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POST PANDEMIC PRAISE

Written by Bishop Gregory Wells

Grace and peace to all the Saints of the most High God. It is my prayer that these few lines find all the Saints and their families enjoying the blessedness and peace that comes only from our Lord Jesus Christ.

When asked about this month's article, what leapt to mind was something that was in my spirit for months: The Post Pandemic Praise. I have entertained this as a sermon title, which I look forward to preaching. But it seems that this was the time and place to introduce the concept of "The Post Pandemic Praise!"

So, I thought about what scriptural reference could be applied. Then just today the Lord reminded that very familiar Psalms 91. The Psalm begins with a very inspirational and encouraging verse, **"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."** It is a Psalm or song of God's promise of divine protection for His people. Different kinds of calamities are pictured - wars, failures of life, and plagues that bring sickness. To that, the Psalmist says in verse three, **"Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence"** - that pestilence of plague and disease that causes so much death and suffering as to have its own soundtrack of suffering, that weeping and wailing that fills the night air because people are in pain. That has been the record of this pandemic of the coronavirus - people dying in unprecedented numbers, the worst situation of its kind in the last one hundred years. Even the Saints were impacted by it, either directly or indirectly. But through it all God has been with His people and it seems that our country is about to reemerge from it. Many of the safeguards are starting to be lifted.

Businesses are reopening and operations are returning to their pre-pandemic norms. To the extent that we can see and experience the return of these "norms", I submit that we owe our God a particularly high level of praise.

We should glorify Him in a way that excels the "stop gap" measures of the last fourteen months. We should release ourselves from any and all restrictions that have caused us to be conservative in our worship. Since we are enjoying increasing levels of freedom in Him, we are to celebrate our freedom from fear. Again, the Psalmist said, **"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday"** (vs. 5,6).

We no longer fear the pestilence or the destruction that has ravaged our world, even in the light of day as well as the dead of night - not simply because of the vaccine, but rather because of the God who is always faithful. Those who love the Lord, have an enduring word of consolation in the Psalm: **"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling"** (vs. 9,10). Wouldn't you agree that our excellent God deserves excellent Praise? Let us sing our song, let us tell our stories, and let us do our dance and let go, giving Him our "Post Pandemic Praise!"

Maranatha,
Bishop Wells

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Are you a Palm Tree?

The word of God tells us in 2 Timothy 2:3, "Thus therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Are you secure, able to go through your storms? Do you brace for incoming trials and tests? Are you prepared to handle what comes your way?

Let us consider a palm tree. Typically, palm trees can survive in tropical climates, and tropical climates produce tropical storms such as hurricanes. Hurricane winds can reach as high as two hundred miles per hour. However, a palm tree can withstand the wind because of its unique structure and sturdy trunk. Palm trees have a spongy tissue within their structure, which allows them to stretch and bend without breaking. Therefore, even though the violent winds turn and cause palm trees to bend, the palm tree can pull itself back to an upright standing position.

Now, let us consider ourselves. God gives us armor to withstand the storms in our lives. Ephesians 6:10 states, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." We must strive and come out on the other side, then prepare for the next storm.

Let God stretch you. You are strong enough to carry the weight and not fall. You can hold on until the storms of life cease for a moment. Then, bend but do not break and do what God created you to do, which is to endure. "Endure hardship as a good soldier."

Know this, Jesus is ALWAYS in the storm with you! You are never by yourself.

Be Blessed,
Evangelist Brenda Harris

WHATEVER THE TRUTH IS, LET ME LOVE THAT

Written by Tracy Isley

We have all heard the expression "my truth" or "your truth." "It's important that I speak my truth," someone once said during a conversation. When someone else said there is no "your truth" and "my truth", but only THE truth, she took issue with it saying that her life's experiences are true and personal to her, and that they are not anyone else's, and therefore it is her truth. It occurred to me that she was talking about her version of the truth. I got to thinking about 'the truth' and realized that, obviously, only God can say what is actually the truth, and further, that God does not have a version of the truth as in 'the truth according to God'. God IS the truth: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6a).

As we begin to move around more like we did pre-pandemic, tests will come but breakthroughs are waiting. Deliverance is at the door. With all the praying and reading we did over the past year, we don't want to reemerge still bound by the same old hurts that vexed us pre-pandemic. We don't want 'our truth' to hold us back.

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the LORD pondereth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:1). Saying 'I have my truth' is a way of saying that my way is right in my own eyes. Can I put this above God's word? John 8:46 says, "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" I can't imagine trying to justify to God 'my truth' when He has made Himself available to us this whole time.

During a recent trial with a familiar pre-pandemic 'issue', I found myself asking God, "Whatever the truth is, let me love that." I wanted to be free of old struggles and hurts. I wanted the victory. Romans 8:26 tells us, "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered." Continue to pray in the spirit and ask God to help you love the truth. That truly is a prayer He will answer!



JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Bible Class 7P</i> reunuing in-person ---Church fast-method is your choice---	3 <i>Roundtable</i> 11:30A <i>Mother's Bible</i> <i>Class 6:45P</i>	4	5 <i>Sister-2-Sister</i> <i>11A</i> <i>Choir</i> <i>Rehearsal 1P</i>
6 <i>Intl Missions</i>	7 <i>Prayer 6:30P</i>	8	9 <i>Bible Class 7P</i>	10 <i>Roundtable</i> 11:30A <i>Mother's Bible</i> <i>Class 6:45P</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> <i>Prayer 6:30P</i>	15	16 <i>Bible Class 7P</i>  --- <i>Lively Stone Convocation 7P Nightly, Day Sessions---</i>	17 <i>Roundtable</i> 11:30A <i>Mother's Bible</i> <i>Class 6:45P</i>	18	19
20 	21 <i>Prayer 6:30P</i>	22	23 <i>Bible Class 7P</i>	24 <i>Roundtable</i> 11:30A <i>Mother's Bible</i> <i>Class 6:45P</i>	25	26
27	28 <i>Prayer 6:30P</i>	29	30 <i>Bible Class 7P</i>			

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SATURDAY
JUNE 5TH
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Sister-2-Sister CONNECTION

HEY YOU, GET A LIFE!
The Handbook for the Easily Offended

Everyone has their own story. In your life's story, about making mistakes and seeking, just make yourself a hero. Christ is a hero and we are to be like Christ.

Author: Dr. Greg Webb, Founding Pastor
aka: "The Holy Prophet"



Zoom Meeting ID: 847 5345 6538
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A READING BY
Sister Maundria Baskin



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Th June 3

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June 17

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Passcode: 662158

June 24

Meeting ID: 863 2926 1759

Passcode: 370280

Sunday School on Zoom

Call in: 312 626 6799

June 6

Meeting ID: 840 2172 2844

Passcode: 992967

June 13

Meeting ID: 870 1379 0504

Passcode: 077089

June 20

Meeting ID: 841 5517 1865

Passcode: 498891

June 27

Meeting ID: 823 5191 0184

Passcode: 940434

Prayer List

Bishop and First Lady Wells

Bishop and First Lady Jones

Mother Parker & Family

Mother Jefferson & Family

Mother Brooks & Family

Sister Alicia Jennings

Sister Bernadette Crape & Family

Sister Jeanette Wells & Family

Sister Monica Williams

The LeSane Family

The Goode Family

The Walls Family

Geoffrey Wells & Family

All families affected by COVID-19

All first responders

To be added to the prayer list, email your request to
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