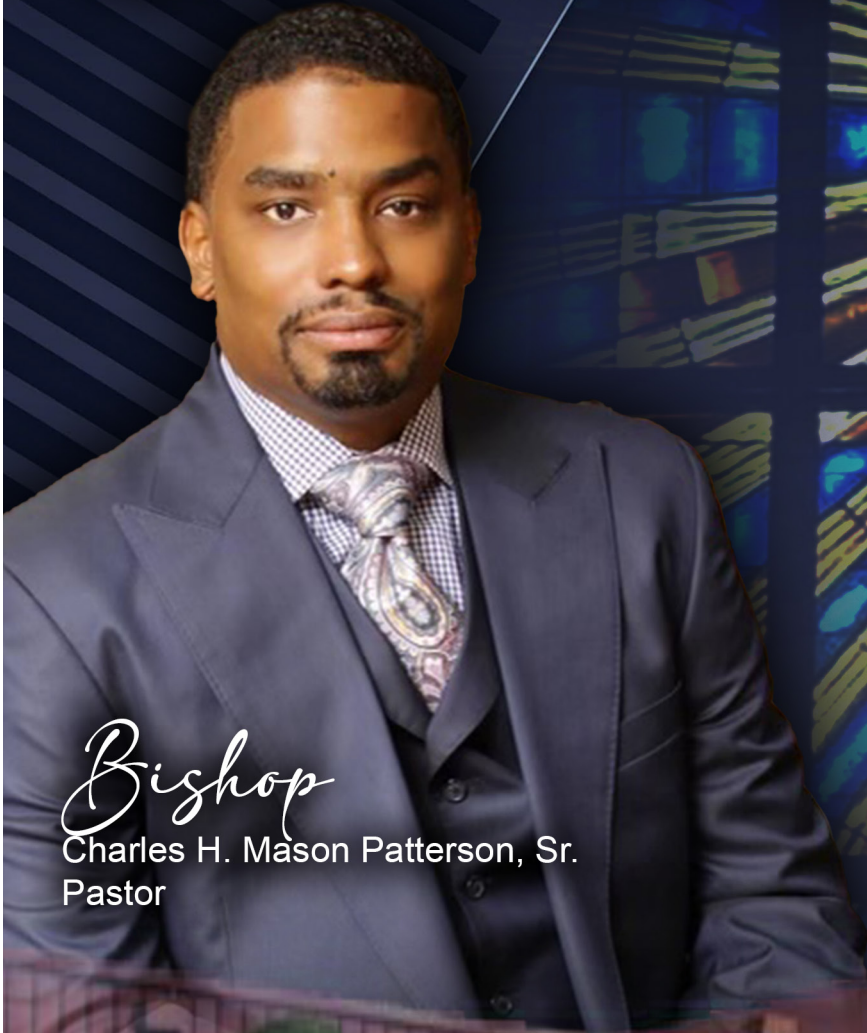


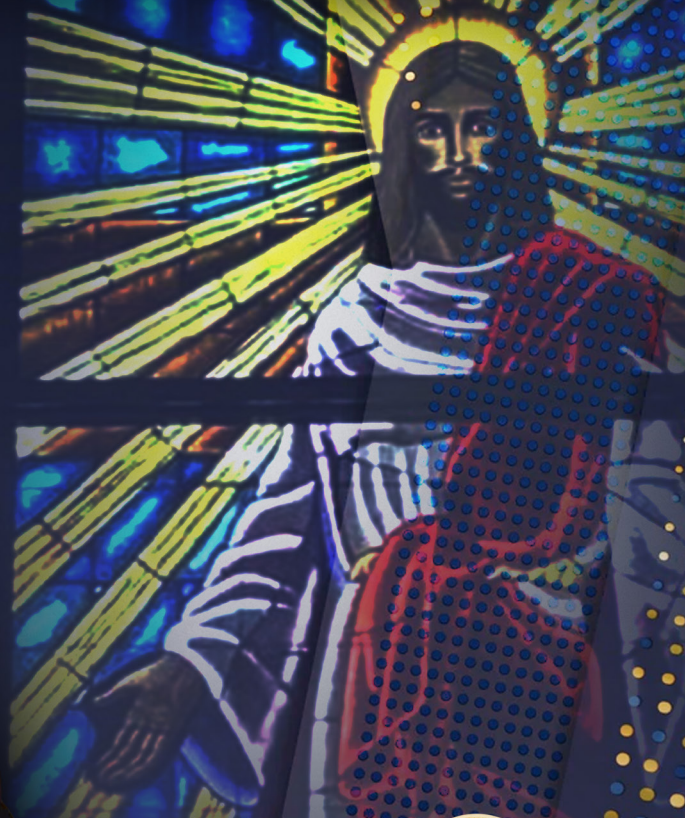
# 40 Days of *Consecration*

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Member:

Greetings, in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year's 40-day consecration marks the twelfth year of our devotion and obedience to what the Lord called for our membership, inspired by the loss of our great leader, my Father, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. Since embarking on this journey, we have faced times of trials and uncertainty, but our God is faithful, it is in Him that we find peace in this present world.

We must hold fast to what our Father has promised us; that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Our Father is the ever-present force that guides and comforts us. During these 40 days, let us focus our complete attention to our Father, that our relationship with Him may grow to new heights and we witness a renewal of our spirits like never before.

