

From the Pastor's Desk

September 21, 2020

To the Morning Star Baptist Church Family and Friends:

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Simply put, everything that "is" is the Lord's. That includes you!

I know there are times when we may ask, "where are You, Lord?" King David asked this very question in Psalm 42. David's spirit was vexed. He was experiencing a spiritual drought. It appeared to King David that he was far away from the Lord Thy God.

Have you felt this was during this pandemic? Have you wondered why a loving and merciful God would allow such a virus to wreak havoc on the world and kill and sicken so many people? Well, if you have not asked these questions, I have.

But just as King David asked the question, "Where are You, God?" David also provides the answer. He reminds us that whenever God seems distant, silent, or our spiritual lives appear to have grown cold or dim that we should think about all the miraculous things that God has done for us in the past. He also instructs us to have HOPE! He tells us that our deliverance is in the HOPE that we have, which is our God.

God has brought us from a mighty long way. He has allowed His promises to shine forth in our lives. We have seen and experienced things in our lifetimes that many of us thought we would never see. God has healed, delivered, provided, and protected us from natural disasters, sickness, unemployment, and underemployment. He has even blessed us to overcome dangers unseen and unknown.

My tip to you this week is simple, "Trust" God! "Believe" in the Promises of God. Live your life to its fullest and in a manner that is pleasing to God. Trust God to lead you in the paths of righteousness. Above all, willingly defer God's will for your life, leaning not to your own understanding. Your life will be fulfilling, promising, and your living will not be in vain if you do this.

Please be safe during this pandemic and protect yourself and others by wearing a mask, distancing yourself from those who do not live in your household, and often washing your hands. Sister Whitfield and I miss you and so very much.

The Resurrection is Truth,

Pastor, John H. Whitfield.

STAY HOME! SAVE LIVES!
Remain Faithful and not Foolish

STAY home as much as you can.

KEEP a safe distance

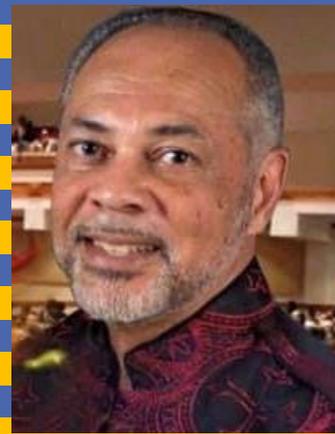
WASH hands often

COVER your cough

SICK? Call ahead

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Bible Verses for Encouragement When Times Are Hard

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Psalm 9:9-10 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Psalm 34:10b Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Isaiah 26: 3-4 Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.



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