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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David – and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, James Jackson and wife, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Gordon, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## ***The Pastors Thoughts:***

### **God has made everything beautiful in His time.**

*"I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it."* Ecclesiastes 3:10

In the life of a Christian, it must be understood that God's blessings are not only in the good, but all parts of life. God promised the believer tribulation, persecution, trials, and much more. We seem to only talk about the blessings of God when good things happen, but that is not so, God's blessings are in everything that happens. God promised also to rebuke and corrections in our life, not only because we are doing wrong but also to strengthen our path in life. Bad things happen to Christians just like it does the sinful lost, God said it rains on the just and unjust alike. If sometimes it seems that life here favors the lost, God said it would and that we are not to be jealous but content. Millions of believers have suffered very horrible deaths in persecutions, Jesus Christ was crucified as well as most of His disciples, most never had anything in this world. It was not because God did not love His people or bless them, it was because that was God chosen will for them before the foundation of the world. *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* 2 Timothy 3:12 Our life as believers in Jesus Christ were foreordained before the foundation of the world and nothing in time can change the predestined will of God. *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10 We see these words in 1 Peter 4:19 *"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."* God did not only elect the good in our life, but He foreordained all our life. The believer's life is not by chance, it is not by choice, it is by the ordained will of God. As Christians we do not measure success in earthly possessions, we measure them in how God elects to use us. It is a glorious blessing to serve the Lord because that is what God elected for us. Therefore, it is more of a blessing to be used by Him even if that is to suffer a life of pain and misery in this life, than to be a successful lost person. However, let us look on:

In Ecclesiastes 3:11 God went on to say, *"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."* Pay special attention to this verse, do not let it slip by you. God has made everything beautiful **"IN HIS TIME"** no matter what it is, to God it is beautiful because He ordained it, He chose it for you. Life for the Christian is not about you or me or anyone else, it is about God and His will. If you look-up the word

“world” you will find it means “eternity”, God before the foundation of the world set everything and everyone in their heart to do His will. Nothing “just happens” there is no such thing as “luck” nor is there a “coincidence” there is only the ordained will of God. God disguises His will from people, He wanted Satan and the wicked hearted people to believe they crucified Jesus for a victory on their part, but it was promised in Genesis 3:15 as it was in other Old Testament passages. God wanted the wicked to think they crushed His people and churches in the “Dark Ages” (about 500ad to 1500ad) when about 50 million were killed, but it was God’s will. He wants them to believe they have a victory with abortion, but the victory is God’s, Christ will repay this evil deed on judgment day. Satan and evil only gets temporal victories because every victory of Satan and evil is really a victory for God. God set eternity in their hearts, their all doing God’s will, God leaves nothing to chance, God controls every detail of every thought or act. God may elect to lead us thru the fire, thru the muddy waters, thru the valley of pain and death, but God will in the end lead us to Christ. Victory is the Believers, it is not in the lost people, their victory is short lived, and their end is eternity in hell. Live your life Christian, be content, and serve the Lord, because the final victory is yours in Christ Jesus. *“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”* 1 Corinthians 15:57 - 58

### ***THE GIFT OF GOD!***

By Susannah Spurgeon

*"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10*

O weary Man, footsore and sorrowful, sitting thus on the well, asking a drink of water at the hands of a poor sinful woman — You are my Lord and my Redeemer; I believe in You, I love You, I worship You! Nearly two thousand years have passed since You spoke the sweet words which are now comforting my heart, yet with what power, and solace, and blessing — do they come to me at this moment!

"If you knew." Lord, You have told me who You are, You have in mercy revealed Yourself to me. I know You to be that blessed "gift of God" who alone can save and satisfy my soul. The depth and compass of Heavenly love are manifested in You, and You have shown me, not my need only — but the sufficiency of Your grace and power to meet it.

I am an empty sinner — You are a full Christ!

"You would have asked!" This, too, O blessed One, You have taught me and enabled me to do; and my heart's constant cry, "Lord, give me this living water!" is familiar to Your listening ears! It is You Yourself whom I want; Lord, "my soul thirsts after You!" Not Your gifts, nor Your grace, nor even Your glory — could satisfy the desire of a soul which You have made to long for Yourself. You, the Giver of all other precious things — are Yourself the choicest, the "unspeakable" gift! Lord, into the thirst of my empty heart — pour the full stream of Your living love! Give me Yourself — or I die!

And, having asked, I believe that You give, for Your own lips have said it, "He would have given" and I whisper softly to myself, the blessed words, "Who loved ME, and gave Himself for ME," realizing the sacred, overflowing joy of pardoned sin, and peace with God, filling and satisfying my soul.

So, dear Lord, my spirit, like a weary bird, folds her wings beside this sweet well-spring of comfort, creeps into this blessed "Cleft of the Rock," and is at rest!

### ***Church News:***

- Bible Conference on March 26 – 28 Pastor Johnson will be speaking at Northside Baptist Church in Oakdale, LA. Pastor Larry Wilson
- Bible Conference: on May 28 – 30 Pastor Johnson will be speaking at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Denham Springs, LA. Pastor Robert Keller
- Pastor Johnson will be gone on both Sundays' **Please join us if you can.**