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We, at C.P.R. Ministries would appreciate it very much if you would forward this newsletter to many of your friends. So few today in our churches have ever heard these truths. Allow the Holy Spirit to birth a curiosity in their hearts. Maybe they will join us in getting these truths around the world. "The fields are white already unto harvest; BUT the laborers are few."

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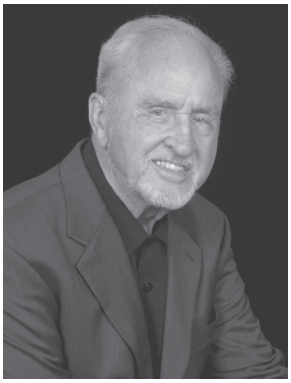

Are you seeking certainty in your life right now? Have present circumstances caused you stress and anxiety? As you leave your home are you feeling fear about where you should go, and have you done everything you can to be safe? Have you found yourself developing a hoarding disorder; hoarding masks, toilet paper, gloves etc.? Have you begun wondering if everything is getting out of control? For many today these are Haunting, but important and relevant questions.

Our responses to this present situation will only reflect that which is already in our hearts and minds. Scripture tells us, **Proverbs 23:7** tells us; *"As a man thinketh in his heart, SO IS HE."* As much as we don't like to admit it, the extension of this quarantine and the disruption of our normal way of life, has caused many believers to have unknowingly given themselves over to a spirit of fear and uncertainty, which are not of God. I am reminded of the twelve spies who came back to their people with a negative, fear and doubt filled report of *"Giants in the land." Only two believed what God told them and they said; "Let's go!"* Their report infuriated the ten spies to the point of threatening to kill the two. Doubt and unbelief always wants to extinguish light.

The true believer knows from scripture where we are <u>right now</u>, **Eph. 2:4-6**; Describes our present safe position in Christ, regardless of our outward circumstances. If we <u>know</u> this, it will cast out all fear and trepidation. *"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together <u>in heavenly places with Christ,(by grace you are saved;")</u>* And hath quickened us together, *AND MADE US SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS:"* Do we truly believe this?

In **II Timothy 1:7** Paul tells Timothy; *"For God hath not given us the SPIRIT OF FEAR; but of POWER, AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND."*

Reality and scripture clearly tells us none of us know if we, or any of our loved ones will be here next week. This is why we are admonished to live with the attitude: **Psalm 119:91** *"This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will REJOICE AND BE GLAD in him."*

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Matt. 6:34 tells us; *"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."*

One series of admonitions our Lord Jesus used more than any other with His followers was, *"FEAR NOT," "BE NOT AFRAID," "WHY DO YOU DOUBT, OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH."*

During this time of uncertainty, we need to pause and reflect: What is going on? What is God up to? What is the Lord trying to say, especially to me through all of this? Has He truly lost control?

First, we are learning none of us knows the future, and so we have to walk by FAITH! Faith in what? Faith that our God knows and holds the future in His hand and we are required to trust Him completely; knowing He is faithful, and has a perfect plan for our lives.

Let us consider some verses of scripture; our ONLY PERFECT source of instruction.

I Chronicles 29:11; *"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for ALL that is in the heaven and in the earth IS THINE; thine is the kingdom Oh Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."*
(QUESTION) Does that sound like disarray to you?

Psalm 115:3 *"But our God is in the heavens: he hath done WHATEVER HE HATH PLEASED." (Unlimited power and authority.)*

Daniel 4: 34-35; *"And at the end of the days, I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and praised and honoured him that liveth forever, WHOSE DOMINION is an EVERLASTING DOMINION and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and ALL the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and NON CAN STAY HIS HAND, or say unto Him, "What doest thou?"*

Acts 17: 24- 26; *"God, that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and ALL THINGS; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, and the bounds of their habitation:"*

How should we respond to these truths? I will never forget hearing a precious black pastor many years ago, teaching about worry and stress. He said: "Brothers and sisters, if we truly love the Lord; if we truly believe He is in complete control; we need to SITS LOOSE!" How is that possible?

