

*“I will mention the lovingkindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us.” Isaiah 63:7a*

## **PRAISING HIS HOLY NAME**

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The years that I have spent serving the Lord have been the greatest years of my life. I have seen God fulfill his word in many miraculous ways. Even from the start I have seen God’s divine supply as He has met the needs of my ministry, and encouraged me through the difficult times that I have experienced, by his grace. Through it all I have learned that God is faithful. To quote a friend, “His will can never lead [us] where his grace will not sustain [us]”. How true this is to those who know God in the fires of his testing.

And yet the memory of trial always seems to vanish in the face of God given joy. “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning” (Psalm 30:5). And there can be no greater joy than to see someone set free from the bondage of Satan. Jesus’ first disciples knew this joy. Luke 10:17 says, “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name”.

There can be no doubt that it is the devil that opposes men and wants to keep them downtrodden. Satan wants to keep men in despair, poverty, drunkenness, spiritual blindness, and hopelessness. We, the Church, have power to free them through the name of Jesus Christ. “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.” . . . all the power of the enemy, Jesus said.

It is the name of Jesus and the Word of God that sets men free. And it is that Holy Name, and the precious Word that we must sow among those who dwell in darkness, in the “streets and lanes of the city”. We need social programs and places to feed and house those who have no place to call home, but our greatest need among the poor and downtrodden is the Word of God. Where the Word of God is, there is light, and where there is light, men need no longer stumble in darkness.

We thank God that over the years He has allowed us to share His Word and His love with those in need, and we pray that He will do so in an even mightier way in the years that lie ahead. Let us who are redeemed tell the world of God’s lovingkindness, and mention all of His praises and great deeds among the people. May He empower us to do so with effectiveness and power until the whole earth is filled with the Glory of the Lord.