

DECLARING THE STRENGTH AND POWER OF AN UNCHANGING GOD!

(Psa 71:18) Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

(Mal 3:6) For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

MY TESTIMONY: GOD'S STRENGTH, POWER, AND MERCY!

- Received Christ as my Savior at 5 years old! June 1987 (at age of 50) Jesus Christ became my Lord! - I fully surrendered to Him!
- May 14, 1992 - 3 day fast – pray for release of \$3.3 M recorded debt! Seven years later, May 14, 1999 - Final debt paid! - *(Deu 15:1) At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts!*

OUR GOD IS UNCHANGABLE! - AN UNCHANGING GOD IN A CHANGING WORLD!

- We are in a changing world! Evil abounding! Trump assassination attempt! Wicked, blasphemous
- Olympic Games ceremony! Hamas/Hezbollah/Iran against Israel! The 2024 USA election!
- The world is ever changing, but the relationship of a believer cannot be changed!
- The Great Unchangeable – *(Mal 3:6-7) For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. [7] Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. (Lam 3:22-23) Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. [23] They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

HOW ARE WE AS MEN TO LIVE in this time and hour as examples of Biblical Masculinity?

He is unchangeable! *(Heb 13:8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!*

- We need to be in His WORD; on our knees in PRAYER; and BLESSING OTHERS in our life!
- *(1Sa 10:26) And Saul....valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had touched.*
- *(1Ch 12:32,33,38) of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, [33c] stouthearted men who could keep ranks; [38b] came to Hebron with a loyal heart.*
- *(2Pe 3:11,14,18) Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, [14b] Be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; [18] but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*

PRAYER IS SO IMPORTANT!

- Jacob's Prayer: Standing on the promises of God! Importance of Humility! To fully surrender!
- *(Gen 32:9-11) Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD (wonderful address) who said (PROMISES OF GOD) to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you: [10] I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies (HUMILITY) and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. Having humility is so important! LORD, help me with my lack of humility! [11] Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. (Jacob's HONESTY)! LORD help me with my lack of honesty!*
- *(Gen 32:13) So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother: And having prayed, then what does he do? He starts to SCHEME! God help us! We are so much like Jacob. How long after my turning my problems and burdens, giving them to the LORD, do I take them back? How often? Is there improvement going on this my life?*

HIS WORD TELLS US BY FAITH TO BLESS OTHERS, ESPECIALLY YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR FAMILY! LET US AS GODLY MEN BLESS ONE ANOTHER!

- Example of Isaac blessing his sons! *(Heb 11:20) By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. Jacob blessing his grandsons and his sons! (Heb 11:21) By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.*

- (Gen 49:1) *And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:*

IN CHRIST IS OUR LIVING HOPE! HE IS COMING SOON! WHAT ARE WE TO DO NOW?

- **Turn back to Him!** (2Ch 7:14) *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*
- **Go and make disciples!** (Act 1:8) *But you shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Mat 28:19-20) Go therefore and make disciples (learners) of all the nations (tribes, families), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching (impart instructions) them to observe (leaning toward doing) all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Tit 2:13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!*

WHERE IS YOUR HOPE? IN WHOM DO YOU TRUST? WHERE DO YOU STAND?

- **HE IS SAYING, COME TO ME! HIS INVITATION TO COME!**
- **Who do you trust in? Where's your hope? Where and upon what are you standing?**
- **An old hymn says it well!** *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand. Where is your hope? If you're not standing on Jesus today, you are on sinking sand. The ship's going down. But Jesus has offered a life raft.*
- **How can we leave this place this morning without giving an opportunity, an invitation?** It's not my opportunity, my invitation, **it's His!** And the call remains the same.
- **Come and listen.** Listen! If you came in here and you don't know **Christ as Savior**, it's **time!** The Bible says now is the day of salvation. We don't know **what is going to happen** today or tomorrow. **If you're not standing on the solid rock of Christ, you will sink!**
- **Today, if you want Jesus**, I'm going to give you an opportunity and that opportunity is going to look like you coming up here, standing right here. **Jesus didn't call His disciples in secret.** (Luk 12:8-9) *Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. [9] But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.*
- Jesus said. **Follow Me!** I believe Jesus is calling some of you to follow Him. **Follow Me!**
- The question is, **will you respond?** God is unchanged, but you are changing, you do not have forever to receive it. There is a day coming when you will stand before Jesus, (Php 2:10) *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow!* **If you don't kneel now, you will be made to kneel then.** Your eternity will be **an eternity away from God.** He doesn't want it that way. So the unchanging God took on human skin. He became a man, while always remaining God. God in the flesh **dying on the cross! For you!**
- **Maybe you're a prodigal.** Maybe you grew up in church hearing about Jesus, but you've walked away. **It's time to come back.** It's time. Maybe **you've never even heard** what I'm talking about today. But you're saying, **I want that! I need that!** Listen! **Time is running out!** Our salvation is nearer today than it's ever been.
- **Jesus is coming.** So during this song, I want to give you an opportunity. **If you feel a stir in your heart, that is the Holy Spirit. Don't dismiss it.** I'd love to lead you in a prayer, to lead you to Jesus. That's all I can do. It's not my invitation. It's not my opportunity. It's His word!
- **So if you want Jesus, then come up here and don't wait!**
- *Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*
- **Oh Father I come before You in the name of Jesus. I recognize that I've sinned and fallen short of the grace of God. And I'm here asking for forgiveness. Asking that You would forgive me of all of my sin. I confess You as Savior and Lord. I ask that You come into my life. I believe that You came, You died and You rose again. And I choose this day to follow You with all of my heart, no looking back! I repent of my sins. I turn from my sinful ways. And I choose to love You and surrender to You. I give you my life! In Jesus name. Amen!**