Learn to be FLEXIBLE! We are not is charge. Acknowledge that! The Lord told Jeremiah: In **Jeremiah 29:11-12**; *"For I know your thoughts I think about you, saith the Lord, thoughts of PEACE, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with ALL YOUR HEART."* Do we truly believe that? Someone once said "There is only a 12-inch gap between heaven and hell; believing with your HEAD and believing with your HEART. This is why Solomon wrote, in **Proverbs 3:5,6** *"Trust in the Lord with ALL thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He SHALL direct thy path."*

When Job questioned God for the suffering he went through, his conclusion was **Job 13:15** *"Yea though He slay me, YET will I trust Him."*

We must always remember to trust the fact our Lord's ways are perfect, so we can stay flexible. Remember, God does not tempt us, but He is allowed to TEST US. He tested Abraham to see if he loved God more than his only Son. Because Abraham passed the test, God made a covenant with him that still stands today. Would Abraham want to go through that test again? No, but do you think Abraham thinks it was worth it now?

To SCRIPTURALLY trust the Lord, you must relinquish all your rights to Him. In the Lord's Prayer, we are taught to pray: **Matthew 6:10***"THY kingdom come, THY will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

Someone once said, "Most people are content with Jesus being King of their lives so long as they can be Prime Minister." To walk in daily peace we must climb back on the cross and say: **Galatians 2:20** *"I am crucified with Christ, never the less, I live, YET NOT I, but Christ lives in me and the life that*

I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." **Phil. 4:6** *"BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING!"*

The more you learn to know him, the more you will trust him. Corrie Ten Boom (A Jewish believer in the German death camps) once said; *"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

Always remember: There is one thing in this uncertain world we can count on – God is IN CONTROL, so concentrate on OCCUPYING AND KEEPING YOUR HANDS ON THE PLOW, TILL HE COMES. Jesus said He wouldn't come again until ALL the nations of the world HEAR. Let's preoccupy ourselves with that project and everything else will happen in His time, which is PERFECT. Thank Him for the opportunity to trust Him completely during this dark time. I encourage you to read Psalm 46.

In this issue I am including some urgent prayer requests. Please ask the Lord how you should respond. Scripture says: ***"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."*** NOTE: Those with the gift of administration will know what I mean.

1. Dr. Ed Ware; was a former officer in my last pastorate of twenty-three plus years. He and his wife, Bonnie have been officers on the board of C.P.R. since its inception.

UPDATE: Ed has had a procedure to freeze and remove the tumor and is awaiting his results. Please intercede on their behalf.

2. A dear brother who has been a friend and supporter of C.P.R. for many years had an automobile accident that resulted in heart surgery and repairing of five tendons would appreciate your prayers. John K. is improving, but experiencing much pain and stiffness. Please pray the Lord will totally restore him so he can work again and the Lord will bless his who has been caring for him.

3. **I Timothy 2:1-4** = Pray for our leaders as we are commanded to.

Quotes by

Leonard Ravenhill: Evangelist 1907-1994

1. ***"Why worry when my times are in His hands?"***
2. ***"The first thing Jesus did before He could walk or talk was to divide people."***
3. ***"Most of our young people today have seen religion and entertainment but have never seen true Christianity."***
4. ***"The fire never falls on the altar, the fire falls on the sacrifice."***
5. ***"The greatest need tonight in America is prophets."***
6. ***"Jesus doesn't want your sins! What will they do for Him? He wants YOU! He must be Saviour and Lord."***
7. ***If Jesus is not Lord of all then He isn't Lord at all."***

The Biblical Formula for total provision: Regardless of the economy!

1. Make sure you experienced a genuinely, biblical new birth.

The FIRST requirement for salvation is Faith and Repentance. Declare your sinfulness and REPENT: (Admit it and QUIT it.) In **Matt. 7:22**, Jesus said, *"MANY will say to me in that day: "LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in your name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, DEPART FROM ME, ye that work iniquity."* They were very RELIGIOUS, but LOST!

