

Dear child of the KING, GRACE to you & PEACE through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is not without reason that I address you as I do. In the first instance, IN CHRIST, that is your EXALTED position & in the second instance, as I survey our world, the SON OF GOD stands out in INCOMPARABLE CONTRAST to ALL others, past, present & future.

Increasingly, as we listen to the news & all the horrible things happening in the world, we are seeing the quicksand upon which our world is built. Even though our world is coming unzipped & monumental problems growing, we, as believers in the LORD JESUS CHRIST should not despair, run to the hills, or give up in fear & panic, but show ourselves TRUE SOLDIERS of the KING OF GLORY. How grateful that we who are in CHRIST are building on the solid ROCK. I'm always encouraging us all to live one day at a time, serving HIM. Like Nehemiah, we are building the wall, but we are also carrying the trumpet.

October was a challenging month with a great deal of resistance to souls coming to JESUS. One day of a potential harvest was lost because of racial unrest & lockdown in a prison. Had an excellent harvest starting the month off at the Long Beach Rescue Mission. The four evening services at the Fred Jordan had a less than normal harvest of souls. The Bible study I lead there before the services ALL were well received. The two services at the Union Rescue Mission were huge & blessed. I still leave the woman's service with a heavy heart for all the children there with their moms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM! The L.A. County Jail service was also a good time of harvesting, as was the Chino Women's Prison. The testimony this month was sent to me by Susan Atkins. This sister in the Lord that went home to HIM was a precious saint. As always, the L.A. Mission Services were all well attended with a fine harvest. Always enjoy ministering for the most excellent ministry 'Hope For the Homeless Youth' at the Dream Center. There were 20 services & over 200 came forth.

I was blessed to play in a short softball tournament in Menifee, CA. I went 13 for 13 & hit one over the left centerfield fence 325'. I wasn't able to play ball for 16 months because of the bone spur in my neck that was growing into a nerve. GOD gave me another miracle as HE dissolved it. Received some wonderful letters from inmates that have 25 years to life or life without parole who pray for me & are encouraged by the Word that I bring to them. Victor wrote & said, 'Mel, the size of your giants that come against you determines how capable God sees you. You have defeated many (thru Jesus) in the past, & the one you are facing now will do down in fiery defeat!

î The VICTORY is MINE, but the BATTLE is the LORD'S!!!

I was drained in the middle of the month after doing 9 services in 10 days, but after 2 days of refreshing rest & recharging, I was ready to press on. If satan cannot distract you with worldliness, he will seek to wear you out, even using the good work you are doing for the LORD as a means of draining your energy. That's why I have certain days during the month to rest & recharge. In fact, Daniel speaks of a time at the END OF THE AGE, when the enemy will attempt to wear down the saints of the HIGHEST ONE. (Dan. 7:25). GOD never intended for us to do HIS will without HIS PRESENCE. The power to accomplish GOD'S purpose comes from PRAYER & INTIMACY with CHRIST. It is here, closed in with GOD, where we find an ever-replenishing flow of spiritual VIRTUE. In the beginning of my ministry, the LORD called me to SPEND TIME IN PRAYER, WORSHIP & the STUDY OF HIS WORD. What burdens we carry ñ what weariness accumulates ñ when we neglect the PRIVILEGE of DAILY spending time with JESUS. It is so important to readjust our priorities (Matt. 6:33) & MAKE TIME, no matter how busy you are. At some of the penitentiaries I minister, when I ask, "Are you praying, reading the Word & putting on your arsenal prayer?" Too many say, "Oh, Brother Mel, I'm too busy, I don't have time." I tell them, if you don't do it here, you won't do it when you leave & the devil will get you back. Certainly there will be increased pressures for time, but no matter what circumstances surround us, we must position ourselves first & CONTINUOUSLY in the PRESENCE OF GOD. For to miss our time with JESUS, is to miss HIS GLORY in the day of HIS PRESENCE. GOD created us for fellowship with HIM FIRST! It is humbling to know that GOD seeks an intimate relationship with us. As you realize the depth of GOD'S LOVE, you will stand in amazement at HIS GLORY & MIGHT. HE IS THE GOD YOU CAN KNOW! You may be a believer, but LONG to have a closer relationship with the LORD.

Σ Ask God to give you a desire to know HIM better each day. Spend TIME IN HIS PRESENCE.

Σ PRAY for a love of HIS WORD. HIDE HIS WORD & principles in your heart so that when adversity, temptation or trials come, you will be equipped to handle them.

Σ Be OBEDIENT (I Sam. 15:22) to the LORD.

Σ ACCEPT HIS FORGIVENESS & the fact that HIS LOVE for you is UNCONDITIONAL. The requirements for knowing GOD include desire & a humble heart. God wishes to meet the person who cries out to HIM. (Ps. 34:15, 17, 18).

Σ PREPARE to be BLESSED. A joyful heart & a life of BLESSINGS are the results of CLOSE fellowship with the SAVIOR. Neither of these is achieved thru human effort. It is only through a life of DEVOTION to CHRIST that we know true BLESSING. To know HIM is to LOVE HIM.

Until next month, may GOD BLESS you

ABUNDANTLY, & to you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return---with LOVE.

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak