

Sermon Title: **“WORSHIP- THE TRUE PANACEA TO THE PANDEMIC!**

Sermon Text: Psalm 8

*Introduction:*

**GOOD MORNING TO ALL! FOR THOSE JOINING US FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE ARE NOW IN A SERMON SERIES CALLED “PONDERING THE PSALMS: FINDING MEANING & PURPOSE IN THE PANDEMIC!” THESE PAST TWO WEEKS, WE DISCOVERED THE PATH TO TRUE JOY & LASTING HAPPINESS & EVEN SUCCESS – DELIGHT IN THE WRITTEN WORD, THE BIBLE, & DELIGHT IN THE LIVING WORD, THE SON OF GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**TODAY, WE WILL ANSWER VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS LIKE: WHO AM I? WHAT IS MY WORTH? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE & MEANING OF MY LIFE? FROM OUR PASSAGE, PSALM 8, WE ARE GOING TO DISCOVER OUR TRUE VALUE OR TRUE WORTH. DAVID WILL SHOW US THE TRUE PANACEA/SOLUTION TO THE PANDEMIC WE ARE FACING TODAY!**

**ILLUSTRATION – NEWTON’S MODEL OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM!**

**AS I PREPARE THIS MESSAGE, I HAPPEN TO READ A STORY ABOUT THE FAMED MATHEMATICIAN, SCIENTIST, & PHILOSOPHER, SIR ISAAC NEWTON WHO WAS A FIRM BELIEVER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. ONE DAY THERE CAME A FRIEND WHO IS AN UNBELIEVER AND VISITED HIS OFFICE. IN HIS OFFICE, THE SCIENTIST HAD JUST CREATED A MINIATURE MODEL OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, COMPLETE WITH ALL THE PLANETS MADE OF SPHERE BALLS AND REVOLVING AROUND THE SUN. USING RODS AND COGWHEELS, AND BELTS THEY ALL MOVED AROUND THE CENTER GOLD BALL WHICH REPRESENTED THE SUN AND IN EXACT PRECISION. NOW, WHEN THIS FRIEND SAW THE MODEL OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, HE ASKED NEWTON, “WHO MADE THIS EXQUISITE THING!? THIS MODEL SOLAR SYSTEM? AND NEWTON ANSWERED, ”NOBODY.” FRIEND, “NOBODY?” NEWTON, “THAT’S RIGHT! NOBODY. ALL OF THESE BALLS AND COGS AND BELTS AND GEARS JUST HAPPENED TO COME TOGETHER, AND WONDER OF WONDERS, BY CHANCE THEY BEGAN TO REVOLVE IN THEIR SET ORBITS WITH PERFECT TIMING!”**

OF COURSE, THE FRIEND UNDERSTOOD THE UNEXPRESSED ARGUMENT OF NEWTON. “IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH...” (GEN. 1:1)

### **LET US PRAY!!!**

PSALM 8 IS A VERY SPECIAL PSALM BECAUSE IT TELLS US ABOUT THE AMAZING LOVE OF GOD TO YOU AND ME. THIS PSALM IS A CELEBRATION OF THE WHO OUR GOD IS AND AT THE SAME TIME A CELEBRATION OF WHO WE ARE AS HUMAN BEINGS. THIS PSALM CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAJOR SECTIONS...

#### **A. DAVID EXALTS THE LORD’S MAJESTY & GLORY IN CREATION!**

DAVID, CLEARLY IN THIS PSALM LIKE IN HIS OTHER PSALMS, REVEALS TO US WHO THE LORD IS. ACCORDING TO DAVID, HE IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING IN IT. DAVID USED TWO DESCRIPTIONS OR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LORD IN VERSES 1-4...

*“Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with your majesty. From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have established a stronghold on account of your adversaries in order to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? (vv. 1-4)*

##### **1) The Lord’s Name is majestic!**

*“Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with your majesty. From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have established a stronghold on account of your adversaries in order to silence the enemy and the avenger.” (vv. 1-2)*

DAVID, JUST LIKE NEWTON’S FRIEND WAS AMAZED AT GOD’S CREATING POWER AND EXALTS THE NAME OF THE LORD AND GIVES PRAISE TO HIS NAME. HE DECLARES THAT THE LORD’S

