

GRACE & PEACE to each of you from GOD our FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST, our soon coming KING.

I trust that in spite of any adversities or afflictions (Ps. 34:19) you may be experiencing, you can still shout, ÌPRAISE THE LORDÌ anyhow (Ps. 18:3, Ps. 50:23 Ps. 34:1). PRAISE is how I enter HIS throne room along with WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING (Ps. 100:4, Ps. 34:1), knowing ÌHE inhabits the PRAISES of HIS people (Ps. 22:6). It is a good thing to PRAISE HIM no matter how harsh the storm is that you may be going thru.

Speaking of storms, we got hit with huge rain & thunderstorms here in L.A. during the middle of the month. The people on Skid Row were soaked to the bone, sick with colds, flu & other infirmities. I've hugged so many after a service & pray GOD will give them mercy & strength to bear it. I'll always believe that GOD is doing a work of deliverance in the most desperate situations of their human existence. I'm always encouraging them to Ìcry outÌ to HIM (Ps. 107:6, 13, 14, 28 & Ps. 30:2).

While August & September had 47 services in 4 different states, October brought forth 23 services with a blessed harvest of well over 350. The mission services were packed, as well as the prison chapel services. At the L.A. Co. Jail, I did 2 services & also 7 hours of counseling, which is fruitful to give Bibles & lead them to CHRIST. GOD sure has the attention of those I counseled, facing life or a long stretch of years. This is a wonderful harvest field. Both of the Sunday & Wednesday services (at the Long Beach Rescue Mission) were heavily attended with a large harvest of souls, as were the 2 services at the Union Rescue Mission, men's & women's. The L.A. Mission Service & all of the Fred Jordan Mission services were encouraging as scores came forward to receive JESUS as LORD. There were many who asked for prayer to be delivered from drugs & alcohol. ALL received GOD'S Arsenal Prayer. (Download it: www.melnovak.com),

The weekend at Donovan Penitentiary, where I've been ministering for 16 years was such a blessing. There are MANY who will never get out, but are SERIOUS Christians. They also pray for me. Chino Women's service had over 70 & most said a prayer that I led to ÌFORGIVEÌ themselves. Preached at Pastor Bruno's church in Anaheim on Saturday night. Rabbi Andrew had a Fall Festival of Tabernacles on another Saturday night. Pastor John & Doreen Greenaway from Ireland were there. I stayed with them when I did 2 weeks of ministry & they are such a loving couple who are true servants of the LORD.

As we approach Thanksgiving next month, I'm seeing many people's lives filled with fear, doubt & regret (II Tim. 1:7, Ps. 56:3, 4, 8, 9, 13). The world seems to be spinning out of control, & the mere thought of praising GOD anyhow seems almost surreal. Yet, GOD'S WORD is very clear: ÌRejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give THANKS, for this is GOD'S will for you in CHRIST JESUSÌ (I Thes. 5:16-18). Notice the words ÌalwaysÌ & Ìwithout ceasingÌ, & Ìin everythingÌ. GOD'S instruction allows no time limits, circumstance or situation in which we should not be thankful.

Why does GOD challenge us to give thanks for our suffering & adversities? In HIS wisdom, beloved, our HEAVENLY FATHER has provided exactly what we need to turn our tragedy into victory. An attitude of PRAISE is our GOD-given key to VICTORY in times of trials & tribulations. First: giving thanks to GOD keeps us constantly aware of HIS presence (Deu. 31:6, Heb. 13:5). Second: Giving thanks motivates us to search for GOD'S will & Plan (Ps. 32:8, Prov. 3:5, 6). Third: Giving thanks teaches us to become more submissive & obedient to HIS will (I Sam. 15:22). When we do this, our hearts will be more thankful & we can experience

GOD'S true peach (Phil. 4:7). HE knows our heart (Luke 16:15, I Sam. 16:7). Fourth: Giving thanks, even in suffering, teaches us to TRUST GOD (Naham 1:7, Ps. 91:2, Ps. 32:10). I remember when I was dying on March 14, 1998, I had PEACE & the last thing I said before they put me out was, ìLORD, Iím just going to TRUST YOU.î The more we trust GOD, the deeper our relationship with HIM grows. You may wonder, how is it possible to be THANKFUL in EVERYTHING? The truth is, it is IMPOSSIBLE for you & I, BUT ALL things are possible for GOD (Luke 1:37, Matt. 19:26, Jer. 32:17, 27, Mark 10:27). The Holy SPIRIT, who indwells EVERY believer, empowers us. HE will give us the strength to glorify GOD even in our darkest hour. PRAISE THE LORD!!!

Until next month, may GOD richly bless you. To you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold blessing. To Anna Hayford, THANK YOU & Nelson Publishing for the box of Bibles.

In His Majesty's Service,

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