

2019 FOCUS:

THE WORD OF GOD - ("IT IS WRITTEN")

GOD'S FAITHFUL LOVE STEADIES US. March 10th 2019

TEXT: Psalm 94:18-19, David said:

18Whenever I feel my foot slipping, your faithful love steadies me, LORD. 19When my anxieties multiply, your comforting calms me down.

Why does God do this? In Psalm 91:8-14, it is written:

⁸If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. ¹¹ For God will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ "Because He loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

In 1 Kings 17:2-6, we see how this manifested in the life of Elijah

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Brethren, this is one reason that hearing from God is critical. Imagine if Elijah did not hear God’s voice, he would have missed the instruction.

In Isaiah 28:23, God said “Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say.” NIV

Isaiah 32:9

Stand up, you complacent women; listen to me. Give ear to my word, you overconfident daughters.

John 10:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

The Background

1 Kings 16 Ahab Becomes King of Israel

²⁹ Ahab became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. ³⁰ Ahab did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. ³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab ... did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

³⁴ In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the LORD spoken by Joshua son of Nun.

The sins angered Elijah and he Announced a Great Drought (1 Kings 17)

17 Now Elijah said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Daniel 6:22

My God sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, for I was found innocent in His sight, and I have done no wrong against you, O king.“

Titus 3:7

so that, having been justified by His grace, we would become heirs with the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Brethren, ¹¹God will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹²they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” **(Psalm 91)**

Peter Freed from Prison Acts 12:5-17

⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but [a]constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. ⁶ And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were [keeping the prison. ⁷ **Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!”** And his chains fell off *his* hands. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” ⁹ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

¹¹ And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

Acts 16:16-40 - Paul and Silas released by the angels

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ **Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.** ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household,

Jesus Released by the Angels Matthew 28:2

1After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2**Suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, rolled away the stone, and sat on it.

My case will not be different; Your case will not be different! Zechariah 4:6

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

Brethren, if we keep our faith strong in the Lord, our deliverance will also happen suddenly

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(Psalm 91)

Romans 9:16

¹⁶ So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

God's mercy belongs to the humble in spirit

⁵ Everyone who is proud in heart is detestable to the LORD (Proverbs 16:5)

“Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness” (Psalm 112:4)

GOD BLESS YOU!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. **Pray over today's message. Ask for grace to always remember our position in Christ**
2. **For KCM to continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.**
3. **Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for peace of aftermath of elections...**
 - Pray for wisdom for leaders and fear of God. Pray the they receive Godly righteousness.
 - ▶ **Ask God to please stop wars in nations. Isaiah 2:4 says** "God will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."
5. **Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land and heal us (2 Chro 7:13-18).**
6. **Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- CONFIDENCE IN THEIR GOD**
7. **Pray for Marriages, Children and families.**
8. **Pray for Members of the fellowship**
- 9 **Lift up needs of the members & fellowship & and special request**
10. **Ask for God's mercy, and grace to fear Him and obey His command.**
11. **Also pray for next Sunday.**