

Flames of Faith Ascending Prayers



**The entrance of Thy words giveth light;
it giveth understanding unto the simple.**

Psalm 119:130

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void;
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
And God saw the light, that it was good:
And God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:1-4

I was imagining what it must have been like when the light of God suddenly burst through the darkness. The darkness fled and the light revealed a visual banquet teeming full of life. The best part must have been the break-through of spiritual freedom that had been shut up by the darkness. AND God saw the light that it was good. Praise the Lord.

Is it any wonder that Jesus tells us He is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life? Is it any wonder that He tells us through the Holy Spirit to walk in the light as He is in the light? Oh, God's Word is full of light! Full, over-flowing with an abundance of light!

The Holy Spirit always leads us to the Light and to the Truth. Now, isn't that interesting when you think about that. John 1:3-5 says that All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life...and the life was the light of men. AND, the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. So, there He is. Jesus, in the beginning. See, isn't that interesting that the Holy Spirit always leads us to the Light and to the Truth?

But please let me go a step further. The scripture says in Psalm 36:9, For with Thee is the fountain of Life: in Thy light shall we see light. Interesting. The Lord tells us Himself in Jeremiah 2:13 that He is the Fountain of Life. AND, then we have this great revealing of light in I Peter 2:9 where the Holy Spirit tells us that He has called you "out of darkness" and "into His marvelous light". Praise God!

How can I stop now? These Word's of God are so known to most of us but are they alive to you and me? Oh, how I pray this is a living Word to us! Especially when He says that "God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all...but then He tops it all off like icing on a cake when He adds that He has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, and that you (we) are "complete in Him." In Him. You are "in" Him. In Him who has no darkness in Him! And you are complete "in Him." Check out Colossians.

Oh I know Brothers and Sisters...it is a topic I talk about a lot. But there is more. So please, stay in the light with me as I continue...for in His Light do we see light.

The scripture that I am led to in all of this is one that we read but tend to just skim over it and move on. Mostly because we really don't get it or we don't think it applies to us. Are you ready? Can you stand to have more light in your life? I don't want to be one of those who shrink back from His light at His coming.



The scripture **I John 1:5-7** says in verse 7; **But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** So what about this? Does this mean that we just avoid sin and that is what it means to walk in the light? That is of course part of it but there is more. **There is a walking...a walking that walks “in the light.”**

Ephesians 5:8 says this, **“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord, walk as children of light.”** Okay, you are light in the Lord...you are light...in the Lord...walk...”walk as children of light.”

I Thessalonians 5:5 says, **“Ye are all children of light, and children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of the darkness.**

Colossians 1:12 also tells us, **“the Father has made us meet (qualified in Jesus) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.**

These are just a few scriptures that explain who you are and the fact that your Father and your Lord is light and you are part of that because He has created you in Christ Jesus and you are in Him and in Him there is no darkness!

So how do we, who are children of light, walk in the light as He is in the light? One of the ways is by staying...in the light. Let's see what Jesus said...

You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel...

...but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16).

Jesus has given His disciples instructions. **These instructions have not changed.** The instructions that Jesus gave to His Apostles and disciples are the same instructions He has given to us. These instructions require **“walking in the light.”**

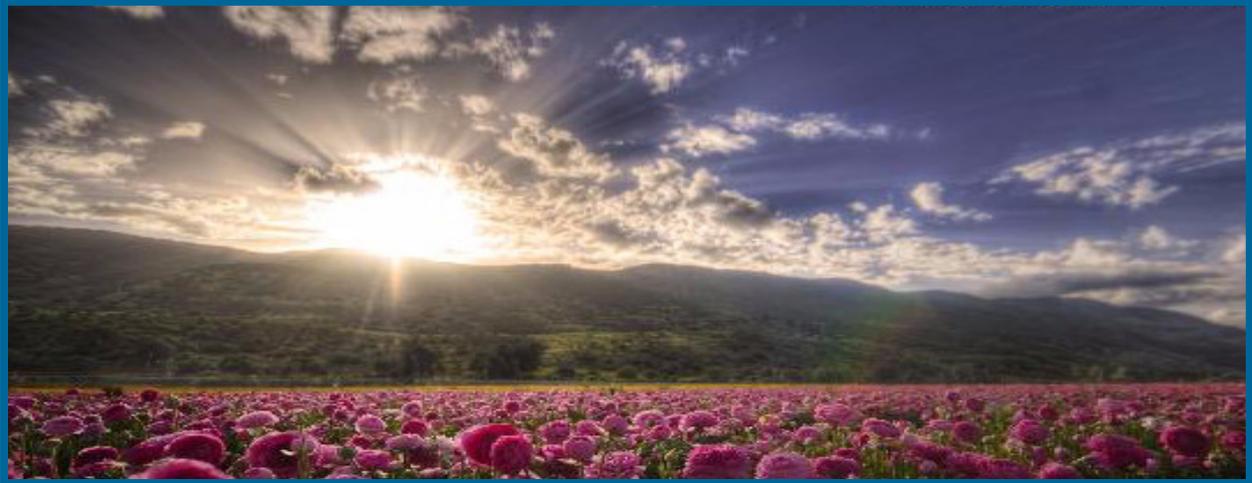
To be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer of it requires **“walking in the light.”** We already established at the beginning that God is light and we are told to walk in the light and that we are in Him and that we are children of light and of the day and not of the darkness. **To walk in the light is to walk according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So what does “according to” mean?**

