

2020 has provided a course in prayer and trust. A year ago, prayer was a less significant part of our lives. For that awakening, we should be very thankful.

We still face a season of challenges. Health concerns persist, unapologetic censorship grows, disregard for God's truth abounds; yet, it is Christmas. We have the wonderful reminder that God sent His son! The Christmas miracle was not merely an act of kindness, it was a rescue mission. God knew we had a great need for a savior and He provided Jesus.

It is important to remember, Jesus is Lord of all. Nothing conceived in the hearts of humanity or hidden in darkness surprises him. Jesus is not threatened by sickness, economics or politics. He is watching over His purposes in the earth. Our assignment is to remain faithful, to stand in the truth we know.

We are not alone, the Spirit of Almighty God dwells within. We are His people, chosen to bear His name and called to serve as His ambassadors. Let us rejoice this Christmas season. Our hope has a name, Jesus!

Reading: Luke --- The Gospel of Luke records the events surrounding Jesus' birth from Mary's vantage point. As you read, note Luke emphasis upon the presence and the power of the Spirit of God in Jesus' life and ministry.

Our points of agreement:

- ❖ We need to see the Covid-19 concerns diminish.
- ❖ The truth to be told, plainly & broadly.
- ❖ Jesus to be welcomed into our schools & universities again.
- ❖ God's mercy upon us as a nation.

Morning Proclamation

Psalm 124:1-8 (NIV)

- ¹ If the LORD had not been on our side-- let Israel say--
- ² if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us,
- ³ when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive;
- ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,
- ⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away.
- ⁶ Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord is on my side.

When men attacked me and their anger flared against me; when their evil plans threatened to sweep me away---the Lord established me and has not allowed me to diminished by their destructive intent.

I have escaped like a bird from a trap, God has broken the trap and I have escaped. My help is in the name of the Lord, the One who made heaven and earth is helping me.

Mid-day Proclamation

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all things.

He who watches over me does not grow tired or weary.

God has given me strength and when I am weak He empowers me.

My hope is in the Lord, He renews my strength.

Therefore I will run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.

Evening Proclamation

Isaiah 41:10-14 (NIV)

¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

¹¹ "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. ¹² Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. ¹³ For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. ¹⁴ Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Almighty God is my strength, He upholds me with His righteous right hand.

Therefore I do not fear nor am I dismayed.

All who rage against me will be ashamed and disgraced.

Those who oppose me will be as nothing and perish.

Those who wage war against me will be as nothing.

The Lord has taken hold of my right hand and said "Do not fear, I will help you."

Therefore I am not afraid, the Holy One of Israel is my helper and my redeemer.