honour your holy name and express our gratitude to you for all what you've done for us. We want to be STILL and get to know you better; help O Lord and let's have

TRUE fellowship with you. We want to be here, a vessel of honour, ready for the hand of the Master.

3. Our God we feel so blessed because of your holy touch on our life; we want to be a blessing for those around us wherever we go. Touch, oh God, those around us through your Holy Spirit, comfort those who need comfort and convict those who need conviction. If we have learnt anything during the last months, it is: We are responsible for the unsaved of our generation. We proclaim salvation upon every unsaved soul we encounter during our daily walk and ask the Holy Spirit to use our simple words to convict them of sin. May He, the Spirit of Truth, convict MANY and open their eyes to the Saviour Jesus the Lord.

4. We rejoice with every Christian in Iraq, especially those living in the liberated Christian territory, for having NO one case of infection and we pray continuous protection upon them. Keep your mighty and protective hand upon them, dear Lord, and make your people to be a SIGN to all those around them. Continue, our Sovereign God, to provide for our Ministry and those we are serving; it is hard to cope with all the needs, but you promised to provide for our daily needs and we are claiming it in the name of Jesus.

5. We are so glad that you opened doors for us to serve; thank you for helping us to reach out to people at such a time. May every word we spoke and every tract or flyer we distributed be used for the salvation of many. We will continue our daily prayer for all those around us and ask you to guide us, where we are mostly needed; may your will be done.

6. We were taking to a deeper understanding of your dealing with us, your people and the world, and we thank you, dear God, for being with us. Please take any disappointment, bad feeling or even frustration away from us; we accepted all as ‘...from the Lord...’ and trust that you will use it for our benefits and good. May your Holy Spirit guide us and all our teams daily, whether in worship, prayer, intercession or service; we are here to be used WHEN you want to use us.

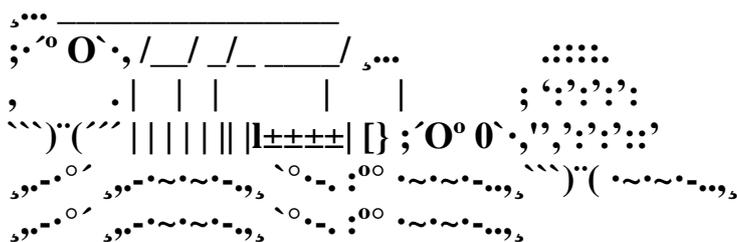
7. We are facing many challenges, including financial needs, but we have faith that we will lack nothing; we proclaim your Word upon every situation, every need, every challenge and claim absolute victory. In Jesus holy name we will be victorious in receiving all what is needed, in experiencing the Holy Spirit working in our midst and confirming the Word, and in preaching and living the truth.

8. Oh Lord, we wanted to say more, but we pray in your holy name and ask, NOT for a miracle; miracles are NORMAL in our midst, but we ask for an Encounter...NEW Encounter in order to adjust our steps with yours. May you guide, and direct and use according to your will and may we get to know YOU better. Amen.

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 believers 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 send a message to or even call you back. We will be waiting for your Feedback or commentaries too. 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



Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

**“Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”
Joshua 24.15**

**“...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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