

Flames of Faith Ascending Prayers



Recently, I read a testimony that stirred my heart. You might think that is not unusual. But it was one of those stirrings that brought a lump to my throat so strongly that I was struggling to hold back the sobs. You know how that feels, when it comes from deep within, bubbling to the top, and running over. It has happened to each of us at one time or another. There was a video attached to the testimony. It was only a few minutes long and as it came to an end the Holy Spirit began to remind me of something that had happened to me years ago. It was then that I knew how the Lord was leading me in this issue of Flames of Faith.

Many, many years ago my brother and sister and I joined together and bought our Mother a rare puppy. It was an albino Schnauzer that had pure white fur and a cute black nose and dark eyes. She named him Tinker and he was a member of the family for many years. He eventually grew to be very old and somewhat blind and then developed the habit of wandering away. He needed to be watched constantly when he was outside.

It came to pass that Mom and Dad went on a trip and asked me to watch Tinker while they were gone. I was more than happy to do that. Mom and Dad left and a couple of days went by. Tinker and I were outside working when I suddenly realized that Tinker was not in the yard. I hope you can imagine the panic I felt as I began calling his name as loudly as I could. I ran all around the house and began looking in every nook and cranny. He was nowhere. It was a typical hot and humid morning in Mississippi and I was already dripping with sweat. But now I stood there and knew what I had to do. I turned around in a complete circle wondering what direction Tinker was mostly likely to go. The thick woods full of brush, poison ivy, and wild sticker bushes surrounded this small clearing. But, I knew what I had to do...

I ran inside as quickly as I could and changed into clothes to cover my skin. I knew it was hot but the alternative was getting scratched up by thorns, branches, stickers, and bitten by mosquito's. I added heavy shoes and gloves and took off out the door and into the woods.

Calling out for Tinker as loud as I could, I would stop every so many feet and hold perfectly still to listen for any movement, rustle of leaves, or maybe a bark that would give me a clue to where he might be. The hours went by. I cried. I pleaded with the Lord. I wiped my tears and my nose with the tail of my shirt and kept going. I had no idea how far I had gone but the sun was beginning to go down and I needed to give up for the night and find my way back to a familiar place so that I did not get lost myself. I was so angry with myself. How could I be so stupid. My imagination was running rampant with all the things that that poor little dog could be going through. I cried all the way back.

I was ready when the sun began coming up the next morning. It was barely dawn when I took off again into the woods but in a different direction this time. I searched and called his name from dawn until dusk every day. I don't remember how many days I did this. I lost several pounds in a short time, probably from dehydration too. I wept and prayed and refused to give up until I knew that I would never find him and if I did, well it was probably better for me not to find him. I dreaded having to tell my Mom that I didn't watch Tinker close enough and that I was not able to find him. She actually took it quite well and was very forgiving, more than I was of myself.

The Holy Spirit can stir us up in so many different ways. The Lord was there when I was crying for Tinker to be found and He remembers every moment of it better than I do.

I read the testimony and watched the video in the quiet of my room. The tears welled up as I leaned back in my chair and the memory of Tinker came flooding in. I was suddenly acutely aware of how the Lord feels when just one of His sheep are lost. I recalled the determination, tenacity, and desperation that drove me to search unceasingly and I pray that I would have that same motivation of the Holy Spirit to search for the lost sheep of Jesus.

LUKE 15: 1-7

1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

So let me introduce you to one of our sisters in the Lord. Her name is Juliet and she has the determination, tenacity, and the motivation of the Holy Spirit toward the lost. This is a true story about a Jewish man that Juliet would not give up on. His name is Mr. Cohen and this is a testimony worth repeating. I hope you will pass it along. . . *Jewells*



A Divine Appointment... Juliet and Mr. Cohen
5/9/2016

On Friday April 29, 2016 around 2pm I spoke with a Jewish elderly man. He was very rude (as always).

JULIET: I looked at him and told him, "Mr. Cohen it doesn't matter how rude you are with me! I'm going to LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND RESPECT YOU" :)

Mr. COHEN: I don't Get it!!! Why are you always have to be happy? And Smiling? Are you crazy?

JULIET: Mr. Cohen I just wanted to share with you that YOUR MESSIAH changed my life :) this is the reason of my joy

**MR COHEN: I have never hear this. It doesn't make sense!!
(He was quite for a minute, thinking)**

JULIET: Can I ask you something?
What about if Messiah came and your people missed it?

