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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes

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UPDATE

Even though each new year is greeted with hope and optimism, the fact is there is nothing new about it. It is the same messed up world we have lived in for the past twelve months with the same problems, and the same people who created those problems. Sorry to have ruined your New Year's celebration.

Our God is not like that.

Revelation 21:5 KJV

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

The message we bring to you today is that no matter how badly you may have messed your life up, God is in the business of making all things new. Give him a chance to do it for you. If you will humble yourself, cry out for His help, and fully surrender your life to Him he will work miracles for you.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!

FEATURE ARTICLE: "What Do You Desire?"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

I have never been a fan of New Year's resolutions because they all start with the word, "I" and almost always the only thing that gets accomplished is that a lot of expensive exercise machines get sold. 😊 So, this year I would like to offer an alternative for you to consider. What if this year, instead of focusing on what we resolve to do, we focus on what we want God to do?

😍😍 **What a great idea!** 😍😍

If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? In 1 Kings 3, Solomon was given just such an opportunity. He was told to ask God for **anything** he desired and instead of asking for riches, he asked for a heart of understanding so he could be a blessing to those under his rule. We see God's response in verses 10-12.

1 Kings 3:10-12 NIV

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,

12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

I have thought a lot about this and feel that contained in it is a spiritual truth that will be a great blessing to the Body of Christ. Let me start by setting up a scenario that I believe describes how many people feel. As you continue reading, see whether or not I might be telling your story. You attend a church where week after week you hear testimonies of the amazing things God has done for others, but secretly it bothers you because you have not seen that kind of thing happen in your life. You ask yourself, "Why do others experience miracles, but I go year after year and see nothing?" If you feel

like I have told your story then here is a prayer you can pray to start the new year that I believe will please the Lord and release His power in your life.

"Lord, with all my heart I believe in you, but I also want to see your power and greatness manifest in my life. This year I desire that you would come alive in my life like never before. This is my greatest desire and prayer for the coming year."

We have all heard it said, "You can't keep doing the same things and expect different results." This is true, so let me help you find a different way to live which will allow God to answer your prayer and come alive in your life. Instead of just waiting for God to do something amazing **for you**, make yourself available to God so He can work **through you** to bless those you come in contact with. If you think about it, this is exactly what Solomon asked God for and it pleased the Lord. Miss Linda and I have found that when we live like this we see God use us in ways we never could have imagined. Over and over we have found ourselves shocked at the miraculous things we have seen.

If you approach life like this, I dare say that in the coming year you too will be amazed at what you see God do. No longer will you be forced to walk a walk of faith where even though you believe, you never see God at work. Your life will change so much that you may even find yourself sharing with your church the amazing things you have experienced!

Some may ask, "That is all good, but how will that pay my bills?" That is a fair question and one that is answered in 1 Kings 3:13.

1 Kings 3:13 NIV

13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal....

MAY THIS BE THE YEAR GOD COMES ALIVE!



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“Is There Any Hope?”

As we start each new year we tend to look forward hoping that the coming year will bring better things than the year we leave behind. I wish I could bring

you that message, but I can't.

As I look at the condition of our world, nation, and churches, I can't help but be troubled. Everywhere we look we see darkness increasing and evil growing, and without a doubt, our world is headed toward disaster! I know many do not want to hear this, but it is true. Many times I find myself feeling overwhelmed by what I see and very helpless to bring about any change to the direction we are headed. What can you and I do? Today more than ever, God's people need God's direction.

There is one verse of scripture that answers those questions and gives us guidance. It is 2 Chronicles 7:14.

2 Chronicles 7:14 King James Version

14 If my people, **which are called by my name**, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

We do not like scriptures like this because they don't allow us to place the blame on the wicked. It would be so much more acceptable if God would just tell His people that all the wicked people are the problem but, that is not what He tells us. He tells us to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from **OUR** wicked ways.

What on earth can God be talking about? Are we not the blood-bought, the righteous, the redeemed of the Lord? **Yes, we are, but, are we living like He has told us to live?** We need to consider what Paul told Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:19 AMP

19.....**Let everyone who names the name of the Lord** stand apart from wickedness and withdraw from wrongdoing.

This scripture tells us that those who are called by His name are to establish a clear line between what is righteous and what is wicked and live as far away from that line as possible. It appears to me that many churches today are doing just the opposite. The line between righteousness and wickedness seems to get more blurred with each passing day.