When you placed your total faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and recognized and acknowledged He died in your place; you, like Paul in **Gal. 6:14**, could positively declare, "He died in my place and now I die to myself and make Jesus Christ Lord and Master of everything. " As Paul said; *"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, YET not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

When you received Jesus Christ as your savior, you agreed to become His (Doulos); "willing bond slave." Thus, declaring Him not only to be your Savior, but your supreme Lord and Master. You, by faith, lay down all claim to owning yourself, or any material possessions. Jesus Christ becomes your "Adonai = Supreme Lord and the magnificent obsession of everything in your life.

"The biblical pattern for this is found in John the Baptist's confession: *"He must increase but I must decrease."* Jesus said in **Luke 14:25-35** what He expects from you. If He is truly Lord; there can be NO RIVALS. To compare your affection for anything OR ANYONE else; "mother, father, wife, husband, children. Possessions, achievements, and your own life also: comparatively must be like "love and hatred: or you CANNOT BE HIS DISCIPLE." If you do not recognize you agreed to die to everything else, and are willing to "take up YOUR CROSS DAILY, AND FOLLOW HIM, Jesus said: YOU CANNOT BE My DISCIPLE." NO REFUSALS.

2. *"Repent and be BAPTIZED, EVERYONE of you."* Water baptism is when a new believer is immersed in water, and they are, in doing so, symbolically saying; *"I am confessing I have died and I have been buried with Christ, and now I am publicly declaring I am a new creature in Christ, rising up to walk in newness of Life in Christ Jesus." "I am now Dead to sin and alive unto Christ."*

This cnviction is vital to understand today when professional survey experts conservatively declare "only six percent of present day church members have ever had a GENUINE BORN AGAIN EXPERIENCE, the other 94% are RELIGIOUS."

Once we meet this FIRST requirement, we become **Rom. 8:17** *"Sons of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ,"* we become a part of God's family, and all the promises in the Bible are OURS to learn and walk out. Jesus said: **Matt. 5:6** *"If you hunger and thirst for righteousness, you SHALL be filled." "You draw nigh to me and I will draw near to you."* He requires you and I to TAKE THE INITIATIVE! We will always be exactly where we choose to be with Jesus Christ.

3. *Once we become born again, the Lord wants us to SEEK HIS FACE in faith, and study His eternal, divinely inspired word, believing He will reveal himself to you as your FRIEND.* In **John 5:39**, Jesus commanded us to *"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE, for IN them ye think ye have eternal live: AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME."* Why did He specify "THE SCRIPTURE?" Why didn't He say "read Jewish history? Jesus knew the unique exclusivity, unparalleled by any other source of knowledge. He passed this same truth on to Paul, the Apostle, who taught Timothy this eternal truth. **II Timothy 5:16-17** *"ALL SCRIPTURE is (Not some of scripture.) ALL SCRIPTURE is given by INSPIRATION of God and is PROFITABLE for DOCTRINE* :(Don't ever say "My pastor says" or "My denomination says." =Those are OPINIONS! **Psalms 119:89** *"God's eternal Word is settled forever in the heavens."* **Matthew 5:18** *"Not one jot or tiddle shall ever pass away.")*

Always say what the Word of God says, and you will never be wrong. That alone is true DOCTRINE! **II Timothy 3:16** *For REPROOF* (God's RESET button, to correct false teachings.) for CORRECTION; (If ever the Church needed correction, it is today. But it won't happen as long as the Church says: "The Bible CONTAINS the Word of God;" or twists Divine absolutes, NO, the Bible IS the word of GOD.

"For INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS." I was telling a pastor what the Bible had to say about the marriage covenant when he said very bluntly; "Get real Joe, This is the 21st Century."

