

Warm greetings in the NAME that is above ALL names, JESUS CHRIST, our soon coming KING, LORD & SAVIOR to ALL who trust HIM into their hearts. (Rom. 10:9,10). May the LORD shine HIS GRACE & LOVE upon you daily, & strengthen you as fear & anxiety abound across the nation & world. In these times, GOD'S people must TRUST HIM for rest of body & soul. (Ps. 27:1, 5; Ps. 31:13, 14; Ps. 91:2).

June, like May, was an extremely busy & fruitful month that had over 250 coming to the Lord in 21 services. (John6:44) There were also 12 hours of counseling at the L. A. County Jail along with chapel services that had very large harvests (GOD has their attention now.) It never ceases to amaze me that multitudes of men in their early 20's have life sentences. Life is precious & also short. In Ps. 90:10, we are given 70, if by strength 80 years. Our tomorrows are not promised. (Prov.27:1) Even though they have a life sentence, I encourage them to offer themselves to the LORD (Ps. 116:12). Give HIM the hours of each day to be HIS to direct. View all the time as a TRUST from GOD, & be a light in those dark places.

The 2 services at the Long Beach Rescue Mission were packed & both brought in large harvests. Jacobs Well, a small group in a recovery home always embraces the WORD. My home Bible Study (25 years) is still going every other Monday. Everyone is welcome. The L.A. Mission, the 2 services at the Union Rescue Mission (men's & women's) & Tuesdays at the Fred Jordan Mission were anointed & blessed. On Skid Row there are large percentages who rededicate their lives to the Lord. I encourage them to get into the excellent spiritual growth programs & get clean, praying, praising, dressing & suiting up with the whole armor of God. At the Fred Jordan Mission, the teachings I'm giving to the men in the program on spiritual warfare & pulling down strongholds (one hour & then the Chapel service) have been well received & strengthening. I give them nice Bibles & always the Arsenal Prayer (Download at www.melnovak.com). The Chino Women's Prison services have been such a blessing. They are hungry for the WORD & some 80% are coming to the LORD or rededicating. Sadly, an inmate committed suicide while in the hole.

I had a big treat this month as my daughter Lea & her husband Doug were in town for my birthday (39 every year J) & we also celebrated Father's Day. I wish all of you dad's a blessed Father's Day. I miss mine. Another treat was being a guest speaker at a wonderful Spirit filled church for Pastor Art Vanderpol, an anointed man of GOD. He had me do the 10a.m. & 6p.m. service at his Calvary Faith Center Foursquare Church in Rancho Cucamonga. David & Connie Threlkel, Pastor Art & his wife Helma & I had a late lunch before my Chino Women's Wednesday service.

I've noticed in the last several months that multitudes of people that I minister to on Skid Row & those who call me with prayer needs are backslidden. The devil is assaulting their minds with guilt, shame (nailed to the cross) & condemnation. (Romans 8:1). Instead of going to the Lord in prayer & spending quality time in the Word of God, I find that they are calling 7 or more people for answers. That's how the devil brings confusion. (1Cor.14:33) GO TO THE LORD !!! I'm hearing, can I return to GOD even though I'm backslidden? YES! YES! YES! REPENTANCE is a lifelong exercise (I John 1:9). The Bible speaks of cases such as Sampson falling for Delilah but returning to GOD at the end of his life, & David committing adultery & murder, later to be restored to the LORD. We serve a GOD of second chances, P.T.L. None of us would have any hope if it were not for the mercies of GOD. In Jeremiah 3:22, it says, "Return, you backsliding children & I will heal your backslidings. Turn, O backsliding children, says the LORD; for I am married unto you." How could GOD take back someone that has abused HIS goodness? We would have judged the fallen into hell a long time ago, but GOD continues to reach out for restoration. Religions would say, "kill the sinner," but GOD says, "you who is without sin cast the first stone." Ps. 86:15 shows His compassion & mercy. Oh, how HE loves us.

America is full of backslidden people & America itself is backslidden. We look at backslidden people as those who once called themselves Christian & now have turned from the LORD to go back into sin. Self is on the throne of their

lives & CHRIST is dethroned. In Jeremiah Chapter 3, GOD is addressing a specific backsliding that many today would NOT recognize as sin. It is the sin of Spiritual whoredom. Israel was the world rather than the CREATOR of the universe. See Jeremiah 3:15 for what GOD says to the returning Israel. The backslider has grieved the heart of GOD, but GOD continues to reach out with love to the backslider to return. We must NEVER shun them, but always encourage them to come back into HIS loving & forgiving arms. BACKSLIDDEN , BUT NOT FORSAKEN. Pastors, men, women & children that have fallen backwards from GOD are being called to return to their MAKER. Our GOD, who gives second chances, looks beyond the sins to see the need. How many will return & be forgiven? GOD is doing a great thing in the church & HE will not rest until it is done. (See Hosea 11:7) Do YOU need to return?

Until next month, may GOD BLESS YOU, & to you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

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