**NAME IS MAJESTIC! TO BE “MAJESTIC” IS TO BE “IMPRESSIVE,” TO BE “REGAL AND “ROYAL” OR “GRAND” OR “MAGNIFICENT.”**

**TAKE NOTE THAT THIS PSALM WAS FULFILLED WHEN JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM & WAS TREATED AS A ROYAL KING BY THE PEOPLE! THEY LAID THEIR CLOTHES ON THE STREETS & BRANCHES OF TREES AS JESUS SITTING ON A DONKEY (ANOTHER FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY) ENTERES THE CITY AND THE PEOPLE WERE SINGING “HOSSANA TO THE SON OF DAVID, HOSSANA TO THE HIGHEST!” MATTHEW RECORDS THIS INCIDENT & TELLS US THAT NOT ALL WERE HAPPY ABOUT IT!**

*When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and the children shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to him, “Do you hear what these children are saying?” Jesus replied, “**Yes, have you never read: You have prepared praise from the mouths of infants and nursing babies?**”*  
(Matt. 21: 15-16)

**THE LORD JESUS WAS REFERRING TO THE FULFILMENT OF VERSE 2 OF THIS VERY PSALM 8. IN FACT, IF YOU STUDY FURTHER MATTHEW 21, WE WILL DISCOVER THAT THERE WERE FIVE (5) O.T. SCRIPTURES THAT WERE FULFILLED IN THAT CHAPTER ALONE, SHOWING US THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD’S WORD.**

**2) The Lord’s work is glorious!**

*“**When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place,** what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him?”*  
(vv. 3-4)

**BUT DAVID DID NOT ONLY PROCLAIM THAT THE LORD IS MAJESTIC, HE IS ALSO GLORIOUS! TO BE “GLORIOUS” IS TO BE “EXCEPTIONALLY LOVELY” TO BE “OUTSTANDING” TO BE “GLORIOUS” IS TO BE “SO GOOD THAT YOU MERIT PRAISE AND EVERLASTING FAME.”**

DAVID UNDERSTOOD FROM THE THINGS CREATED BY THE LORD; THAT IS, THE STARS, THE MOON, THE SKY, ETC. THAT THE LORD IS INDEED MAJESTIC AND GLORIOUS! HE IS SO POWERFUL THAT HE DESERVES OUR UTMOST PRAISE AND WORSHIP.

BUT THERE IS A SECOND IMPORTANT REASON DAVID HERE THAT PROMPTED DAVID TO WONDER, MARVEL, BE AMAZED & WORSHIP THE LORD HIS GOD – HIS SPECIAL TREATMENT OF HUMAN BEINGS!

B. DAVID **EXPRESSES WONDER** OVER GOD'S **SPECIAL CARE** FOR MAN!

***“You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all the sheep and oxen, as well as the animals in the wild, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea that pass through the currents of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth!” (vv. 5-9)***

DAVID REALIZES THAT AMONG ALL THOSE THINGS THAT THE LORD CREATED MAN WAS VERY SPECIAL! HE SHOWED THIS TO US IN TWO WAYS. THE FIRST IS THAT MAN WAS THE VERY **CROWNING GLORY** OF GOD'S CREATION. MAN IS THE “ICING” IN THE CAKE AS WE PUT IT! “ANG TAO PO ANG PINAKA-SUKDULAN O PINAKAMATAAS NA URI NA NILIKHA NG DIYOS.”

1) *The Lord made Man the **CROWNING GLORY** of His creation!*

***“You made him little less than God and **crowned him with glory and honor.****” (v. 5)*

DAVID RECOGNIZES THAT MAN WAS THE VERY HIGHLIGHT OF GOD'S CREATION AND WE KNOW THAT HE COULD ONLY HAVE LEARNED OF THIS THROUGH THE BOOK OF GENESIS. PERHAPS, DAVID WAS REFLECTING & MEDITATING GEN. 1 & 2 WHEN HE WROTE THIS PSALM! CONSIDER WHAT GEN. 1-2 TEACHES US ABOUT MANKIND:

(a) Man was created in the **image of God** (IMAGO DEI) & possessed the highest kind of life – a **self-conscious** life!

*“So God created man **in his own image**; he created him in the **image of God**; he created them **male and female**.” (v. 27)*

ANIMALS HAVE CONSCIOUS LIFE BUT MAN ALONE POSSESSED SELF-CONSCIOUS LIFE. THIS MEANS THAT FROM ALL GOD’S CREATION, ONLY MAN ALONE COULD APPRECIATE THE PRODUCE OF OUR HANDS & THE DELICIOUS FOOD THAT OUR WIFE MADE & AND THANK GOD FOR ALL THESE BLESSINGS. NO PLANT OR ANIMAL HAS DONE THAT (EXCEPT THE CHRISTIAN LION).