MR COHEN: No, no I don't BELIVE this Can you prove it to me?

JULIET: I will pray that the Holy Spirt/ RUACH HAKODESH will bring revelation to you.

MR COHEN: your comment doesn't make sense. I really BELIEVE you have lost your mind.

JULIET: in your Tenach you will find that Messiah is the one whose life is portrayed in ISAIAH 53...(I hand it a copy of Isaiah 53)

I ask him if we can read it together. And told him THIS CHAPTER SPEAKS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. I told him "I BELIEVE IT IS JESUS"

MR COHEN: I don't know what to say.

JULIET: would you allowed me to pray for you?

ME COHEN: YES!! With a smile in his face. I have nothing to loose!!

JULIET: and you have so much to gain and be bless through the grace of God for salvation I need to make sure you are in agreement with my prayer?

MR COHEN: yes absolutely. I'm in agreement.

JULIET: I pray for divine intervention of the Holy Spirt in his heart for him to know the truth and receive it. I quote some scriptures and he was very open as I prayed for a hunger in seeking his face. As the Grace of God is sufficient for him to received his LOVE.

I share Ephesians 3:20(KJV)

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

MR COHEN: he stand up and say I HAVE TO GO But can we met for tea later around 7pm and you can share more with me.

JULIET: YES!! I would love too.

Around 7:10 I was unsure if he will be there but, oh surprise! the Lord brought him and he was waiting for me. We have the opportunity to talk more and share about the goodness of his word.

MR COHEN: told me that he called the rabbi because a part of him always was questioning about Messiah, but he didn't have any answer but Rabbi try to prove that he was just emotional, but he prayed.

As he read Isaiah 53 many times. He received this word in his heart as he was waiting for 7pm to meet me. He ask the Lord to speak to him and he received the truth that he was longing for. We spoke more and I shared the Lords word and prayed and he acknowledged that he was a sinner and needed a savior and BELIEVED AND CONFESSED AND REPENTED of some wrong he did and received.

I lead him to Christ and we both shared some tears as the moment was so peaceful and We praised the Lord for the divine appointment and Intervention of the Holy Spirit as He order our steps to met.

JULIET THEN SHOWED MR.COHEN THIS VIDEO

Isaiah 53 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67fhPR6YtRY>

On Monday May 2nd I went to his son's house and brought him a muffin with a candle and balloons to sang Happy Birthday in Spanish because his birthday was on Sunday (I wanted to see if I can connect with his family to share the word) Mr. Cohen told me he was traveling to Israel on Tuesday but when he returned at the end of summer He will give me a call and met with me again. He gave a Star of David as a present.

But this past Thursday May 5th my boss told me he passed away that morning at 5am.

I was speechless being a witness of the Lord mercy over this man soul for salvation. He leave the 99 Sheep. To go behind Mr. Cohen to bring him back to his kingdom through salvation.

Luke 15:3-7 KJV

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5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

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A Testimony from Juliet

As it happened by the Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

The Berean

Church of the Great God

2 Corinthians 5:11

(11) Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. *King James Version*

When God summoned us to His way of life, He persuaded us with various proofs that He exists, desires a relationship with us, and rules not just the universe but also the affairs of men. As often happens during our first love ([Revelation 2:4-5](#)), we desire to share our joy and newfound truth with others. Most of the time, our early evangelistic efforts fail to produce any new converts to the faith- instead, our efforts usually cause problems in our relationships.

Most lay-members, after one or two failures of this sort, get smart and desist in trying to convert their relatives and friends. They realize that nothing will ever happen without God first calling the other individual and changing his heart by His Spirit to accept the truth ([John 6:44](#); [Romans 2:4-5](#); [8:7](#); [I Corinthians 2:10-14](#); [Hebrews 8:10](#); [Ezekiel 11:19](#)). All our preaching and cajoling will accomplish nothing unless God moves to initiate a personal relationship with him.

Ministers do not have such an easy out. Certainly, in their personal relationships they can quit trying to "save" those unconverted members of their families, but in their professional capacity, their job is to "persuade men." In personal conduct, counsel, sermons, and articles, they must devote their energies to showing and explaining why God's way is true and will lead to eternal life in God's Kingdom.

Today, that is not an easy task. It has never been easy, really, but the current environment makes it harder than it has been historically. For starters, though a high percentage of people say they believe in God, most people are no longer religious but secular. Religion is not a high-ranking concern, and because of this, religious issues fly under their radar and over their heads. They just do not care, and even when they inquire about them, they do not understand them because they lack the background and education necessary to evaluate them properly.