2 Timothy 4:1-5 says, “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; Preach the Word; (the entrance of Thy word brings light) be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine (the Gospel).

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

I have to stop here...Listen please. Paul is talking to Timothy, who was the pastor at the church of Ephesus. This is also prophetic in nature and a warning to us all. Read it again. “The time will come...when they (those listening to the sound doctrine of Jesus) will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (desires to hear what they want to hear and do) will heap (gather, search out) to themselves teachers, having itching ears (to hear what feels good, those that agree with them, and that which requires no repentance or change); AND...they shall turn away their ears (away from the Gospel of Truth) and (they) shall be turned (paying attention) to fables (lies, deceit, and trickery.)

But watch thou (you watch) in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.



Paul told Timothy to **“charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies which minister questions rather than godly edifying which is in faith (I Tim1:3-4).**

There is a reason the Holy Spirit has this in the New Testament for the church to read. We live in a dangerous time. The danger for us is the continual blurring of lines between light and dark that surrounds us more and more. Take for instance the way the worldly powers have called what is evil, good and what is good, evil.

There is another distinct deception that has taken the forefront also and it is this: An assault on truth. It started years ago with opinion-editorials taking the place of unbiased journalism and reporting. From there it became a tool for mass population manipulation through exposure to disinformation which was untruthful and deceptive in nature with the purpose of convincing the viewers that what they were learning was coming from truthful sources and therefore was real and reliable information. In other words...all would believe it to be true when in fact it was not.

Thus alternative news was born and embraced by those, who through factual investigations would report the truth (as they saw it). At first this seemed a good thing. But now it also has become so blurred that one cannot tell the facts from fiction although both are treated as “truth”. There is only one truth...Thy Word is Truth.

Brothers and Sisters, the grieving of the Holy Spirit is this: “Watchman” have become a dime a dozen in the church. Most do not even understand the concept and the spirit of being a watchman as it is intended by the Lord. The commission of the Lord to His disciples is to share “the good news” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the reason Jesus came. It is the “only” reporting as witnesses of His grace.

The gospel. It is a word rarely used by the church any more. In the bible it is only used in the New Testament. The Greek word used is in Strong's Concordance and is #G2097 and #G2098 and here is the meaning: **to announce good news, to declare glad tidings, preach the gospel, preach the good message, preach the good news.**

Jesus said, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations.....teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...

Then opened He there understanding that they might understand the scriptures...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Mark 16, Matthew 28, Luke 24, and Acts 1).

Brothers and Sisters, please listen with heart wide open. The fellowship of the saints is **the fellowship of the gospel**. Read Philippians chapter 1. The times that the disciples and Apostles lived in were terrible, perilous times and yet you read very little of it in the New Testament. What you do read is the afflictions and sufferings that befell them **“for the sake of the Gospel” and the power of God!**

We are all witnesses of what He has done within us by the power of His Spirit. I know that in the heart of a true Christian is the desire to walk in the light as He is in the light. I know the desire to be obedient like the original disciples. listening, hearing, and being a doer of God's Word is the cry of our heart. There are some who will read this and will as the scripture says **“will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”**

Remember God separated the light from the dark. One cannot come near the other. He always stands between them. Always.



The fellowship of the gospel is a spiritual force. It is a connecting power in the Body of Christ. Like a ligament is to a muscle so is the gospel the fellowship between each of us in the light of God's Work and Purpose for us.

Remember, **I John 1:7 says if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. None. Zero. Zilch.**

And the fellowship we have with Him is in verse 3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write I unto you, that your joy may be full (I John 1: 3-4).

The Father God will not allow darkness into the Body of Christ. He is a Father and if we were not sons and daughters He would not correct us. But, we are sons and daughters. We are children of light. We are not to be like those children of Israel that came back from spying out the land and gave an evil report of how bad the world that they saw was. No! I want to be like Caleb and Joshua. They saw the same things but their report was...:In the Lord, we are well able to take them.”