NOW, AT THAT TIME IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF BODY MAN HAS BEFORE THE FALL OF MAN TO SIN. ADAM’S FIVE SENSES WERE TUNED TO ABSOLUTE PERFECTION. NO COLOR BLINDNESS TO THE TOTAL COLOR SCHEMES OF NATURE NOR DEAFNESS FROM NATURE SOUND PATTERNS. ADAM & EVE MAY EVEN POSSESSED EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION. HE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD BOTH HIMSELF AND HIS ENVIRONMENT (LIKE AVATAR). BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, THEY WERE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANIMALS (GEN. 3:1-2) AND PERHAPS NATURE ALSO!

NOW, REMEMBER THE TV SHOW “SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN” BY LEE MAJORS AS STEVE AUSTIN IN THE 70’S. IT TELLS US OF HOW MUCH WE ARE GOING TO SPEND IF WE MAKE A CYBORG OF A MAN. IN 1977, A YALE SCIENTIST BIOPHYSICIST, HAROLD J. MOROWITZ TRIED TO DO THAT. HE ESTIMATED THAT WE ARE GOING TO SPEND \$6 MILLION FOR ONLY THE RAW MATERIALS- HORMONES, PROTEINS, ENZYMES, ETC. THIS DID NOT INCLUDE PLUS THE INTRICATE WORK OF FASHIONING THE MATERIAL INTO HUMAN CELLS MIGHT COSTS SIX THOUSAND TRILLION DOLLARS. AND ASSEMBLING THESE CELLS INTO A FUNCTIONAL HUMAN BEING WOULD DRAIN ALL THE WORLD’S TREASURES. WHAT HE IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO SAY IS THAT “EACH HUMAN BEING IS ‘PRICELESS.’” (1977’S READERS DIGEST, p. 144).

(b) All of God’s creation, particularly the earth, is to serve Man!

***Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day."*** (Gen. 1: 26-28)

**TAKE NOTE THAT IN THE ORDER OF CREATION, MAN CREATED THE LAST BEFORE & WAS GIVEN A MANDATE TO FULFILL OR DO!**

**2) The Lord made Man the RULER of all His creation!**

**DAVID ALSO NOTED THAT MAN WAS DESTINED TO BE RULER. THIS WAS FIRST DECLARED BY THE LORD IN GEN. 1 WHEN THE LORD SAID,**

***"You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all the sheep and oxen, as well as the animals in the wild, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea that pass through the currents of the seas."*** (v. 6-8)

***Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground"... God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*** (Gen. 1: 26, 28)

**FROM THIS TEXT, IT IS CLEAR THAT MAN WAS DECLARED RULER OR KING OF GOD'S CREATION AND WAS COMMANDED TO SUBDUE THE EARTH, TO NAME ANIMALS, AND TO CARE FOR THE LORD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION INCLUDING EDEN.**

**THE BAD NEWS IS THAT THE STORY DID NOT STOP HERE. IN GENESIS 2, THE LORD ALSO GAVE MAN A COMMAND AND SERIOUS WARNING CONCERNING A TREE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN WHERE THE LORD PLACED THEM. GENESIS 3 TELLS US OF THE SAD AND UNFORTUNATE EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY – ADAM AND EVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD. THEY DISOBEYED THE LORD'S**

COMMAND AND INSTEAD LISTEN TO THE SERPENT'S WORDS (LIES) & SINCE THEN WERE IN SLAVERY TO SIN & SPREAD IT TO ALL!

**THE GOOD NEWS** IS THAT MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WILL BE RESTORED BACK (SAVED) THROUGH THE GRACIOUS COMING OF THE SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH AS PROPHESED BY THE PROPHETS INCLUDING DAVID HIMSELF. THIS STARTED EVEN AS EARLY AS IN GEN. 3 WHEN GOD PROMISED THEM A SAVIOR.

PERHAPS, AS DAVID WAS MEDITATING ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS 1 & 2, HE UNDERSTOOD IN HIS SPIRIT WHAT THE FATHER WOULD DO JUST TO RESTORE AND REDEEM HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. HE COULD NOT HELP BUT WONDER AT GOD'S AMAZING GRACE AND LOVE. INDEED, MAN IS SO LOVED AND SO SIGNIFICANT BEFORE GOD THAT HE GAVE HIS SON, JESUS, TO US TO BE OUR SAVIOR! AS THE HYMNAL SAYS, "HEAVEN CAME DOWN AND GLORY FILLED OUR SOULS!" PRAISE THE LORD!!!

### **CHALLENGE:**

CHURCH/FRIENDS, FROM DAVID TODAY, WE LEARNED THAT WE WERE CREATED NOT BY CHANCE BUT BY A CREATOR WHO IS MAJESTIC & GLORIOUS! AND THAT HE CREATED US ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE! AND THAT HERE LIES OUR TRUE WORTH & SIGNIFICANCE. WE WERE CREATED TO SERVE & WORSHIP THE LORD FOREVER & EVER! THIS IS THE MEANING & PURPOSE OF OUR LIFE – TO SERVE & WORSHIP OUR GOD, TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP & ENJOY HIM FOREVERMORE!