Another problem is competition. It used to be that most people at least treated Sunday, "the Lord's Day," as a Sabbath and devoted most or all of that time to religious pursuits. No longer. Sunday, though it is not God's Sabbath day, is used just like any other day: for work and entertainment. If God receives a few hours on Sunday morning for worship services, most Americans - and Europeans to an even greater degree - think He should feel satisfied that they could spare Him even that much!

Yet a third hindrance is the way moderns think. Too many people, especially younger adults, have absorbed the postmodern, values-neutral approach. This way of thinking considers every idea and belief as equally valid, neither right nor wrong. A person can believe anything he likes - even that the moon is made of green cheese - and he should not be judged as right or wrong. Any god one worships, or for that matter, if one chooses to worship no god, is fine, and no one god or belief system is better than any other.

In such an environment, how can we persuade anyone of the truth? Our success certainly looks bleak.

The answer lies in what Paul writes in [II Corinthians 5:9-11](#): "We make it our aim . . . to be well pleasing to Him." Our judgment does not rest on how many men we persuade but on whether we do the job. We are called to make the witness for God and Christ to the best of our ability and strength. Christ will judge us "according to what [we have] done, whether good or bad." How others react to us and what we say or write matters little; it is "God who gives the increase" ([I Corinthians 3:5-8](#)). As Paul says, one plants and another waters, but what happens to the sprout is not under their control but God's.

Thus, we cannot quantify the results of our persuasion as others can. We cannot see the growth of our "business" in statistical form. The true measure of our success will be revealed in God's Kingdom, and even then, we will be unable to claim the glory for it. For in persuading men, we "do all to the glory of God" ([I Corinthians 10:31](#)).

~ Richard T. Ritenbaugh ~
The Berean





A Word from Mr. T

February 21, 2016

I know I have spent many years trying to figure God out and I have finally come to the conclusion that I am not told to figure Him out.

I am told to obey Him, to love Him, to trust Him, to depend on Him.

And in doing this I am obedient, and with child-like faith, He will supply those things which are needful in my understanding.

Not me deciding who God is, but Him sharing with me His character, His nature, His beautiful countenance.

Amen

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A Word Given to Brother Dave

April 28, 2016

The Lord just spoke to me as I was praying.
He said, "I have given you the power to cast out demons and to heal people with the name of
Jesus Christ.

I want you to stop feeling as if you are walking a life with me
that is just "kinda sorta maybe."

You are a child of God and you are mine. I give these things to you and I want you to start
claiming my power in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

When I came into your heart I washed your sins away and I didn't just wash your sins away I
forgot about them.

You are a Holy Ghost filled child of mine and I am not weak like some people are making it
seem.

It doesn't take 5 hours to get rid of demons and the temperature doesn't need to be 85 degrees,
and the fighting in the Middle East doesn't need to stop for me to hear you.

I am here always and I want you to come before me boldly and tell me what is upon your
heart.

I rose again so that Satan and all his minions are defeated once and for all.

I didn't die on the cross and rise again from the dead so you might "kinda" be saved.
The devil made me do it doesn't cut it.

You cant say that I don't know what you are going through because I walked the earth and I was tempted in the flesh just like you.

Satan doesn't make us do anything. He tempts us and he deceives us but in the end it is your choice what you do.

I want you to stop listening to what some people are saying regarding what needs to be done to get deliverance.

They are making a mockery of my name by telling you need to do this and that in order for you to be delivered.

That is nonsense and I want you to stop listening to man and his methods of getting delivered All of those man made prayers and trying to list everything is not from me.

I give you the power in my holy name to cast out demons and I want you to do so and understand that I do it NOT you.

You need to claim victory over Satan and stop living in fear.

I am within you. I filled you with the Holy Spirit the very second you accepted me as your Savior.

I in habit your praises.

Keep focused on me and pray and read my Bible so that you think of me and not Satan and his deceiving ways.

I love you and I didn't die in vain.

You change, I don't. I was, I am, and I will be perfect.
Start singing my praises and all will be well in your soul."

End of Holy Ghost speaking to me...Brother Dave.





Salvation Prayer

Jesus said anyone that calls upon Him will be saved.

It is that simple.

Just the whisper of His Name from a heart that believes is enough.

He already hears your heart.

But the prayer from your lips is the invitation He longs to hear.

