

## Praise Reports

Last month I had a money mishap, where I paid more to my credit card than I should have, and it left me with \$35.37 in the bank. I was so disheartened, because I normally pay my tithes first and I just didn't have enough to do it. So I prayed and skipped it for a week. Then I said to the Lord, I don't have a full tithe, but I have \$35. So I gave the \$35. A few weeks go by and this morning; I saw my daughter sent me money in Paypal for watching the dogs while she was away. But it was \$150 more than usual! So she sent \$350!!! I was trying to return it, and the Lord said "wait." So I texted and asked if she had made a mistake. She said no; she just wanted to give me extra this time! Then I asked the Lord and he said, because I was faithful over little, He was able to bless me ten times over! Only God can come up with this! And I may need tires when I get my car inspected, so that will really help! Praise God from whom all Good things come! D.C.



One evening about a week ago, I was driving over to church services with my son. We suddenly felt the need to stop the car, so I pulled over and we prayed taking authority over demonic forces etc. concerning our family. Then the next day my grand daughter called and asked if we were ok. She had heard in the news some people were shot in our neighborhood. Then she said, normally she would have been out walking, right in that exact area where the shooting had taken place, but she decided that evening she would not go out. We knew it was the prayers the Holy Spirit had alerted us for. Always listen to the inner man voice and always obey that voice. Prayer builds an ark of safety over your family. N.S.



I'm praising the Lord for this section of the Proverbs teaching on the word, froward. It has been an eye opener for me and my life is being changed by God through what I am learning about myself. I'm grateful to the Holy Spirit for His work in my heart. Thank you for these valuable lessons. C.S.



## Rivers in the Desert overflowing with



But many in the body of Christ are still living in bondage. A repetitive sin or bad habit, for example, may keep us from becoming all that God intended us to become, or even shorten our lives. In Hebrews 4, God tells us the key to getting delivered. And it is the core of the New Covenant: enter His rest. Take hold of your covenant, and know it so deep in your heart that Jesus has already paid the price for ALL our sins. He didn't fail, He said "It is finished!" (John 19:30). In Hebrews 4:15 scripture tells us that He sympathizes with our weaknesses, was tempted like us, and in short, He gets us! He tells us in verse Hebrews 4:16—

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Talk with God, believe what He has told you in His word, and ask for help! The Holy Spirit is the Helper. God will put us on a path of deliverance as we listen and obey. He will bring in the right people, bring in hope, peace and strength, and give us whatever we need to be set free. Following Him always brings us freedom and forgiveness. I remember as a new Christian many years ago, I tried to give up smoking. I got down on my knees, cried, and asked God to help me. I admitted I couldn't do this without His help. During the process, I remember I wanted a cigarette so bad that I went through ev-



ery garbage can in my home and garage, looking for a cigarette butt, knowing there had to be some. I couldn't find not one, and I know that God got rid of them supernaturally so I wouldn't smoke. I did make it through that night and weeks following, and never smoked again. That was decades ago. Thank You, Jesus!

All of us in the body of Christ get attacked, especially the unwarranted attacks of guilt and condemnation. This is a time when we pull out of our arsenal the knowledge of our covenant and not wavering from the truth of it - that our sins have already been removed as far as the east is from the west. (Psalms 103:12). But some hold on to that guilt and condemnation. We can't stop a train from going by us, but we can stop ourselves from jumping in front of it.

Feelings of guilt and condemnation, if not stopped at the onset, can bring us back to operating under the Old Covenant. Condemnation is one of the enemy's favorite tools against the brethren, as he is the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10). Any thought that brings condemnation or guilt is not from God. God will correct us, yes, but He does it lovingly, and we hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:27). Any parent ever feel mother or father guilt? Also, how about family members or Christian friends, or church family guilt over something that happened? Or volunteering to please them or someone else when really deep down inside we don't have a peace about it? We cherish our loved ones, and they know us and we want to do what we can for them. A situation may arise, and the devil starts working on us with a thought. But God knew that we might have this proclivity to fall into self-righteousness and try to fix our perceived mess-ups, or prove our love for God and others by going back into works that are self-generated. In His gracious love for us, the Lord instructs us how to avoid these traps. As soon as the guilt thought comes in, we can apply the word He gave us in 2 Corinthians 10:5:

"Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

It is our thought life the enemy is after. He ultimately wants to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10), but he

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