IN FACT, THIS IS THE **ULTIMATE REASON** FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION – **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE/CHURCH WHO WILL SERVE & WORSHIP THE LORD FOREVER & EVER!**

*"After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'... For this reason they are before the throne*

***of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. The one seated on the throne will shelter them: They will no longer hunger; they will no longer thirst; the sun will no longer strike them, nor will any scorching heat. For the Lamb who is at the center of the throne will shepherd them; he will guide them to springs of the waters of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”***

***(Rev. 7:0-10, 15-17)***

**THIS IS THE REASON NOTHING IN THIS EARTH OR LIFE CAN TRULY FILL THAT EMPTINESS OR RESTLESSNESS THAT SIN CREATED IN OUR HEART. IT CAN NEVER BE SATISFIED BY MORE RELATIONSHIPS/PEOPLE, MORE MONEY, MORE POSSESSIONS, MORE VACATIONS, MORE PLEASURES, MORE ACHIEVEMENTS OR SUCCESS, MORE POWER NOR MORE FAME. BUT ONLY THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. FOR HE IS THE ONLY ONE THE FATHER SENT WHO CAN RESTORE OR RECONCILE US BACK TO HIMSELF.**

#### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**

**THEREFORE, CHURCH/FRIENDS, INSTEAD OF FOCUSING OUR LIFE ON OUR NEEDS, OUR RIGHTS, & OUR HAPPINESS, LET US FOCUS/TURN OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE ONE THE FATHER SENT TO REDEEM US FROM OUR SINS & ETERNAL DEATH! LET US FOCUS OUR LIFE ON PRAISING & WORSHIPPING HIM EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THIS CRISIS WE ARE FACING TODAY!**

#### **PRACTICAL POINTERS:**

**THEREFORE, LET ME SHARE THESE PRACTICAL POINTERS THAT WE CAN APPLY OR USE IN OUR DAILY LIVING AS WE CONTINUE TO FACE THIS ON-GOING PANDEMIC.**

**(1) INSTEAD OF WORRYING & WANDERING, LET US CULTIVATE A LIFE OF PRAISING & WORSHIPPING OUR WONDERFUL CREATOR & SAVIOR!**

**IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS PANDEMIC, THE ITEMS THAT BEGAN TO DISSAPPEAR IN OUR STORES WERE TISSUE PAPERS & DISINFECTANTS, TODAY, EXPERTS OBSERVE THAT WHAT WERE**

**DISSAPPEARING OR BEING BOUGHT BY PEOPLE ARE ANTI-DEPRESSION DRUGS. THIS MEANS THAT MANY PEOPLE TODAY ARE BECOMING DEPRESSED, STRESSED OUT, & WEARY BECAUSE OF THIS ON-GOING CRISIS THAT HAS AFFECTED/IMPACTED ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF OUR LIFE.**

**THERE ARE TWO EXTREMES THAT WE NEED TO WATCH OUT AS BELIEVERS. THE FIRST ONE IS TO WORRY & THE OTHER IS TO WANDER.** BOTH OF THESE ARE DESTRUCTIVE TO OUR SOUL OR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD. TO WORRY IS MISTRUST THE PRESENCE & PROMISE OF GOD IN OUR LIFE. AND TO WANDER IS TO BE NEGLIGENT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS BELIEVERS LIKE MEDITATING HIS WORD, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, SHARING THE GOSPEL & MAKING DISCIPLES. TO WANDER IS TO BE DISTRACTED BY THE THINGS & PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD. BOTH CAN INJURE OUR SOUL OR HINDER OUR GROWTH & SERVICE IN CHRIST.

**AND FOR BOTH, DAVID, TODAY, GIVES US THE CURE – TO WORSHIP THE LORD! TO WORSHIP IS TO CENTER OR FOCUS OUR LIFE TO THE MAJESTY & GLORY OF OUR GOD! TO WORSHIP IS TO ENJOY THE LORD, TO MAKE HIM THE GREATEST ENJOYMENT OF OUR LIFE.**

*“So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.” (Matt. 6: 31-33)*

**(2) INSTEAD OF GRUMBLING & BEING ANGRY, LET US DEVELOP THE ATTITUDE OF GRATEFULNESS & CONTENTMENT IN THE LORD!**

**SINCE WE KNOW THAT THE LORD OUR GOD LOVES US SO MUCH & IS PROVIDENTIALLY TAKING CARE OF US, LET US PURSUE A LIFE OF GRATITUDE & CONTENTMENT. ACCORDING TO PAUL, THIS IS THE SECRET TO A STRONG & JOYFUL LIFE!**