Our 40-days of consecration begins **Monday, June 26th** and ends **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. I am asking that every member join me during this consecration by fasting until **12:00 Noon** every **Tuesday** and **Friday**, in addition to reading the daily devotionals during this time. Remember, God is doing great things, and we are expecting Him to do *even greater* things. It is my prayer that the spirit of the Lord be with you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. H. Patterson, Sr.' with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Bishop Charles H. Mason Patterson, Sr.

# SCRIPTURES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

## Fasting and Prayer

*Faith needs prayer for its development and full growth,  
Prayer needs fasting for its development and full growth.*

1. Humbling the soul before God (Psalm 35:13)
2. Chastening the soul (Psalm 69:10)
3. Crucifying the appetites (2 Samuel 12:16-23; Matthew 4:1-11)
4. Manifests earnestness before God (1 Corinthians 9:15; Luke 5:33)

### Believers should fast when under:

1. Chastening (2 Samuel 12:16-23)
2. Under Judgment (1 Kings 21:27)
3. When in need (Ezra 8:21)
4. When in danger (Esther 4)
5. When worried (Daniel 6:18)
6. When in trouble (Acts 27:9, 33)
7. When in spiritual conflict (Matthew 4:1-11)
8. When desperate in prayer (Acts 9)

## 40 Days of Consecration 2023

Theme: JUST DO IT!!

(Phil. 4:13 KJV)

*“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*

One may think, what an unusual theme, but because of the times we live in, we who name the name of Jesus Christ, the anointed One of God as our Savior and Lord, must grab hold of the His Word, and “Just Do It”. It is time for us to begin to really walk out this scripture in every area of our lives; in our homes, on our jobs, at school, at Walmart, and most assuredly in our own personal lives.

Some may wonder; why the apostle would even record such a proclamation! Could it be that through his own life experiences, he had learned this very valuable concept that it was through Christ, that any “thing” or “obstacle” that rose up against him to hinder or destroy his commitment to finish his course with joy, was toppled and demolished?! Thus, we can safely conclude, it was through the power of the risen Christ that rested in and upon him, giving him the supernatural strength he needed to overcome. Paul’s testimony reassures us that we can do the same!

As the “real” church, the “committed” church wages war against the many forms of evil in the world; which some of us thought we would never see happening in our society during our lifetime, we must take firm hold of the Gospel Plow and push forward in the Holy Ghost, breaking up the fallow ground, clearing out the misinformation and fallacies that have fraudulently entered into the body of Christ. If we are to draw and win the lost souls in our society we must be skilled in knowing how to distribute the spiritual seeds of the Way, the Truth, and the Life, whose Name is “JESUS”.

In The book of Daniel 11:32**b**, we are assured that those of us who know our God intimately will be strong and perform mighty exploits which will glorify His name. His supernatural strength will be demonstrated through these weak, fragile, vessels of clay!



**June 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 1**

**To “Do It” Means Sacrifice**

**Romans 12:1(AMPC)**

**I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and facilities] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.** If we are to walk with the Lord, this we must do; present our bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God!! We must willingly lay ourselves on the altar as a *living* sacrifice, not being conformed to this world, but submit to a mind transformation by the Holy Ghost and fellowship with the Word, causing “it” (the Word) to be made life in us; then submitting ourselves through fasting, prayer, and fellowship with other like-minded believers.

Through Christ, we can do this!

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, please work in us what is required to become a living sacrifice, as it is the reasonable thing to do. But we know we cannot become a living sacrifice without the power of the Holy Spirit making the necessary changes in us.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 2**

**Do “It” as Unto the Lord**

**Colossians 3:17 (AMPC) And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus *and* in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.** In doing what we must do, great care and concern must be taken into account of how we do it. Our words and deeds must be in alignment with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. His guidance always leads us to ask ourselves “What would Jesus (the Word) do?” There must always be a deep dependence upon the Instruction Manual; the Bible, and the voice of the Holy Spirit. When we do right according to any situation or task according to His instructions, we can be sure He will sign-off or co-sign with His approval and Name. Remember He only sanctions what He has ordained!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, help us to stand still in Your Presence while the Holy Spirit removes out of our lives the unnecessary hindrances that may be keeping us from experiencing Your Glory!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 3**

**Grace in Every Space to Win the Race**

**John 1:16 (AMPC) For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift].**

How does God love us; can we count the ways? It is impossible! They are without number... If we are plunged into the depths of despair, we will land on His love. Even to the heights, length, and breadth of our lives; we will see Him hovering over us. In all these things, we'll experience his grace; his supernatural ability working in us and through us, accomplishing those things we cannot do in our own strength. He gives us His love free and without measure. His love, grace, and mercy are summed up in the words of this song: **He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength as labors increase, To added afflictions He addeth His mercy, To multiplied trials he multiplies peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun. Fear not that thy need shall exceed his provision, Our God ever yearns His resources to share; Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing; The Father both thee and thy load will uphold. His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, His power no boundary known unto men; For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.** Author: Annie J. Flint

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, thank You for Your amazing Grace!*