I responded by saying, I believe God's word is

eternal, and we don't even need "new translations." The truth **Eze. 18:4** *"the soul that sinneth, it shall die,'* is as valid today, or a thousand years from now, as it was when the Holy Spirit revealed it to the New and Old Testament writers. **Psalms. 119:89***"It is SETTLED FOREVER IN THE HEAVENS."*

Why were the scriptures given to mankind? II **Timothy 3:17** *"THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL (HOW MUCH?) "ALL" NOT ALMOST ALL; BUT ALL GOOD WORKS."*

Because the PRESENT DAY Church has **Rev. 2:4** *"LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE,"* (Please note: it doesn't say *"LOST THEIR FIRST LOVE,"* but *LEFT*. "(That suggests a deliberate act of their will to walk away, in accordance with Jesus' description of the "types of soil." 1. Not comprehending. 2. Shallow (no depth of understanding of eternal truth. 3. Thorns and thistles: "Chokes out seed." 4. Good soil: "30, 60, 100 fold." NOTE: All of the WORD (seed) was good; It was the soil that determined the results. *"THEY LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE."*

In **Hosea 4:6**, God was telling Hosea the danger of failing to STUDY. **Hosea 4:6**; *"My people are DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE: for thou hast REJECTED KNOWLEDGE: because thou hast REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I WILL ALSO REJECT THEE, THAT THOU SHALT BE NO PRIEST TO ME: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy, God; (NOTE:) Failing to STUDY becomes A GENERATIONAL CURSE.) "AND I WILL ALSO FORGET THY CHILDREN."*

4. If we REPENT and BELIEVE (die to self; make Jesus our Lord; and study and grow; God promises BLESSINGS AND PROVISION!) NO; I am NOT teaching "BLAB IT AND GRAB IT THEOLOGY." I AM TEACHING THE TRUTH THAT OUR GOD IS JEHOVAH JIREH! "The Lord who PROVIDES."

When I was a new Christian, my father told me, "If you are going to be a begging preacher, don't come back here thinking I will help you. You are on your own." (He kept his promise.)

Upon hearing this, I went up to my room and told the Lord I needed a verse and a promise so I could obey His leading. As I searched my Bible I found Psalm **27:10**; *"When my father and my mother FORSAKE ME, THEN WILL THE LORD TAKE ME UP."*

That verse changed my life! I memorized it; confessed it; believed it. That was in 1952 and this promise has NEVER FAILED ME.

A little later I found the verse that said: **Phil. 4:19** *"MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL MY NEEDS, ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS."* (NOTE:) God's account is not affected by recession, inflation, depression or any other situation affecting our present state.

Since then I have watched the Lord miraculously help me pay off all my bills so I could go to bible college. I worked two and three jobs to put myself through my five years of school, and many times it wasn't enough. In my second year of school I was called into the treasurer's office and told if I didn't get a certain amount of dollars into my account by Monday, I would have to go home.

Remember: I am crucified with Christ and was in school because the Lord provided miraculously for me to get there. I told the treasurer thank you; if the Lord no longer wanted me to stay in school; even though He packed my bags and sent me there; I will gladly go home if the money isn't there by Monday. Please know, I had NO IDEA what the Lord was doing, but it did not make any difference. I only wanted to do what He wanted me to do. (Remember, He taught us to pray: **Matthew 6:10** *"THY kingdom come, THY will be done."* We have to believe what his says, because He said: **Hebrews 11:6** *"WITHOUT FAITH, it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD."* I BELIEVED THAT! So I SAT LOOSE!

On Monday morning, as I always did, I went to my mailbox. In it was a letter from a lady from my home church; with whom I had had NO CONTACT SINCE LEAVING MY HOME CHURCH; telling me she had received a bonus check from her place of employment, and was walking home, thinking of all the things she could do with that money. Then she said: "The Lord spoke to me and said send this check to Joe Webb in school, he needs it right away."

Although I had NO IDEA how she could know, because I told NO ONE of my financial situation, her check was THE EXACT AMOUNT THE TREASURER SAID I NEEDED, TO STAY IN SCHOOL. (Please note: She didn't say "SOMPIN TOLD ME." She said, "THE LORD TOLD ME." She was tuned in to her source, and obediently obeyed His voice. She knew another promise: **Luke 6:38** *"Give, and it shall be given unto you, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall MEN give into your bosom."* If you don't believe this, don't worry; IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO YOU.

