**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 24 December 2023**

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**Theme : GOD’s PERFECT WILL for CHRISTMAS Season**

**2 Peter 1: 19 (AMP)**

So we have the Prophetic Word made more Certain. You do well to PAY [close] ATTENTION to it as

to a lamp shinning in a dark place, until the Day dawns and Light breaks through the gloom and

the Morning Star ARISES in your HEART.

**CHRISTMAS Event in GOD’s Plan & Prophesised as HIS Purpose of Perfect Will Be Accomplished.**

**~ JESUS’ 1st Coming as Immanuel to Appear for GOD’s Perfect Will to Be Done on Earth - Salvation.**

**~ The Virgin Birth of JESUS has to Be Accomplished for HIM to be the Perfect Sacrifice for ‘Sins’.**

**Luke 1: 28 – 34 (NLT)**

Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman ! The LORD is with you!” Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with GOD ! You will Conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him JESUS. HE will be very Great and will be called the SON of the Most High. The LORD GOD will Give Him the Throne of His ancestor David. And HE will Reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!”

Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

**Luke 1: 35 (NLT)**

The angel replied, “The HOLY SPIRIT will come upon you, and the Power of the Most High will Overshadow you. So the Baby to be born will be Holy, and HE will be Called the Son of GOD.

**Luke 1: 38 (NLT)** Mary responded, “I am the LORD’s servant. May everything you have said about me come True.”

And then the angel left her.

**Romans 12: 1 (AMPC)**

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [All] the Mercies of GOD, to make a

Decisive Dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a Living Sacrifice,

Holy (devoted, consecrated) and Well Pleasing to GOD, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) Service and Spiritual Worship.

**Romans 12: 2 (AMPC)**

Do not be Conformed to this world (this age), [Fashioned after and Adapted to its external, superficial Customs]

> To Be Conforming to the WORLD of this Age > Set to Think in Set Ways as Fashioned by Its Customs.

But be Transformed (changed) by the [entire] Renewal of your Mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude],

so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the Good and Acceptable and Perfect Will of GOD, eventhe thing which is Good and Acceptable and Perfect [in HIS Sight for you].

**Renewal of the MIND is the Freedom Empowered by the SPIRIT to Examine from Within our ‘Spirit’.**

**~ What is Good > Is It Permissible ?**

**~ What is Acceptable > Is It Pleasing to GOD ?**

**~ What is Perfect Will > Good, Acceptable, WELL Pleasing to GOD**

**Renewal of MIND is to Be A New Man with New Mind, All Faculties Within Renewed – Not Assume :**

**~ Presumptuous of All our Thinking Be Acceptable to GOD, of the Ways we Conceive to DO.**

**~ Presuming that All is Good will be ACCEPTABLE and will be in GOD’s Will.**

**The LORD GOD May Allow as Permissible for A Season to Overcome, but not GOD’s Will.**

**~ As in Marriage according to Jewish Custom, Divorce was Permitted in extreme situations.**

**JESUS was tested by the Pharisees.**

**Matthew 19: 3b. - "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"**

**JESUS’ explanation to the Jews is why GOD Permitted then at that Age of time – Matthew 19: 4 – 6.**

HE replied, "Have you never read that HE Who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED INSEPARABLY TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH' ?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what GOD has Joined together, let no one separate."

**Matthew 19: 8 – 9 (AMP)**

“Because your hearts were hard andstubborn Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but

from the Beginning it has not been this way. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

**~ JESUS Stated GOD Permitted then as Man’s heart Condition Hardened, But Not of GOD’s WILL.**

**Period of Time, before CHRIST, GOD Permitted But in the Period of GRACE by the SPIRIT, NOT SO.**

**~ Not Permissible as in Marriage, GOD Designed Marriage from the Beginning for ‘Male & Female’.**

**Philippians 2: 13 – 15 (AMP)**

For it is [not your strength, but It is] GOD Who is Effectively at work in you, both to Will and to work

[that is, Strengthening, Energizing, and Creating in you the longing and the Ability to fulfill your purpose]

for HIS Good Pleasure. Do everything without murmuring or questioning [the Providence of GOD], so that

you may prove yourselves to be blameless andguileless, innocent anduncontaminated,

Children of GOD without blemish in the midst of a [morally] crooked and [spiritually] perverted generation, Among whom you are seen as Bright Lights [beacons shining out clearly] in the world [of darkness].

**JESUS while on Earth, Accomplished All of GOD’s Perfect Will until HIS Last Breath on the Cross.**

**John 4: 34 (AMPC)**

JESUS said to them, MY Food (nourishment) is to Do the Will (pleasure) of HIM Who sent ME and

to Accomplish and Completely Finish HIS Work.

**We in CHRIST, Not Awaiting Christmas only, But the 2nd Coming of the LORD JESUS to Pick us Up.**

**Hebrews 9: 28 (AMP)**

So CHRIST, having been Offered Once and Once for ALL to bear [as a burden] the sins of many, will Appear a Second time [when HE returns to earth], not to deal with sin, but to Bring Salvation **to those**

who are **eagerly** and **confidently WAITING** for HIM.

**As Paul after his encounter of JESUS, Pursued & Fought to Finish the Race by Keeping the FAITH.**

**2 Timothy 4: 6 – 8**

For I am already being Poured out as a drink Offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought the Good Fight, I have FInished the Race, I have Kept the Faith.

Finally, there is laid up for me the Crown of Righteousness, which the LORD, the Righteous Judge,

will Give to me on that Day and not to me only, But also to **All** who have **LOVED** **HIS APPEARING.**

**~ We, Likewise TO PURSUE FIGHTING to Finish the Race Awaiting for JESUS’ Return by our FAITH.**

**With All our Strength & Energy to Accomplish Much More for HIS Kingdom.**