*Amen Have a "God" day!!*

**June 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 4**

**We have Been Given All Things**

**2 Peter 1:3 (KJV) According to His divine power has given us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.**

We lack nothing; for we have been given everything to live a victorious life. It is due to the divine power given to us by God through Jesus and distributed to us by the Holy Ghost. Everything that is related, applicable, and appropriate for sustaining life and godliness in this present world has been bequeathed (willed) to us because of the finished work of the Cross. Remember His strength is made perfect in our weakness!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You Lord for reminding us that You have given everything we need to sustain us as we travel on our Christian journey. It is very comforting to know that we can finish strong and victorious.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 5**

**His Great and Precious Promises**

**2 Peter 1:4 (AMPC) By means of these he has bestowed on us His precious and exceeding great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rotteness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.**

His great and precious promises have made for us a way of escape. When we receive them by faith, His divine nature begins its development in our lives by bringing our old corrupt nature into submission to the Lord Jesus Christ. Moral decay, corruption, and covetousness begin to decrease, losing their intensity and power, as we make our way out of our personal Lodebar, where all the misfit ways of life are contrary to godly victorious living.

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You Lord for Your divine way of escaping this corrupt world system that thrives on evil and would eat us alive if it were not for precious unfailing promises to deliver us from every evil work Thank You for Savior!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Day 6**

**God’s Divine Adding Machine**

**2Peter 1:5 (KJV) and beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

If we are to gain ground in our walk in holiness, we cannot relax as if we were already perfect, but go after with all diligence the divine promises we have been given! We do this by exercising our faith; we exercise our faith by **using** it, knowing God will keep His word. His promises are YES and AMEN to His Glory! We then through faith add virtue; we trust God to develop moral excellence and goodness, as well as integrity that flows from the inside out. Virtue that is genuine. Added to virtue is the knowledge gained by the steadfast application of walking out the instructions that are given which will produce victorious living.

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You Lord for giving us the divine tools we need to be partakers of Your holiness.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**



**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

**Day 7**

**2 Peter 1:6 (KJV) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

Having knowledge of one's self as well as what the Word requires, will serve as guard rails to set up parameters that will keep us going in the correct pathway in our natural and spiritual life. As we walk with the Lord, we cannot allow ourselves to become impatient, but let patience have and do her perfect work in us. We can't excuse ourselves from the oven of a trial or test before we're *done!* When the process is not complete; *it shows and smells*, and we are distasteful! If we allow God to properly process us, we have an inner restraint that does not permit indulgence in that which is not proper or godly, whether it is in conversation, food, dress, etc. Integrity and good character produce godliness, which is paramount!

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You Lord for the knowledge we gain as we prayerfully seek Your face through Your Word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our pathway.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

**Day 8**

**Keep Adding**

**2 Peter 1:7 (KJV) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.**

Real Godly godliness produces brotherly kindness, because it is founded upon God's Word that commands that we should love our neighbor as our self as stated in **Leviticus 19:18** concerning ethical relations. ***"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."***

In **Matthew 22:37-40**, Jesus co-signs this commandment by stating that we should first love God with all our heart (the core of our existence), soul (will; passions, and desires), and mind (intellect). When we love God in the manner described, we are cognizant that the core of our neighbor's existence is rooted in our Creator, God; that God has unmeasured love and concern for all humanity. Just as we are a multi-complexed being housed in one body, desiring to be loved and accepted, so it is with our neighbor. If we can love God whom we have never seen; we have the capacity to love our neighbor. Jesus esteemed these two things so important that he stated, "on these two commandment hang (sums up) the Law, and the prophets". We can be assured that the God kind of ***"charity"*** (love) is the sustaining factor that allows these ***virtues*** to be evident in our lives.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father continue to help us realize that we are no better than anyone else; that we all are equally important to You. Help us to love those who (in our opinion) may be unlovely, knowing that we ourselves are sometimes very unlovely. We cast off that judgmental spirit; that spirit of pride that causes us to look down on others, in the Mighty Name of Jesus!! We commit to walk in love toward our neighbor even as we love ourselves.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**



**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 9**

**Possessors of Godly Qualities**

**2 Peter 1:8 (KJV) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

These are foundational qualities that build us into the spiritual house that will glorify God! Peter says that if they **abound** in us; continue to grow in us until they reside in us to the fullest, it will **make us**, construct us, it will build us; spiritual brick by spiritual brick; making sure everything in our lives is in the right place functioning in God as they should. Therefore we will not be **barren**; (incapable of producing; or that which is produced being inferior/substandard or useless); nor **unfruitful** (no evidence of the fruit of the Spirit); as it pertains to our knowledge of who Jesus is and the divine powerful promises that have been made available for our use that produces life and godliness through the finished work of the Cross of Christ, our Savior!