The apostle Paul relayed this truth to the Church of Ephesus, in **Ephesians 3:20;** *"Now unto Him (Jesus) who is able to do EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY above ALL THAT WE CAN ASK OR THINK, (NOTE:*

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THE only limitation to this promise.) "ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US." {When Jesus went to His own home town, it says, **Matthew 13:58** *"He could not do many miracles, BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.")* Ask Him to show you any areas of unbelief in your heart. *"With God, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."*

I would rather trust JEHOVAH JIREH any day than fickle men or a church, or a corporate board!

This is only one, of hundreds of miracles the Lord has allowed me to experience over the past 70 years of following Him. HE IS FAITHFUL, BUT HE SAYS: **Matthew 9:29** *"According to YOUR FAITH, SO shall it be unto THEE."* **Hebrews 11:6** *"Without FAITH, it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM."*

I feel free to teach this because there are many today who are led by the Holy Spirit to be a vital part of what He called me to do over 40 years ago. People come and people go, but His promises are never diminished.

REMEMBER: **Proverbs 9:10** *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:* while the fear of man is a snare. David said: **Psalms 56:4** *"I will not fear what men shall do to me."*

REMEMBER: He only promises to **Matthew 6:10** *"supply ALL YOUR NEEDS."* (Not WANTS.) I have learned to pray, "Lord, if my request is NOT a genuine need, then ignore my request. I only want what YOU think is a NEED." Many times I feel He goes way beyond.

If you are struggling right now, believe, study, witness, obey, and confess; **Matthew 6:10** *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth (Where you are right now.) as it is in heaven."*

REMEMBER: **Matthew 9:29** *"According to your faith, so shall it be done unto thee."* During this time of uncertainty, let's rest in Him and believe He will honor your faith. God bless and keep you. Thank you so much for being a vital part of this miracle the Lord has performed for over 40 years and the fruit He has honored us with, because of your obedience. Let's believe Him for more and greater things in the years ahead! "30, 60, 100%.

AMEN! Dr. Joseph A. Webb

Ministry Update

Our phone and internet counselling has continued to grow each month. The Lord has allowed us to help frantic families find His solution to their convoluted lives. We are dealing with the fruit of the biblical warning: Gal. 6:7-8; "BE NOT DECEIVED; God IS NOT MOCKED; *FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh, reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit, reap life everlasting."*

In my 73 years of counselling, without exception, I have found the cause of the present situation happened because of the violation of a biblical principle.

1. DIVORCE: failure to keep your vow.

2. WAYWARD CHILDREN: Whenever parents fail to correct and instill respect in their children and replace it with "take a time out." I always have to ask them: "How is that working out for you?" Scripture clearly says: **Proverbs 22:6** *"TRAIN UP" a child in the way he/she should go"* (Know and develop their Bent). Whatever motivates their interests. Direct those desires in service to the Lord.

The Lord hates disrespect for an office of authority, and willful rebellion. In the Old Testament, He demanded disrespectful children be "stoned," first by their parents, and then by the community leaders.

3. FINANCES: A failure to understand we do not "GIVE OUR tithes TO THE LORD; we RETURN HIS TITHES. Everything I possess I receive as a gift from God; and by returning His tithe, we escape being **Malachi 3:7-16** *"Cursed with a curse."*

I have had young people tell me, "I didn't receive this from God; I earned it: it's MINE."!

When I ask them who gave them breath, strength, wisdom and skills, and tell them that same person will some day require an accounting how they used them, they become quiet.

When any believer fails to return to God HIS tithe, we are ROBBING Him of what is His. After we RETURN HIS TITHE; we have GIVEN Him NOTHING! That is why the scripture speaks of "OFFERINGS." Many forget; **Galatians 6:7&8** *"IN THE SAME MEASURE you give, you shall receive."*

I remember sitting in a meeting at church one day, listening to a missionary couple sharing the work God had called them to. A multi-billionaire sat in front of me, listening to the same information.

When the meeting ended, I ask this man what he thought of the presentation. His response was unbelievable! He said; "All they want is MY MONEY."