If you do not know how to pray you can read this prayer to Him.

He will hear you and make all things new within you.

Father, I believe you sent your Son Jesus to be the sacrifice for my sins and that He died for me so that I can be saved from this world and have eternal life.

I ask you to forgive me and take away my sins.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead by the power of your Holy Spirit.

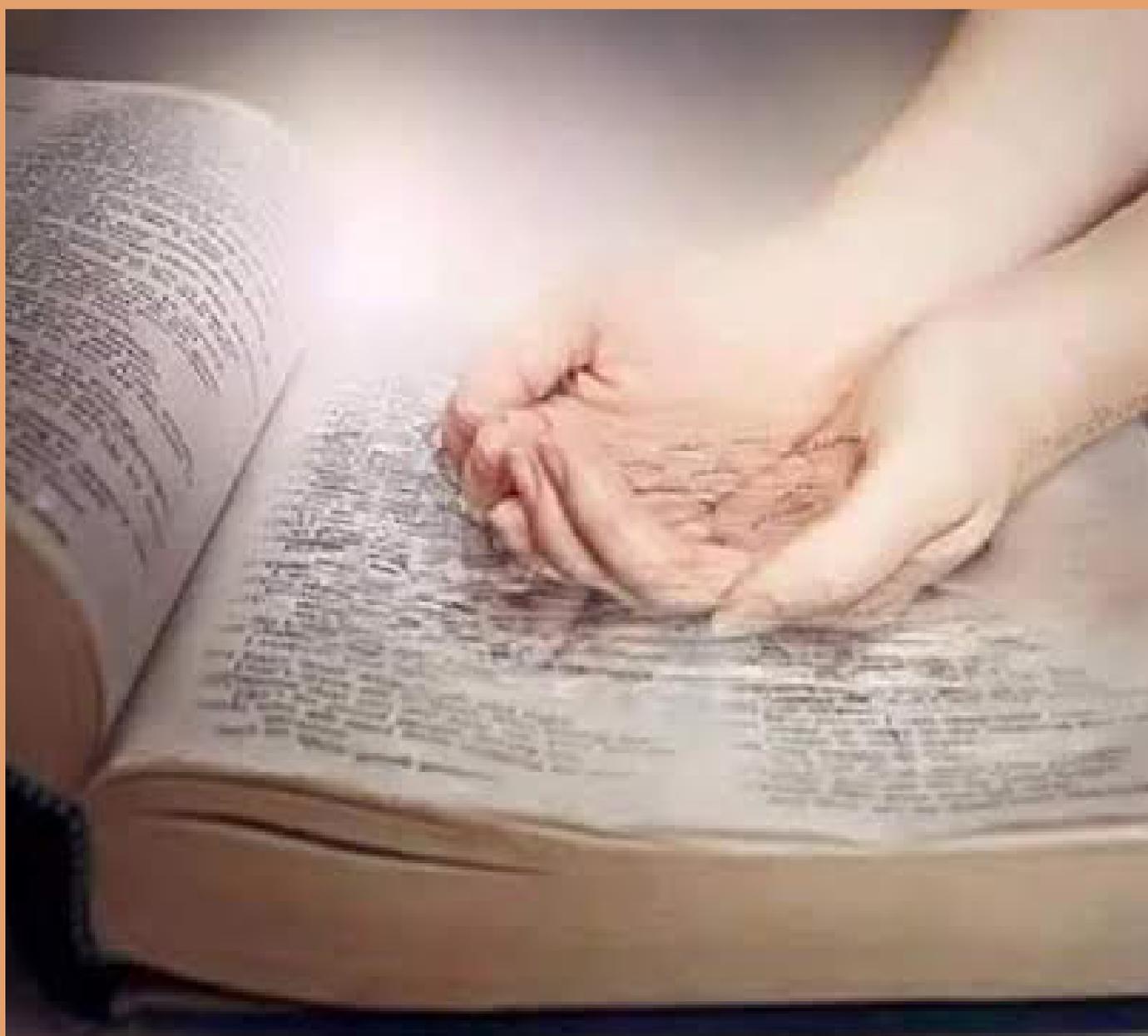
I believe He is alive right now.

I ask Him to come into my heart and live in me.

I believe that Jesus is Lord.

In Jesus Name I pray,

Amen.



WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER
THAT I WILL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST

John 4:14

Submitted by Sister Janine

How precious is the moment...

When brothers see the same thing .