***Prayer for Today***

*Father we throw ourselves on you Grace and tender Mercies! Deliver us! We do not want to be barren nor unfruitful in our Christian walk. Strengthen us to receive everything that You have made available that produces life and godliness.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” Day!!**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 10**

**Lord, Help Us Not to Come Up Short!**

**2 Peter 1:9 (KJV) But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

If these qualities are not being enlarged in our lives, we are suffering from spiritual short-sightedness, heading for spiritual blindness; seeing and perceiving only that which is pleasant to the carnal senses and carnal nature. We become uncaring and oblivious to spiritual things; forgetting the washing and cleansing we received at the altar when we made Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Let us not forget where the Lord has brought us from!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, save us from spiritual dullness! Help us to be diligent in the things it will take to get us where we need to go in You. Don't let us forget to remember we have been, and continue to be purged from our old sins and evil lifestyles of this society.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**\*As we move forward through our time of fasting and Consecration, as people of God one of the most important elements to being able “do it” is obedience! Many times we find it hard to “just obey”! Our flesh has to receive a lethal injection of the Word of God daily if we are to accomplish this. We must become brutal in our spiritual warfare against our own flesh!**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 11**

**Don't Do What Pharaoh Did**

**Exodus 5:1-2 (NKJV) Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.” And Pharaoh said, “Who is this Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.**

When we refuse to obey our Lord, we take on a Pharaoh-like spirit. A spirit, that questions not only the sovereignty of God, but His authority over our lives as His children. Although we may not say it verbally; when we choose to disobey, we are disrespecting His ruler-ship. We are acting like we don't know that He is the Omni-God. Let us take into account the consequences of not obeying His mandates. Remember, obedience is a choice. Many died in Egypt, including some in Pharaoh's house, because he chose to rebel against the authority of the Almighty God! Don't do what Pharaoh did!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord strengthen us to obey You! Please inject into our souls and spirit, the spirit of obedience that we will not be destroyed!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>2023**

**Day 12**

**Obedience is Paramount**

**1 Samuel 15:1 (AMPC) SAMUEL TOLD Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people Israel. Now listen and heed the words of the Lord.** Whose directives do we follow? Whose counsel do we seek out and listen to? We must be mindful as God's people whose directives we adhere to. Are they in agreement with the God-given mandate? Let us not get sidetracked as Saul chose to do. He let pride get in the way, which opened the door for a lying spirit (pride's first cousin) to enter (1 Sam. 15:18-22). We must be determined to stay on the right course, being found faithful to our godly convictions. We must make a decision to do it God's way or choose the way of compromise, as Saul did, which led him to sin, defeat, and ultimate death. Disobedience always carries a heavy price tag that is more than we can afford.

Let us examine our ways and see if they are in alignment with God's way!

***Prayer for Today***

*Father help us to remember that our disobedience will pay us back with heavy penalties that can devastate us for years to come, or even a lifetime. Help us to consider and take to heart the promised blessings and peace that obedience brings.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**



## July 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Day 13

#### Give the Lord What He Requires

**1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NKJV) So Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As obeying the voice of the lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams, For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he also has rejected you from being king.”**

We must give the Lord what “He” requires! Not just what *we* feel may be sufficient. We must follow the mandate. We can’t play the substitution game with God; that is to substitute something that is lesser than what He asked for or requires. He requires of us the tenth (the tithe); we give a \$100.00 sacrificial offering instead of the tithe and an offering; or forgiveness toward a brother or a sister, but we sacrifice a three-day fast rather than forgive. Those sacrificial acts may score points in the carnal realm and to the carnal eye, but God not only frowns on them, but will flatly reject them because that was not the requirement!! His requirement is what He requires!

#### *Prayer for Today*

*Lord help us; anoint us to give You what is of us, that we may be pleasing to You in all things You have laid to our charge. Our greatest desire is to hear You say “well done” good and faithful servant, enter into the rest I have promised you!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

## July 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Day 14

#### How Disobedience is Viewed by God

#### 1 Samuel 15:23 NKJV (continued)

God viewed Saul’s disobedience rebellion and witchcraft. These are very strong words! Rebellion means a violent act or open resistance to an established government or ruler. Saul, without hesitation, resisted and disobeyed a required mandate handed down from the Established Government of the universe and its supreme ruler, who is God. Witchcraft is operating under a spirit of sorcery and divination; Saul tried to rationalize and explain away his sin of disobedience. He followed his own prideful desires. He boasted in his disobedient obedience, stating he had obeyed God. This was a personal insult and affront to God.

This is not a good position to be found. Just do what is required!

#### *Prayer for Today*

*Holy Spirit, help us to analyze and see through the little things, the “no harm” things so that we don’t get caught up in a full-blown sinful lifestyle!!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 15**

**A Foolish Trade; Death Instead Obedience**

**Joshua 7:1 (KJV) BUT THE children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: For Achan, son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.**

Achan made a foolish decision because of the desires of the flesh. How many times have we bowed to carnal fleshly desires, greed, and covetousness, which caused our lives and the lives of others to be torn apart or destroyed? **No one sins to themselves!!** Poison not only affects the mouth that takes it in, but it may have the strength to destroy the whole body! This biblical account of Achan's transgression proves just that!! Achan's decision not only invited death to himself, but his family and all that were attached to his name, (Israel), including the animals. Many lives were lost as Israel went out to battle against their small and very beatable enemies in Ai; but his sin brought pain, anguish, confusion, defeat, and death to the camp of Israel.