We are not called to study the darkness, the untruth that swirls in this world. We are not to be reporters of darkness and evil. That only serves to glorify the devil and so many have fallen into this dark place of the bad report. It is not God's will.

Reporting such things does not promote the kingdom of God. But serves the purposes of darkness as those things are spoken and spoken and spoken again and that after God has told us that **“death and life are in the power of the tongue and those that love it will eat the fruit thereof” (Proverbs 18:21).**

There is a harvest. Jesus said, **“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest (Matthew 9:37-38).**

How do we know what the will of the Lord is? It is in His Word. And Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. John came to bear witness of the Light. That was the true Light which lights every man that cometh into the world (John 1).

What will you share with others? Will you tell them about the darkness that is in the world? Or, will you tell them about the Light that came into the world that all might be saved; that whoever will believe on the Only Begotten Son of God who came sinless and died with our sins upon Him and having washed away our sins by His own blood, rose from the dead on the third day that we might rise with Him.

Brothers and Sisters, Wide is the road that leads to destruction and narrow is the path that leads to life; few there are that find it.

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ....

If you are My disciples, abide in My Word, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

A word of love,
~ Jewells ~



For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.” (*Isaiah 62:1*)

On Jerusalem Day, Israelis will parade through the streets of Jerusalem to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967.

So although Jerusalem was reunified on June 7, 1967, because of differences between the Gregorian and Hebrew calendars, Jerusalem Day falls on May 24th in 2017.

On this day, during the Six Day War, the whole of Jerusalem once again came under Jewish sovereignty for the first time in 2000 years!

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’ **Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.**” (*Psalms 122:1–2*)

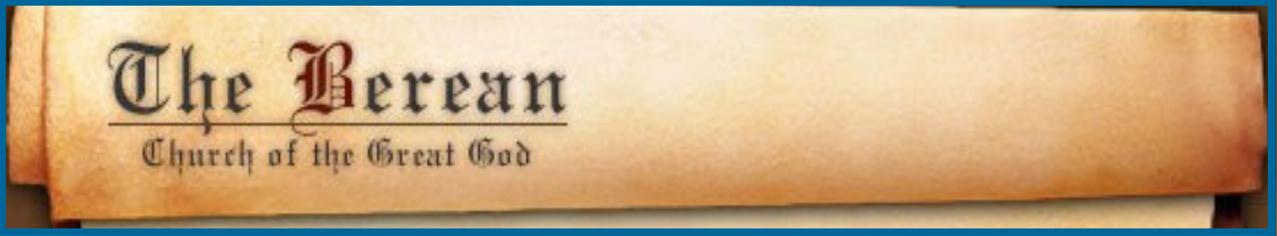
“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.” (*Psalms 84:5*)

Thousands of Israelis will travel to Jerusalem on this day to show solidarity with the city as well as visit the Old City and the Western (Wailing) Wall.

“Jerusalem ... That is where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel.” (*Psalms 122:3–4*)

This is most definitely a day of rejoicing, and Jews and Christians everywhere should give praise to God for His faithfulness and the **prophetic fulfillment of Scripture.**

"Therefore, this is what the Lord says: 'I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,' declares the Lord Almighty." (*Zechariah 1:16*)



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John 11:3-5

(3) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. (4) When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. (5) Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

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His relationship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus was different from the relationship He had with other people. Why? One reason is, as we find in other places, He stayed with this family when He was near Jerusalem. He had undoubtedly eaten quite a number of meals at their home, and they had had ample time to talk about the plan of God, as well as their hopes and dreams, problems, trials, and difficulties. Jesus likely counseled them in these matters. As a result of this fellowship, within this family atmosphere, grew an intimacy of thinking that He did not have with many others. The Bible does not say all that often that He *loved* somebody the way He loved these.

Trust in a historical fact can be essentially passive, but so what? It might not be a vital part of life. However, a Christian cannot have the kind of conviction needed unless he recognizes that he is fellowshiping with a very wonderful, living, dynamic, and gracious Personality. When we pray to Him, He wants us to think about that relationship, about Him, His power, His willingness, His purpose, and everything connected with Him in His relationship with us.

Trust in a Personality energizes the quality of the prayer. In this case, it infuses the trust with a firsthand knowledge of the Being to whom we are appealing. Prayer's most important fruit may well be the understanding gained of this Personality: what He is and what He does.

~ John W. Ritenbaugh ~
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IDF Paratroopers capture The Temple Mount

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**Western Wall
Jerusalem, Israel
May 22/23, 2017**

**The Day Before the
50th Anniversary of the Retaking of the Temple Mount
in 1967**

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