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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, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, 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 & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, 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 and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, Ruthie Craft, Bertito Craft, James Jackson and wife, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Message:

God Has Sovereign Control!

"Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee." Deuteronomy 23:5

As Christian we all need to understand that our life will have up's and down's. Sometimes we feel blessed and sometimes we feel cursed. However, we never need to forget to thank God for the good as well as the bad. We are the children of God, before the foundation of the world God elected us to be His and in time God sent the Holy Spirit to bring us to Jesus Christ. God sent His Beloved Son into this world and allowed Him to surrender Himself to Satan and the lost heathens to have His heel bruised Gen. 3:15, to die and be buried and to raise on the third day, shed His glorious blood to cleanse us from our sins. God loves us and therefore God has done this for us, God will never let His children down, EVER! We know that God has ordained or predestinated our life, we do not live on chance, nothing is chance with God's children. Here in our text we see God turn a curse into a blessing, why, *"...because the LORD thy God loved thee."* It did not matter that Balaam was hired to curse them, all that mattered was that they were loved of God. God's love never expires, *"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."* Jeremiah 31:3 But what about the curse, how did God turn the curse into a blessing? Because God is all powerful, God is the only source of sovereign, independent power, all powers are given from God, even to Satan and all demons. However, we can also narrow all powers in all creation down to two beings, Deity and Satanic. God proved to us His power and authority over Satan with His prophet Job. *"And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."* Job 2:6 **Here we see Satan ask God for the power to take everything Job had in his life, but Satan could not take Jobs life because God limited Satan's power.** This is why Balaam's curse would not harm God's people, God turned it in a blessing. As Christians we need never fear the powers that be, Satan, the haters, our governments, nor the world. We live every moment of our earthly life under the power and authority of God. God has given us this promise, *"For I am persuaded, that*

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38 – 39 Therefore, we must be content with our life, with what we have in life, and to everything that happens in life. Everyday is a blessing from God, therefore we should never just praise God for the good times but for every event and happening in our life good or bad. God has set your entire life before you and you will live it to whatever God has decreed. A lot of Christians throughout time have died at the hands of Satan’s people, including Jesus Christ. We who are so blessed never need to feel less blessed than anyone else because, as Paul put it, “**I Am what I am by God’s grace**” therefore God can allow a curse on us to fulfill it’s purpose or God can turn a curse into a blessing. God taught us in Romans 9:21 “*Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*” God controls the clay; the clay does not control the Potter. Everyone and everything created are instruments in God’s hands, therefore if Satan can curse us God has allowed it, to bless Him. Just as it was with Job, God allowed this event to show His power in Job. While Satan and heathenism have great powers, **God is the ultimate power.**

ONE CONSTANT IN A WORLD OF CHANGE

By Curtis Pugh

People, politics, religion, opinions, morals, economics, laws – you name it and it has changed, is in process of changing or will soon change. Is there nothing that remains constant? Is there no solid rock among the ever changing waves crashing around us?

Yes, there is one unchanging constant. In Malachi 3:6 we read: “For I am the LORD, I change not...” Jehovah is always the same, always dependable, always constant. Again we read, “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19). A similar statement is made in 1 Samuel 15:19 where it is written, “And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.” James contrasts God with the sun which is constantly producing moving shadows, calling Him, “...the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning,” (James 1:17).

Because He never changes we can depend upon what He has said. Because of this Paul wrote, “For all the promises of God in him [Christ] are yea, and in him Amen,” (2 Corinthians 1:20). God does not change. He does not need to change either His mind or His actions. (He may be said to repent - change or turn – only in that He may proceed in a certain direction for a time and then after arriving at a predetermined point move in a different direction, but this is all to achieve His predetermined purpose which has never changed.)

Joseph was instructed concerning the name of Mary’s firstborn, “...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins,” (Matthew 1:20) and He is doing just that. In the Old Testament it was prophesied of Christ that, “He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law,” (Isaiah 42:4). Neither God the Father, God the Son, nor God the Holy Spirit has ever failed nor will failure ever be known to God! He is dependable. His Word is sure.

His Word reveals His Son, the Savior, the Messiah, the Christ, God’s Anointed. Christ is called by God, “...mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth...” (Isaiah 42:1). The One in whom the Father delights is the One who is “the firstborn from the dead,” (Colossians 1:18). God’s foreknowledge of certain individuals and His predestination of them shall eventually conform them to the image of Christ, thus making Christ “the firstborn among many brethren.” We learn this from Romans 8:29 which says, “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” So it is that God, without failure, is constant and dependable in successfully carrying out His plan of salvation – which is the only plan of salvation.

Church News.

We live in unfortunate times. We have officially canceled our Bible Conference in September. We will hope and pray to have one next year on September 17 – 18 2021. We eat all our means out at restaurants, and they cannot handle our group. We just feel it is not to be this year and we will miss the blessing of those that normally attend. For those who do have their conference, please be careful.