



NEWS from Bringing to Light

The Entrance of Thy Words Giveth Light.

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God Is Good All The Time, So I Can Trust Him

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Isaiah 30:18 (Amp.) says, *"And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!"* So does that sound like a good God that I can trust? ...Absolutely! Notice, He is waiting to be gracious to you. The word "gracious" is "chanan" or the word "grace", which is unmerited (undeserved) favor. "Chanan" also has the meaning of "to move to favor by petition." God is extending His favor (His victory, favor, love, peace, joy, and matchless, unbroken companionship) to those who will position themselves before Him with the expectation that He will do what He said. Notice again, we are blessed when we earnestly wait for Him, expect, look, and long for Him! Are we longing for His "stuff" or for Him?

God's people, who do not trust Him, will not "move to favor." We will not position ourselves to receive the blessing from our great God. If I fear Him (if I do not trust Him), I will move away from Him with doubt and unbelief in my heart. This reminds me of Hebrews 11:6, *"But without faith (a confidence in God and His Word) it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* Most of us believe that God is, but do we believe that He would reward us? Do we believe that He is Good and that we can trust Him?

Verse 18 tells us that our Lord *"lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you."* This reminds me of the story where many of the Children of Israel had sinned against God. Serpents came in among them and bit many people. Several of them died. God instructed Moses to make a fiery serpent (symbol of the poisonous snake) and to set it up on a pole (Num. 21:8). Everyone that had been bitten could look upon the serpent and live. They moved to God's favor by obeying the Word that came through Moses. They trusted the Word. They looked at the serpent and were healed. That serpent symbolized Jesus becoming your sin and my sin when He was lifted up on the cross. All of us who move to God's favor in accepting God's beckoning call to accept Jesus as Lord will live. Grace and mercy can be found in Jesus.

We see in Isaiah 30:18, *"...For the Lord is a God of justice... God will do what is right."* Remember, John 10:11? Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."* According to Psalms 23 (Amp.), the Good Shepherd *"feeds, guides, and shields us."* We shall not lack. *"He refreshes and restores our lives. He leads us in the paths of uprightness and right standing with Him – not for our earning it."* *"...And though we walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, we will fear or dread no evil, for the Lord is with us."* We are protected and guided by Him. He *"prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies. He anoints our heads*

with oil. Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow us all the days of our lives, and through the length of our days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be our dwelling place." God is Good and you can trust Him!

Rays of Light



A mom and dad have a five year old boy that we will call Jason. Jason had disrupted the family since he was very young and was now disrupting in his pre-kindergarten class. The doctors diagnosed him with behavioral issues. These parents saw in the Word, *"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him"* (James 5:14&15). They took the Lord at His Word and called for the Elders of our church. We all prayed over Jason and anointed him with oil. We just received a praise from his parents. "We are giving God the glory. Jason is like a different child. His teachers have also noticed the difference as well." Jason was touched by God. He is no longer dealing with the former disorders that he and his family had suffered with. "Thank you, Jesus, for healing Jason! Lord, you are good and we can always trust You."

Taking the Light



- KFXB TV 40 Dubuque, IA, Fri. 10:30 am;
- KNLJ TV 25, Jefferson City, MO, Fri. 8:00 am;
- WHTN TV, Nashville, TN 4:00 pm
- WVLR TV 48-Monday, 9:30am & Friday, 8pm. Our program may be seen on the web, DT48.org. Also visit us at www.bringingtolight.org
- Ministering every Thurs. evening at Ft. Sander's Hospital.
- Counseling at Park West Church.
- Prayer hour on WVLR TV 48 every 2nd Wed. at 10 a.m.
- Minister to our Spanish Church at Park West on Saturday, April 9th at 10 a.m.
- (pending) Ministering at Dutch Valley COG Thurs, April 28th at 10am

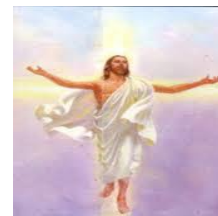
Prayer Requests



- Please pray that Charlotte is sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and His Anointing be upon her;
- Please pray that our ministry needs would be met in a great way – There is so much ministry that we desire to do;
- Strength in Charlotte's body and health for all of her family.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

(John 12:32)



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