That same man is gone now, and when others ask how much money he left behind; I say "ALL OF IT."

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Once we learn this vital truth, YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD." I tell them; "Do you WANT MORE? GIVE MORE! That requires FAITH and obedience! "Without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD." Concerning obedience; Jesus said: *"He that says he loves me and does not KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM."* NOTE! A true follower of Jesus Christ will always be a person of GENEROSITY and INTEGRITY.

CONCLUSION: IF you are not a person of INTEGRITY, you can be counselled until you are blue in the face and it won't change anything. If you are basically a person of INTEGRITY; YOU WILL BE RIGHT; OR EASILY BE SET RIGHT.

One couple who had separated after many years of marriage, and four children, read and acknowledged the truth of the marriage covenant. They repented, flew to Florida to renew their vows and I recently received a letter from them stating how blessed they were to have learned this truth, and their home has never been better. They are also now regular partners with us to get this truth to others in the same situation they were in.
They are people of INTEGRITY!

Another gentleman requested our book to read while he was engaged to a divorcee. The Holy Spirit convicted him, and he broke the engagement off. He is a successful businessman and rancher.
When this man began visiting local churches they extended the right hand of fellowship to him, UNTIL he said he believed in the permanence of marriage. Then they gave him the "Left foot of fellowship." That disappointment would have discouraged the average person today; but not him! Instead, he contacted our office and ordered several hundred dollars of our sermon series on CD's and said: "When I get home from work, I eat; leave the tv off, and open my bible; put your CD in my player and spend the evening studying God's word." He said; "I am growing by leaps and bounds and am now able to witness to others, how Jesus Christ has changed my life." Here is another person of INTEGRITY!

In our 40+ years of teaching covenant marriage I have encountered thousands of individuals who got fired up about this truth until they were confronted with the cost of standing for truth. These individuals have *"withered up and died, because they had no root."*

Thank God I have learned NEVER to put my trust in MAN! Scripture tells us: "The arm of flesh will fail you; BUT JESUS NEVER FAILS."

QUESTION: Are you as on fire about getting this message out as you once were? Have life's difficulties or rejection by others cooled you off? Has God's eternal truth changed? Have You? When Jesus rebuked the seven churches of Revelation, His solution to each, was "REPENT, and do good works, and I will be a God unto you." Adultery is still the scarlet sin, that will cause your family and friends to miss heaven, and destroy future generations. That is the SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: "Thou shalt not COMMIT ADULTERY." When Jesus taught about His return, one of the clearest signs of His coming would be: **Luke 17:26-27**; "As it was in the days of No'e, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they MARRIED WIVES, THEY WERE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, until the day that No'e entered into the ark, and the flood came, and DESTROYED THEM ALL."
NOTE: They were all destroyed BECAUSE they participated with satan in trying to destroy the possibility of realizing God's covenant promise of a *"Seed of a woman, who would crush satan's head and satan would bruise His heel."* By divorcing and remarrying, they would destroy the clear blood
line and it would look like God lied. Because of this God STARTED ALL OVER WITH NOAH, because **Gen. 6:8-9** *"He was PERFECT IN ALL OF HIS GENERATIONS."* As a result of this action on God's part, the gospel writers could follow the blood line, starting with Jesus and Joseph, back through Noah, to Adam and Eve, to prove to all mankind, Jesus was that "SEED OF A WOMAN." God is SERIOUS ABOUT COVENANTS!

We have deviated in this issue of HEARTBEAT to give a scriptural appeal for optimism! David the Psalmist was going through a time of extreme distress, and ridicule about his strong faith, to where he said it was the equivalent of his bones being crushed. Time and again, while he was confronted with this situation, and bringing it before the Lord; rather than becoming defeated, he said to himself SEVERAL times: **Ps. 42:11**; *"WHY art thou cast down, O my soul? WHY art thou disquieted within me? HOPE THOU IN GOD, FOR I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM who is the HEALTH OF MY COUNTENENCE, AND MY GOD."*

May the peace of God that passes all understanding KEEP YOUR HEART AND MIND IN CHRIST JESUS."

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