Saints, we better "Just Do It"! Do what? Obey!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Holy Spirit, help us not to give in to our fleshly desires that can only wreak havoc and bring devastation or even death to ourselves and those we love because of our greed, carnality, and covetousness. Bring us to the place of following the instructions given to us through our God-fearing leaders and those You have sent to mentor us in our walk with You.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 16**

**Who's Leading You? (Part 1)**

**Jeremiah 2:10-11 (AMPC) For cross over to the coast of Cyprus [to the west] and see, send also to Kedar [to the east] and carefully consider; and see whether there has been such a thing as this: Has a nation [ever] changed its gods, even though they are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory [God] for that which does not profit.**

God was heartbroken and insulted at the behavior of His people. He pointed out that heathen nations gladly followed and worshipped their gods who are not 'God'. They refused to abandon their gods who had no power to save, deliver, or set free. Israel/Judah chose to abandon their God; the true and living God who had done all these things for them in grand style! What about us today? What entities of falsehood do we follow? Who is leading us? There is no god, nor system of government that can or would save, deliver, and set us free in the manner that our God has done through Jesus Christ our Lord. He alone has demonstrated the love and power through His Holy Spirit to do so.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father help us not to get it twisted! There are so many voices and lifestyles that are beckoning us; so many hidden compromises that appear as "no harm" things are set up to slowly turn our hearts to follow after the spirit of idolatry. Give us keen discernment that we may see and know what is going on in the spiritual realm. Let us not forget who the true and living God is!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**



**July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 17**

**Who's Leading You? (Part 2)**

**Jeremiah 10:23 (KJV) O Lord, I know the way of man *is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.***

Do we really know where or which way to go in life on our own? We are not smart enough, nor intelligent enough to direct our own steps; even though we think we are. The Word of God has assured us of this fact. We must come to the realization that God has already gone before us; mapped out our lives. When we really grab hold of this very valuable fact, we will release the reins and willingly place them into the Lord's most capable hands. We are not DNA-wired to handle life independent of our Creator. Isn't that a wonderful blessing?

***Pray for Today***

*Jesus, we thank You!! We do not have to depend on our own fallible, fractured knowledge to map out our way through life. Your Word is truly a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway!!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 18**

**Forsaking the Real Solution for a Temporary Fix**

**Jeremiah 10:13 (AMPC) For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, *and* have hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns which can hold no water.**

What an act of foolish folly. Evil number 1 is that the people of God forsook Him for vain temporary solutions, and a way of life that was stagnate, and fallible. They turned their backs to God who is alive and active in all the affairs of humanity; the God who was able to defend them against all their enemies and win!! He was their fountain of living water. Evil number 2 was like many of us today who create our own way of doing things, only to receive results that are cracked and offer temporary results that do not satisfy, rather than relying on the infallible system God has already set up for our means of victorious living.

***Prayer for Today***

*Dear Father, help us to realize that You and You alone have the answer to every dilemma that touches our lives. Remind us not to chase after the faulty temporary fixes that the gods of this world offer us.*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 19**

**Losing Out by Living the Edge**

**Matthew 13:19 (AMP) When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand and grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one whom seed was sown beside the road.**

Maybe you've heard the gospel, the good news, and the message of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom, but decided, that is not for me, that's for those who don't know any better. Wrong thinking! Don't harden your heart. Don't allow the deceiver to deceive you and trick you out of eternal life with Jesus Christ. Keep in mind, the deceiver (Satan), has already been convicted, judged, and doomed to an eternal lake of fire. He wants to take you with him. Don't be blindsided by his lies!! Get off the **"wayside"**, the **"edge"**, the **outer parameters of the soil of salvation**, and allow the Holy Spirit to move you into the rich soil that is not only ready to receive the Word but can hold on to it. You really don't want to be left behind!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, help us not to live on the "edge" in our walk with You, but position our hearts in a place where Your Word can be cultivated in the deep areas of our being, so that we will have ears to hear and hearts to understand how to "Do" Your Word. No more shallow or make-do commitments to obedience.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 20**

**What Satan Does While We Take Spiritual Naps**

**Matthew 13: 24-28 (AMPC) And Jesus gave them another parable [to consider], saying, "the kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds [resembling wheat] among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the weeds appeared also. The servant of the owner came to him and said, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have weeds in it? He replied to them, an enemy has done this...." Wake up everyone!!** We had better check our "personal" wheat fields. What is this that has sprung up? What are all these mixed feelings and emotions we have? Where is it coming from? We know that the seeds of salvation and deliverance were planted into the cultivated soil of our hearts. Why these feelings of hatred and anger; strife and jealousy? Why these feelings of self-loathing and inferiority? Better still, why do we feel like our Pastors are all up in our Kool-Aid, picking on us? We feel He/she is preaching too long anyway. My goodness!!, we say. "Did you see how they were looking at me? I'll never speak to them again. Huh, I really can't stand them anyway!". When did we fall asleep, and become complacent and careless about guarding our **spiritual fields, the soil of our hearts?** Where did all these thoughts, feelings, and actions come from? "The enemy", Satan has done this while we slept. We allowed him to lull us to sleep with the cares, pleasures, and disappointments of life. Isn't it amazing how the sunshine, rain, and nourishment of the Word of God causes the spiritual wheat to flourish and grow into the reflection of its seed; but that same Word from heaven will reveal the tares (weeds) that have grown up alongside the godly wheat? Are we aware that we "cut up" because of what is in us?

