

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who is the Giver of Abundant Life.

John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

There is the most interesting concept here and it has to do with the order of the activity. Throughout the Bible God lets evil go first and then He comes in and overcomes the evil. This then reveals His Glory and Power.

Once we know the pattern then we have great hope for the future. The enemy comes in like a flood but the Lord lifts up a standard against them.

Isaiah 59:19 "So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him."

The plan of God isn't for us to be free from trouble but to overcome it by the power of the Lord. God wants to bring us into full maturity and make us strong.

I love reading the Psalms and the victory I find there.

Psalms 3:1, 2 "LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah"

Psalms 4:6 "There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us."

Psalms 3:8 "Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah" It is how we look at the future that gives us strength for the present. Learn this from Jesus. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 Where did this joy come from.

Jude 1:24 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"

As Jesus went through all the suffering of death at the hands of evil people He was looking forward to presenting us to the Father with great Joy. Jesus knew the pattern and was the great overcomer. "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

The Apostle Paul knew this pattern also and we see it in this statement. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Because Paul and Silas knew the pattern of evil coming before good they worship God after being beaten and thrown into prison. The glory of seeing a whole family come to Christ was the result.

Because COVID-19 comes out of the darkness it is good to know that the great Light is coming from the Lord. COVID-19 came from bats that live in the darkness of caves. The one thing they know for sure that kills the virus is sun Light. Darkness first then the Light.

The Abundant Life of the Lord is now coming upon the earth. Praise the Lord!!!!