

Beloved in **CHRIST JESUS** our **LORD**, I extend to you warm greetings in the name of our **BLESSED LORD**. I trust that in spite of the adversities & afflictions of life, (Ps 34:19) you are **FORGING** ahead & can **TESTIFY** to the fact that “it is **WELL** with your **SOUL**.” This is a most wonderful time of year, **THANKSGIVING**, & next month we celebrate the birth of our **LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**, who was the only one born for the sole purpose of dying — **FOR US ALL**. Because of Matt. 1:21, we can shout, “**PRAISE THE LORD**.” It’s **JESUS’** birth, the **ONE** who saves **HIS** people from their sins. It is **MERRY CHRIST-MAS**. Let us **PRAISE HIM, DAILY** for our blessings, not only on **THANKSGIVING**, but scores of times during the day. **PRAISING GOD** is intended to be part of every Christian’s life, as well as **PRAYER** & spending time in **GOD’S WORD**.

In November, there were some cancelled services & a couple of lockdowns so there were only 18 services this month. The **HOLY SPIRIT** brought in over 200 who prayed the sinner’s prayer (John 6:44), considerably lower than the last 2 months. Most came from the 3 days of ministry at the L.A. County Jail services. The counseling hours were very fruitful & I gave each one a Bible, plus an Arsenal Prayer (I’m closing in on giving out 60,000 in English & 5,000 in Spanish) along with a *Pulling Down Strongholds* booklet by John Osteen. On November 2nd, I drove to Donovan Penitentiary, a 5 1/2 hr. roundtrip, which is a Level 3 Maximum Security facility. I’ve been going there over 18 years. All 3 services were well attended with over 80% praying the Sinner’s Prayer. There were many rededications (I John 1:9). There were some inmates there who heard me preach in other prisons. Chino Women’s Prison, as always, was packed. New faces, new inmates, all hurting. The sermon was well received & they left with hope & encouragement, which is all **JESUS**. The Skid Row Missions all had well attended services. The Fred Jordan Mission changed the service time from 6:15 pm to 2:00 pm & the attendance has doubled. My home Bible Studies (29 years) attendance has been sporadic, even though it is on a dead night (Monday) & it is every **OTHER** Monday, a solid 2 hours of the **WORD**. **ALL** are welcome, 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

I teach & preach a great deal on Spiritual Warfare as the war is raging like never before. In almost 27 years of ministry, this year was the year of “attack.” He wears camouflage & walks in the shadows. He studies his enemy’s weaknesses & scouts their defenses. When attack is least expected, he strikes. This undercover foe I’m describing is our spiritual enemy, satan. Too many do not recognize satanic assaults. They mistake them for

everyday struggles. But, do not be deceived — they are all too real. **JESUS** clearly recognized the reality of the enemy who tempted him **IN THE WILDERNESS** (Matt. 4:1).

Satan always attacks us where we are most vulnerable: in our minds. That is his playground! The Christian life is **NOT** a playground, but a battle ground (Eph. 6:12). After all, temptations may manifest through our flesh, but they begin with our thoughts. That is why I Peter 4:1, Phil 2:5; Rom. 12:2 are so important. II Cor. 10:5 is the key verse to **WIN** the battle of our minds. “Casting down arguments & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of **GOD**, bring **EVERY** thought into captivity to the obedience of **CHRIST JESUS**.” The moment the negative thoughts enter, counter attack in the name of **JESUS** (Phil. 2:9-11) & tear them down. Our spiritual enemy is a formidable foe that we cannot defeat on our own. There is tremendous **POWER** in the name of **JESUS**. The more your mind is flooded with the **WORD** of **GOD**, the less he can deceive you (I Tim. 4:1, 2). I am in constant battle behind enemy lines, & expose him with **GOD’S** Word. **BE ON THE ALERT**.

So, the overwhelming question for us as Christians is: how do we walk in victory? Our salvation was won at the **CROSS**, but that doesn’t prevent satanic forces from trying to disrupt our relationship with **GOD** & to ultimately destroy our life. Paul gives us our battle plan in Eph. Chapter 6: First, we must ID the enemy (vs. 11, 12). Second, we are to dress (**DAILY**) in the full armor of **GOD** & stand firm (vs. 13-17). The next verse reveals the key to withstanding Satan’s onslaughts — we **MUST** appropriate the **STRENGTH** of the living **GOD**. ONE WAY: by **PRAYER** (VS. 18). It is through prayer that the **LORD** releases **HIS** energy, divine power & protection, enabling us to live a godly, holy & peaceful life regardless of our circumstances. It is **ONLY** through **PRAYER** that we can sense forewarnings of satanic attacks, which can be targeted anywhere in our lives. The enemy has no defense against persevering prayer, which crushes his might & sends him running. Get on your knees **DAILY**, cry out for **GOD’S** divine direction & guidance (Ps. 32:8) & **PRAY HIS** whole armor on by **FAITH**. You will have the power you need to stand firm against the enemy. Lay your burden before **GOD** in **PRAYER** & **HE** is always faithful to provide what we need. (Phil. 4:19)

Until next month, may our **LORD** bless you with the oil of gladness & the manna of peace? To you who sent love offerings, **I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU**.

In His Majesty’s Service,

Scriptures to embrace: Jas. 4:6-10; Prov. 3:24; Matt.18:3-5; Job 22:22, 29; Ps.57:7-11