***Prayer for Today***

*Please Holy Spirit, we implore You to re-start the cultivating process again in our hearts and lives! Rain on our fields, softening them; Break up the fallow ground of our hearts once again, preparing them to receive the rich seed of the Word, for it is time to serve the Lord in righteousness and true holiness.*

**Have a "God" day!!**



**\*Obedience, the super-strong Correctional Officer that stands at the gateway of our hearts, guarding what goes in and what comes out. Through obedience, the inner man begins to understand the ways of God and learns to operate accordingly. Obedience declares death to sin, forbidding it to have its way in our lives.**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 21**

**A Death that Produces Life**

**John 12: 23-24 (AMPC) And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted. I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone [just one grain, never more]. but if it dies, it produces much grain and yields a harvest.** It is now time for Jesus to be glorified and exalted in us. In order for this to take place, flesh death and the love of the world system has to take place. **Just as Jesus died “FOR” the sins of the world. We must die “TO” the sins of the world.** Just as He died the horrible death of crucifixion so that we could be saved, healed, delivered, and set free, we must submit ourselves to a daily dose of death to the flesh and the world. I know that sounds a bit morbid, but that’s just how it is. As the Apostle Paul has said, “I die daily”. I know firsthand that it is not an easy task to make our flesh submit and come under the authority and rulership of the Word, but it is a MUST if we want Jesus to be glorified and exalted. If not, we go through our saved, sanctified journey living to and for ourselves, never touching anyone’s life with the power of the glorious gospel which brings salvation and the love of Jesus Christ. We yield no fruit, and consequently, no harvest. Now what do we think the Lord of the Harvest will have to say about that??? I think we all know.

***Prayer for Today***

*Holy Spirit, help us to die to sin that we may live unto God.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 22**

**Jesus the Real Life-Giver**

**John. 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.**

The life of Jesus, the “I Am” that was and is God in the flesh; dealt a death blow to the destroyer by laying down His own sinless life for the sins of the whole world. He indeed is the “Good Shepherd” who bares our sins, sicknesses, and infirmities. Unlike the thief, He comes not to steal but to give and enhance life; he comes not to kill, but give abundant life; He comes not to destroy; but to reconstruct the life that the thief has determined to annihilate. Jesus has come to reverse the curse!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You, Jesus, for Your sacrifice that we may live the abundant life. In You we are eternally protected from the destruction of the thief (Satan), and his plan that he has so strategically put together to destroy us!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 23**

**Losing Out by Living the Edge**

**Matthew 13:19 (AMPC) When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand and grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one whom seed was sown beside the road.**

Maybe you've heard the gospel, the good news, and the message of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom, but decided, that is not for me, that's for those who don't know any better. Wrong thinking! Don't harden your heart. Don't allow the deceiver to deceive you and trick you out of eternal life with Jesus Christ. Keep in mind, the deceiver (Satan), has already been convicted, judged, and doomed to an eternal lake of fire. He wants to take you with him. Don't be blindsided by his lies!! Get off the "wayside", the "edge", the outer parameters of the soil of salvation, and allow the Holy Spirit to move you into the rich soil that is not only ready to receive the Word, but can hold on to it. You really don't want to be left behind!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, help us not to live on the "edge" in our walk with You, but position our hearts in a place where Your Word can be cultivated in the deep areas of our being, so that we will have ears to hear and hearts to understand how to "Do" Your Word. No more shallow or make-do commitments to obedience.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 24**

**Distractions that Destroy the Seed of the Gospel**

**Matthew 13:22 (AMP) And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the Word, but the worries and distractions of the world and the deceitfulness [the superficial pleasures and delight] of riches choke out the Word, and it yields no fruit.** Lord help us to remember that the temporary things in this world's system we put so much stock in, will dissipate and disappear. As King Solomon stated in Ecclesiastes 1:2, vanity, vanity, all is vanity... or, empty, meaningless, and temporary are the riches and things in the earth realm. They are like the make-up and props in a Vanity Case, just a temporary fix and facade, a dressed-up falsehood; a lie that has been covered with a shell of truth. In the Light of the Word is revealed the real deception of riches. Riches in many instances, breed pride (God hates it!), and can give us a false sense of who we really are, (just dust and dirt). Riches lose their meaning when one is terminally ill and at death's door, or mentally incapable of enjoying them. They will most assuredly be left behind in death. My mother would always say, "I've never seen a Brinks truck following a hearse". There would be no need.

Let us not give riches the permission or the power to choke (strangle), the Word, leaving us an unfruitful mess. Don't forget that the riches in the life of a believer are governed by the Holy Spirit and the Word.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, we bind all distractions in the Name of Jesus, that our lives may be focused on what is most important; that is pleasing You!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 25**

**The Soil of the Submitted Heart**

**Matthew 13:23 (AMPC) And the one on whom seed was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands and grasps it; he indeed bears fruit and yields, some a hundred times [as much as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty.”**

The “good” ground is good ground only, because it is submitted to the preparation via the Holy Spirit that could make it good ground. Every heart that receives the Word has to be prepared to receive it. So, it is the Holy Spirit that works on our hearts, making them ready to receive the precious seed of the Word. Now, the capability to bear good godly fruit is inevitable. Some one hundred, some sixty, and some thirty. The more we submit to the cultivating of the Holy Spirit, the more precious fruit we will produce. He will continue to drop deep into the soil of our hearts, golden nuggets of revelatory thoughts concerning the Word. Seeds that will spring up and out to bless His Body, the Church.

***Prayer for Today***

Lord, help us to make our heart available for the cultivating and the planting of Your Word.

