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

Sister 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, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Sister Rebecca's Family, Dakota Sutton, Brother Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergej Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## **Thoughts from our Pastor:**

### **Satan shall not prosper**

*"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."* Isaiah 54:17

Our gracious God is certainly in control of everything in creation. God even created evil for His own glory, *"The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."* Proverbs 16:4 God's creation was for His glory and glory God will get. Satan is the Christians "adversary" and no other creature in creation hates God and Christians more than Satan. God said of our adversary, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"* 1 Peter 5:8 God said Satan's main purpose as our adversary was to devour us, which means to destroy us in totality as Christians and churches. Satan is not alone because he has countless angels that fell with him doing his will to destroy us. When I first was called to preach in 1983 Pastor Harace Hammond guided my attention to this verse, he told me that this is God's promise to me as His minister, for me to always keep it in my heart. This verse remains in my heart even today, and it will till the day I die. God never promised we would not have battles or that we would not have to war with our old adversary, or even that he would not defeat us, but that Satan and evil servants will not prosper. The word prosper means Satan will not be profitable or in finality he will not prosper. As we look back at biblical history, we see Christians defeated, we also see Christians and churches through history since Jesus defeated and even killed. Even today in the world we still are battling our adversary and his angels, even in the worlds governments we are hated. Destruction would be ours if it were not for God's grace. God promised in His word many times that churches and Christians alike would suffer great persecution. Therefore, it is not great thing if Pastors, churches, and church members alike shall suffer great tribulations and/or persecution's and even suffer defeat even to the point of death. But none of them will ever prosper for their battle and victory. Victory belongs to us; victory belongs to God and His people. This victory was promised to us when Jesus Christ died on that evil cross. *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Corinthians 15:57 Our victory is not a promise to win the battles against Satan on this earth, because the world system is his, victory is his, if God allows. However, when the earth is finished so are his victories because his reward is being eternally punished in the lake of fire. *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."* Revelation

20:10 Even in our time, even today, the battle with our adversary rages on, sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. However, whether we win or lose it is by God's grace, this was God's promise. "...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9 Satan, like any other of God's created creatures are limited to God's power of allowance. As we saw in Job we see every day, Satan doing only as much as God allows. Our victory in Jesus Christ was not made for this world, but for the world to come. Satan and his angels have not suffered their defeat yet, but God will punish them, "...every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Whatever we suffer on this earth we shall be rewarded in heaven, and whatever Satan does to God's people he shall suffer greater in the eternal hell that was created for him and his angels. Satan will not win every battle, God's grace will allow us to win some, and that win, every win will be such a blessing. However, our greatest victory will be when we are in heaven with our Lord. Evil will suffer loss, evil will suffer defeat, evil in the end will expire in the eternal hell never to be seen or heard from again. Satan only fights us because he cannot fight God, he has no power against God, the only power Satan has is what God has given him. God promises us that our fight is His fight, "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Exodus 14:14 While we can fight Satan, we cannot defeat Satan, but God can, and God will, Satan will not prosper! As Christians we cannot judge our victory by our earthly battles, for we have seen so many die at the hands of Satan and his servants. However, what may seem like a victory for Satan are defeats for him, victory will never be Satan's. Today, we are still battling Satan and his earthly servants, their hate and their anger against God and God's people are real. Our government is satanic controlled, our schools are satanic controlled, and almost everything else is satanic controlled, even some so-called churches and religious organizations. The fight may be ours, but the power is God's, the victory will be God's, and while it may seem like Satan has won, he has lost. We are God's heritage, we are God's own children, our churches belong to Jesus Christ and the victory will be ours, we will see Satan and evil people in hell in the end. Satan and evil will never prosper, here is our victory so let's all shout, Victory is ours, HALLELUJAH!!! Revelation 12:9 - 11 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

**More Thoughts!**

By Robert Murray McCheyne 1813 – 1843

A man is what he is on his knees before God—and nothing more! In great measure, according to the purity of the instrument, will be success. It is not great talents which God blesses—so much as great likeness to

Jesus! A holy minister is a powerful weapon in the hand of God!

Study universal holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this; for your sermons last but an hour or two—but your life preaches all the week! If Satan can only make a minister covetous; or a lover of praise, or of pleasure, or of fine eating—he has ruined your ministry!

"Lord, make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be!"

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As McCheyne's ministry drew towards its solemn close, he became increasingly conscious of the brevity of time. "I do not expect to live long \* Changes are coming; every eye before me shall soon be dim in death. Another pastor shall feed this flock; another singer lead the psalm; another flock shall fill this fold \* There is no believing, no repenting, no conversion in the grave - no minister will speak to you there. This is the time of conversion. Oh! My friends, you will have no ordinances in hell - there will be no preaching in hell \* Oh that you would use this little time! Every moment of it is worth a world."

**Church News:**

Please remember our upcoming Bible Conference September 16 6:00pm – 8:00pm and September 17