2019 FOCUS: THE WORD OF GOD - ("IT IS WRITTEN") YOU ARE LIFTED ABOVE YOUR PROBLEM/ENEMY TEXT: Psalm 18:47-48, David said:

47.. "God you subdue nations beneath me." "You hold me safe beyond the reach of my enemies."

Ephesians 2:5-6, Paul said:

It is by grace you have been saved! 6And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms.

Isaiah 59:19 – "When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him."

... (the standard is that we are raised above the reach of the enemy, so the enemy withdraws his hands.)

In His plan, God has raised us to the highest level. However, it

is our responsibility to COOVET this plan and ALLOCATE it to ourselves through our <u>BELIEF and FAITH</u>. No wonder the bible says:

1.) Hebrews 11:6

⁶ But without FAITH *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must BELIEVE that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2.) Ephesians 2:13 and John 3:15

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ (His death).

John 3:14-15

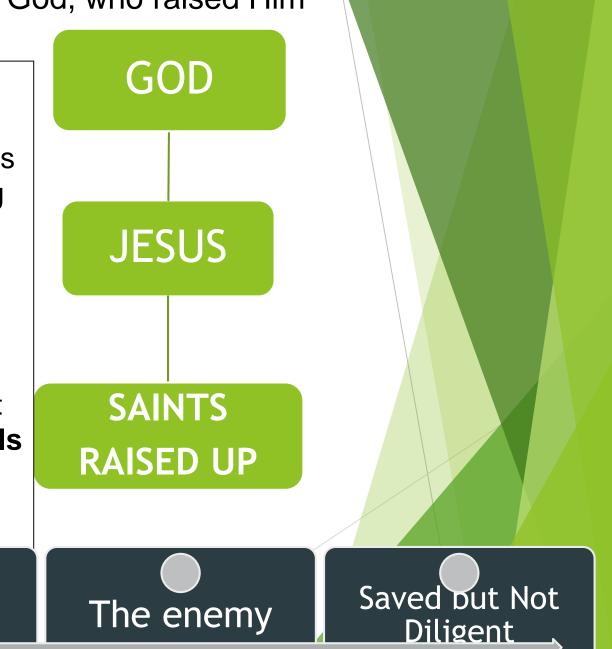
...14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up 15that everyone who BELIEVES in Him may have eternal life.

3.) Colossians 2:12 "Having been buried with Him, ...you were raised

with Him through your **FAITH** in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.

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4.) Ephesians 1: ...⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know¹⁹.. what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who **BELIEVE**, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (No matter what the devil calls himself.) ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.



Brethren, it is written:

"YOU ARE RAISED WITH JESUS THROUGH YOUR FAITH" – Col2:12

However, this will only work for those who believe that they are lifted and are ready to exercise the faith required to allow God act on their behalf.

The bible says in Philippians 4: ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus.

In 2 Kings 6:17-20 when Elisha's servant became anxious over their enemy, Elisha, who understood where he is lifted unto, prayed:

¹⁷ "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw **the hills** full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike this army with blindness." So He struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

One thing to note is that while the enemy was on the ground, Elisha was seen on the hills - **the hills full of horses and chariots of fire <u>all around Elisha</u>.**

Those who are on God's side are lifted above their enemy.

Brethren we must know where we are seated and use God's powers around us:

In 1 Samuel 17,

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.

YOU ARE RAISED WITH JESUS

In John 6:41-69 – as Jesus preached, the Jews murmured and found fault with Him because He said, "I am the Bread that came down out of heaven." ⁴² They kept saying, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

⁶⁰ When many of His disciples heard *this*, they said, "This is a difficult *and* harsh *and* offensive statement. Who can [be expected to] listen to it?" ⁶⁶ As a result of this ^[h]many of His disciples abandoned Him, and no longer walked with Him.

- Are we convinced about who God says we re?
- Do we have faith? Can we stay consistently hot and be diligent?

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve [disciples], **"You do not want to leave too, do you?"** ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You [alone] have the words of eternal life [you are our only hope]. ⁶⁹ We have believed *and* confidently trusted, and [even more] we have come to know [by personal observation and experience] that You are the Holy One of God [the Christ, the Son of the living God]."

Brethren, Peter seem to have taken clue from Abraham (Romans 4:20-22) and has demonstrated strong faith in the Lord,

Like those who have gone before us, , let us not waver through disbelief in the promise of God, but be strengthened in our faith and consistently give glory to God, being fully persuaded that God is able to do what He had promised.

"Let us be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." **Ephesians 6:10-11**

God Bless You

2019 PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Pray over the message of today. Ask for grace to always remember our position in Christ
- 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.
- 4. Ask God to please stop wars in nations.
- 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.
- 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.