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Day 26**

**Profits & Loses**

**Mark 8:36-38 (AMPC) “For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world [with all its pleasures], and forfeit his soul? What will a man give in exchange for his soul and eternal life [in God’s Kingdom]? For whoever is ashamed [here and now] of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”** What worldly benefits, with all their ungodly pleasures, could measure up in any way with **the benefits** of eternal life; which actually begins in the believer when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Also, what temporary short-lived, sin-filled lifestyle can measure up to the value of our eternal soul being able to live throughout eternity in God’s heavenly Kingdom? Is it worth **the exchange**? Being ashamed of the “Word” is being ashamed of “Jesus”, the gospel, and what it represents! The “gospel” is the power of God unto salvation and deliverance to everyone who would dare believe it!! When we refuse salvation, we are stating boldly with our actions, that we want no part of the “GIFT” which Jesus paid for with His life’s Blood. In doing this, we have now aligned ourselves and come into agreement with this sinful and adulterous generation; therefore, **disqualifying** ourselves from eternity with God. Oh, how sad! We had better “Selah” long and hard on this one.

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord!! Save us from being disqualified!!*

**Have a “God” day!!**



**July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

**Day 27**

**Confession is Good for the Soul**

**1 John 1:9 (AMPC) If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].** What more can He do!! It is now up to us to walk out and live out, this scripture so we can continue to grow, and be saved for real!!! **We as God's people, should always keep our hearts on the altar of confession and repentance.** This keeps us clean and ready to be used by the Holy Spirit at any given moment. Let us not leave anything to chance; taking nothing for granted. It's just that serious! Remember, the Lord is true to His Word. He will not violate Himself by not keeping His Word. If He spoke it, it will come to pass. If he said it, He will make it good!!

His cleansing is not a one-time cleansing, no more than our shower today is good for a lifetime, (Keep in mind what we're made of). The daily trip to the altar of God for confession, repentance, and cleansing, is like a daily shower administered by the Holy Ghost, Who will bathe us from the inside out, cleansing us from all unrighteousness, conforming us to the image of our Savior, so that His divine purpose and intent can be lived out in our lives.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, I thank you for the wonderful privilege of daily confession, and repentance of our sins and shortcomings. You are always providing us immeasurable and bondless love!! Thank You soooo...much!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

**Day 28**

**Father Only You Can Accomplish This in Us**

**Jude 24-25 (AMPC) Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling or falling into sin, and present you unblemished [blameless and faultless] in the presence of His glory with triumphant joy and unspeakable delight, to the only (wise) God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time and now and forever. Amen.** Father God, we thank You!! Because we have learned and now know that it is only You that is able to keep us from **stumbling and falling** into sin. It is only You who rid our lives of the wrinkles, blemishes, and scar tissue of sin; as well as the many hurts and disappointments we encounter walking through this battlefield of life. We've won many victories; only because of You. And through You we'll experience many more!! Truly, **you are the only "WISE" God.** For who could come up with such an ingenious plan that can without a doubt, save any facet of humanity no matter how deep we may have fallen, or how far away we may be from You? This plan of Salvation, this deliverance You have wrought through Your wisdom is beyond awesome; it is without words of explanation!!!

All we can do is bow in humble submission, giving praise, thanksgiving, and worship, to Your High Holy, and Exalted Name!!! For what you have done, the devil cannot undo!!! THANK YOU!!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, words fail us; there is no language known to man to give you the thanks and accolades only You deserve!!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 29**

**Regulating Our Lives According to the Word**

**Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instructions.**

Our Lives in Christ must be regulated by the commandments of His Word. This enables us to live godly lives. The fear of the Lord, reverential fear, is the beginning of knowledge. This breaks down human pride and self-glorying. As we respect and obey God's instructions, we gain the wisdom to live and walk according to His Word. Let us not live our lives as fools, hating to receive godly instructions that will greatly assist us in living lives of discipline, temperance, honor, and favor before others and our Lord.

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, we desire to cling to Your Word because we know that our very survival resides in the power of Your Word as we obey it. We know we can do nothing without it.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 30**

**What We Have Lost, We Can Regain through Your Word**

**Psalms 119:130 (AMPC) The unfolding of your (glorious) words give light; Their unfolding gives understanding to the simple (childlike).** It is Your Word that is the gateway, giving illumination, causing us to see and understand who You are, and how you feel about Your people, and the plans You have for our lives. In the light of Your Word, You make wise the simple. As we immerse ourselves in Your Word, we will receive instruction, insight, and understanding. As we walk in the light of your Word, You will continually reveal Yourself to us.

We know it is Your delight to have an ongoing sweet fellowship with us. Your unfailing Word serves as a compass, and guides us through every situation, every circumstance, and every test and trial we will encounter as we walk through life. The answer to our every dilemma is in Your Word, leading us safely to our eternal home where we will forever bask in the light of Your Presence.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, thank You for Your glorious Word that lights the way for our lives.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 31**

**Your Word Lights the Paths of Obedience to Life**

**Psalms 119:105 (NKJV) Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.**

Even as we walk in darkness of the unknown paths of life; You through the light of Your Word, keep our feet on the right path. It is the Word that lights the pathway to our ordained destiny. The Word of God is like ears to hear and eyes to see which path in life we should take. If we follow, we will not lose our way. As His Word is light and life.