**PERSONAL TESTIMONY – “OPEN OUR EYES LORD!”**

**I WAS READING & MEDITATING ON 2 KINGS 6 WHERE ELISHA & HIS SERVANT WERE SURROUNDED BY THE ARAMEANS BECAUSE THEIR KING WANTED TO CAPTURE ELISHA FOR SABOTAGING THEIR MILITARY PLANS AGAINST ISRAEL. WHEN ELISHA'S SERVANT WOKE UP IN THE MORNING & WENT OUT OF THEIR HOUSE, HE SAW THAT THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY THE ARAMEAN ARMIES. SO HE TOLD ELISHA ABOUT THIS BUT HE COMFORTED HIM (APPARENTLY HE WAS AFRAID!) & TOLD HIM THAT THE ARMIES OF THE LORD ARE GREATER IN NUMBER THAN THE ARAMEANS. ELISHA PRAYED TO THE LORD TO OPEN HIS SERVANT'S EYES SO HE COULD SEE THESE ANGELIC HOSTS OF ANGELS & THE LORD GRANTED ELISHA'S REQUEST – HE SAW THE VAST ANGELS SURROUNDING THEM!**

**WHEN I READ THIS, A FLOOD OF THANKFULNESS JUST FLOODED MY SOUL. I WAS REMINDED HOW BLESSED WE ARE HAVING ALL THE THINGS THAT WE NEED... I ALSO PRAYED TO THE LORD TO OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE, FBC MEMBERS & ATTENDERS, MAY SEE HOW BLESSED WE ARE BY THE LORD & THAT WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS LIFE. THAT THESE THINGS THAT WE ARE LONGING TO HAVE WILL JUST COMPLICATE OUR LIFE & FARTHER SEPARATE US FROM THE LORD & STOP US FROM DEVELOPING AN INTIMATE WALK WITH THE LORD.**

**THIS OPENED MY EYES TO THE REALITY THAT ONE OF THE BEST WAYS WE COULD BEAT COVID IS THROUGH BEING THANKFUL & GRATEFUL PEOPLE OR CHILDREN OF GOD!**

**SO, CHURCH/FRIENDS, ARE YOU LIVING A GRATEFUL LIFE TODAY OR ARE YOU BITTER FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?**

**LIKE JOB IN THE O.T. WHO IN SPITE OF THE TRAGEDIES THAT HAPPENED TO HIM, BOW DOWN TO THE LORD & WORSHIP HIM! HE BLESSED THE NAME OF THE LORD & DID NOT GRUMBLE NOR COMPLAIN BUT BLESSED THE LORD! (Job 1: 21)**

***“Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshiped, saying: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will leave this life. The Lord gives, and the Lord***

***takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.’ Throughout all this Job did not sin or blame God for anything.” (Job 1: 20-22)***

**FOR WE KNOW WHAT THE SPIRIT OF GRUMBLING DOES TO OUR LIFE AS SHOWN BY THE SCRIPTURES.**

***“Let us not test Christ as some of them did and were destroyed by snakes. And don’t grumble as some of them did, and were killed by the destroying angel.” (1 Cor. 10: 9-10)***

***“These people are discontented grumblers, living according to their desires; their mouths utter arrogant words, flattering people for their own advantage.” (Jude 16)***

**LIKE PAUL IN THE N.T. WHO IN SPITE OF THE INCONVENIENCE OF RESECUTIONS & IMPRISONMENTS & THE ANNOYING BEHAVIOR OF UNBELIEVERS AS WELL AS FELLOW-BELIEVERS, CHOSE NOT TO BE ANGRY BUT CHOSE TO REJOICE & PRAISE THE LORD. HE EVEN WROTE HIS LETTERS INSIDE HIS PRISON CELL EXHORTING BELIEVERS TO REJOICE IN THE MIDST OF THEIR SUFFERINGS & CRISIS!**

***“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4: 4-7)***

**CHURCH/FRIENDS, AS SHOWN BY DAVID THE BEST & SURE CURE TO OUR WORRYING, WANDERING, & WEARY HEARTS ARE NOT MORE STIMULUS MONEY, NOT MORE POSSESSIONS, NOR MORE VACATIONS & PLEASURES. IT IS MORE OF WORSHIP & PRAISE TO OUR MAJESTIC & GLORIOUS GOD! IT IS MORE OF JESUS INTO OUR LIFE! GOD BLESS!**

**CLOSING PRAYER!**