



The Encourager

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Our desire is to see this newsletter reach as many people as possible, We encourage you to copy it and give it out to bless others. As we reach out to win the lost to the Lord, Remember someone gave you the Gospel

A Special Invitation Just For You

You are invited to a Great Tent Meeting Time in QAKEY Qld. { **HARVEST OF SOULS** }

Dates:- 19,20,21,22 of February '09

Special Guest Speakers: Pastors: Matt Budden Les Moore, Tingha, Moree, Boggabilla. & others

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Come along and help encourage the Saints and build up the Body of Christ

STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE NARROW DOOR

Here we see, Jesus is telling us to {Strive} [Force yourself through] Keep pressing in, to enter into the Kingdom of God; NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO SLACK OFF, Now is the time according to the Scriptures below to Press, Force, Strive, Work, at your Salvation; make your calling and election sure. {2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: In this time of turmoil the world is going through, it is very important for us as Christians to keep our eyes on Jesus, this is why Luke 13:24 – 30; is encouraging us to be alert.

Galatians 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

I want to encourage you today, I have said this earlier, but, I want to say it again because it is so very important; Make your calling election sure; Because God will not be mocked, and what you and I sow too we will also reap. Verse 9 of Galatians 6; tells us not to be weary in striving, pushing, forcing, pressing our way through, because if we do not give up then we will reap the rewards of entering into the Kingdom of God. “ Don't allow the flesh to rule; allow the Spirit to rule over the flesh, and you will always be a winner; according to the Word of God.

Reading from the Amplified Bible.

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter by the narrow door [force yourselves through it], for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

:25 When once the Master of the house gets up and closes the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door [again and again], saying, Lord, open to us! He will answer you, I do not know where [what household—certainly not Mine] you come from.

:26 Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.

:27 But He will say, I tell you, I do not know where [what household—certainly not Mine] you come from; depart from Me, all you wrongdoers!

:28 There will be weeping and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves being cast forth (banished, driven away).

:29 And [people] will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit down (feast at table) in the kingdom of God.

:30 And behold, there are some [now] last who will be first [then], and there are some [now] first who will be last [then]. Also read Jude.

Jude 1:20, But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;

:21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—[which will bring you] unto life eternal.

Hear the Word of the Lord. Thank you Jesus.

Living a life of praise and worship

Praise and worship, have you ever stopped to think about the importance of worship in the Christians life, as children of God we need to understand the benefits of it? And what the purpose of praise is.

What is the purpose of praise? Why would God Himself encourage it? Simply because it brings us into a closer Love relationship with the Lord, it opens the channel between God and ourselves, just like a telephone line, when we pick up the phone and dial the number we are opening that line to whom we want to talk to, it is the same when we praise and worship, we are opening that channel between us and God

Psalm 100:1 <A Psalm of praise.> Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

:3 Know ye that the LORD he [is] God: [it is] he [that] hath made us, and not we ourselves; [we are] his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name.

:5 For the LORD [is] good; his mercy [is] everlasting; and his truth [endureth] to all generations.

We can find all through the old testament where the people praised God, for example, when the Lord brought the Israelites out and they crossed over the red sea, Moses and all the children of Israel sang a song of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord. **Exodus 15:1-3**. [Please read] David when he brought the Ark of the Covenant to the city of David in **1chron 16-4** we read that he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the Ark of the Lord, and to record and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel.

In the new testament Paul and Silas were in prison, they would have been in the deepest part, dark, dirty and smelly because there would not have been much air or any sewerage there, and they were in stocks, they could still pray and praise the Lord, all the prisoners heard them. And God sent an earthquake and loosed them. **Acts 16: 23-31** as a result the keeper of the prison got saved. You might like to read that later.

I want to repeat what I said before. ``

What is the purpose of praise? Why would God encourage it? It brings us into a closer relationship with the Lord when we praise Him and thank him for the things he has done for us it rebounds onto us, it builds our faith and it builds up our Spirits **Ephes 5:16-21** read these verses submitting ourselves to one another we can pray and encourage each other this is why the Word of God says not to neglect the gathering together we must come together to fellowship together and to build each other up **Heb 10: 23-25**.

As we see the day approaching, and we certainly can see that happening, We need to stay in close fellowship with the Lord, for it won't be long now before Jesus return.

David was a man who knew the principles of praise and thanksgiving He wrote the beautiful psalms His life was a life of praise and worship unto the Lord, in the psalms we also see that when we put our trust in and rejoice in the Lord he defends us **Ps 5:11-12**. Also **Psm 91** when we dwell in the secret place that's the place of prayer and praise.

Praise can be in many forms ---speaking, singing, shouting, clapping, dancing, and music, **Psm 149: 1,3-6**. And **Psm 150:1-6**. these are two great psalms that tell us how to praise our Lord and Savior Amen.

When we love someone we want to show it, we can't wait to tell them, they won't know unless we open our mouth and say so. And that is how it is with the Lord, we must tell Him that we Love Him.

God bless you as you continue to Praise & Worship our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Ann.