*Prayer for Today*

*Father, the pathways of life would be very bleak and overshadowed without the compass of Your Word. Thank You for lighting the paths that will lead us to our destiny.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 32**

**Walking in the Wisdom of God’s Word**

**Psalms 119:98 (AMPC) Your Commandments make me wiser than my enemies; For Your Words are always with me.** Walking in the instructions of My Word produces the God kind of wisdom. You will always have the advantage over the enemy. Keep your personal, professional, and spiritual life wrapped up in My Word. In doing so, peace, success, and joy are yours.

*Prayer for Today*

*Thank You, Father! In Your Word are instructions and wisdom to be successful in every area of our lives!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**



**July 28<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 33**

**Blessed and Favored by God**

**Psalms 119:2 (AMPC) Blessed and favored by God are those who keep His testimonies, and who (consistently) seek Him and long for Him with all their heart.** So very happy and full of joy are you who through faith in My integrity, have kept and are keeping My Word. Through the faith process, you are learning that I am the God you can trust. Trust me with your whole self. I won't leave nor forsake you; I Am God.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, put a seeking in our hearts for the more of You.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 34**

**The Rewards of Delighting Ourselves in Him**

**Psalms 119:92 (AMPC) If your law had not been my delight; Then I would have perished in my time of trouble.** Let My law, My Word, My precepts, and promises be your delight; even in strong trials and testing; when being afflicted. You'll come out better, not bitter. You will learn and experience things about Me that you never would have known, had you not gone through what you allowed Me to take you through. I love you and will never forsake you. For you are My child!

***Prayer for Today***

*Lord, I so desire for Your Words to be the delight of my life. Please make it so!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 35**

**Our Desire and Inheritance is in the Lord**

**Psalms 119:111(AMPC) Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart.** You can safely trust what I, Jehovah, have spoken. For I am El Elyon, the Most High God. I AM the first cause of everything. I own the heavens and the Earth, and the universe!! My Name is Truth, Justice, and Righteousness, I AM Sovereign! In this fact, you can greatly rejoice. This is what My law is and does: The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping them is great reward.

(Psalm 19: 7-11) AWESOME ISN'T IT!!!

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You for being the awesome God that You are!*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Day 36**

**The Peace that Sustains During the Storms**

**Psalms 119:165 (NKJV) Great peace have those who love your law and nothing causes them to stumble (they have no stumbling blocks). Great peace** comes with an intimate, deep, love relationship with My Word. The power of satanic offenses loses their strength and are replaced by a peaceful deep serenity that will overshadow you and yours. The offenses will roll off your soul and spirit, as the oil of My Holy Spirit takes away their ability to disturb your mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. **There is GREAT peace in being hidden in My Word!**

***Prayer for Today***

*Thank You, Father for a peace that is like no other!*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Day 37**

**Arise at Midnight and Give Thanks**

**Psalms 119:62 (NKJV) At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous judgments.** Since I never sleep; even at midnight, I await your praise and thanksgiving unto Me. My decisions concerning you have always been based on My perfect love for you. Let Me share with you some of the things I, your Father, have put in place concerning your destiny, and the plans I have for your life. Wake up sleepy head!! I have some revelatory things I'd love to share with you. Come on, I love you and I'm waiting with much excitement!

Your Daddy, God.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, give me the strength to come at Your beckoning. I really do want to spend sacrificial time with You.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

**Day 38**

**Longing for the More of God**

**Psalms 119:20 (KJV) My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times. It is good that your soul longs after Me to the point of breaking.** That pleases Me greatly. It prompts Me to pour upon you the richness of My grace, mercy, and blessings. For I AM sooooo moved by your thirst and hunger for Me. I'll withhold no good thing from you.

***Prayer for Today***

*Father, we know You'll satisfy our longings for You.*

*Amen*

**Have a “God” day!!**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

**Day 39**

**God's Word Has an Agenda**

**Psalms 119:160 (AMPC) The sum of Your Word is truth (the total of the full meaning of all Your individual precepts); and every one of Your righteous decrees endures forever.** I, (My Word), does not get tired. It is always active, going about accomplishing my purpose! I AM Supernatural Endurance. Your problem, your situation, nor circumstance, can wear Me out! Everything must and will bow and become subject to Me! I always finish what I have started!!!

*Prayer for Today*

*Father, thank You for continuing to work on Your agenda for our lives.*

*Amen*

**Have a "God" day!!**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Day 40**

**It's a Done Deal**

**Psalms 119:89 (AMP) Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven, (standing firm and unchangeable.)** It's a done deal!!! What I have spoken, I have spoken! There is no variableness or changing in my character or nature. I have honored My Word above all My Name. My Word is the epitome of integrity. I have never been caught in a lie, nor ever will be!! I AM Who I AM! I am Jehovah.

*Prayer for Today*

*Father, thank you for your unchanging Word!*

**Have a "God" day!!**

*\*Thank You, Father for this time of Consecration; a time set aside for prayer, fasting, and seeking Your face, as the times we live in demand it. We have entered into Your presence hungry and desiring the more of You. We pull on Your power, strength, and anointing to lead us around the pitfalls and traps of the enemy. Save us from the spirit of compromise; save us from ourselves; cause us to stand strong in your Word. Thank You for listening to our heart's cry.*

*We do pray this prayer in the awesome and matchless name of Jesus!! Amen*

*\*Scripture references: KJV; NKJV; AMPC*