It has been said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." If this is true, then it is not hard to see why evil is triumphing today. The silence of church leaders is deafening!

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Why do they not speak up and take a bold stand for righteousness? What are they afraid of? Can it be that for so long they have allowed the line between righteousness and evil to be blurred that now they feel they will lose the majority of their congregation if they dare speak up? Or is it possible they believe it is too late and that God's judgment upon this nation has already been decreed in heaven? If this is true, is there any hope?

It is comforting to be able to tell you that with God there is always hope. Even in the darkest situation, God is able to shine His light and bring life to that which was dead. Scripture tells us God sent the prophet Jonah to the people of Nineveh with a message of God's impending judgment, but when they heard it they repented and were spared.

Jonah 3:10 KJV

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

We also find a message of hope in Jeremiah. At the time of Jeremiah many were asking the question, "Is there any hope?" What God said is very important.

Jeremiah 18:7-8 VOICE

7 If I declare that I am going to uproot, stamp out, or destroy a nation or kingdom because of its wicked ways,

8 and then that same nation I warned turns away from its evil, then I will change My plans. In My compassion, I will not destroy it.

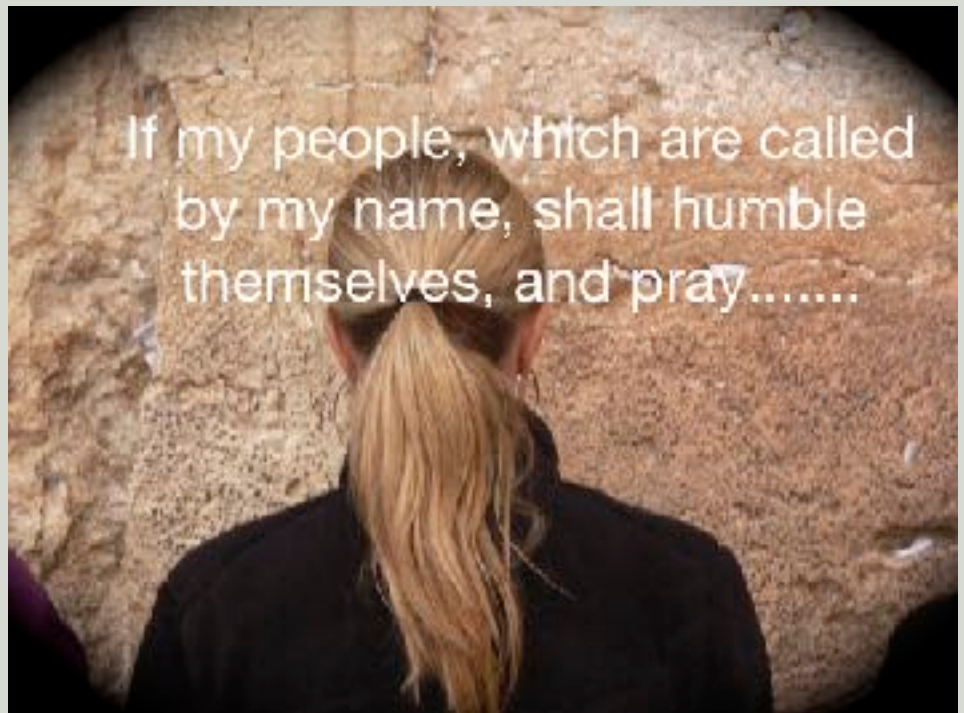
Yes, even though God may have already declared judgment upon our nation, because He is a God of Compassion and mercy He will cancel His decree of judgment if we turn from our wickedness and repent. Listen to what God said to Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 33:11 KJV

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die...?

I end this article with the same message I started it with; God's people can start a revival by doing what God has told us to do. We must humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from **OUR** wicked ways.

It is not too late for our nation to be spared!



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

"Did God Keep His Promise?"

The presidential election of 2020 left a lot of conservative Christians including myself, with many very troubling unanswered questions. According to Sid Roth, everyone who claimed to be a "prophet" had prophesied that Donald Trump would be returned to office. Personally, I do not know of even one who spoke otherwise. Then there were those such as myself, who did not claim to be a prophet, but predicted a Trump victory. You all know how that turned out.

Some of the "prophets" continued to declare that the election would be overturned and Trump would be returned to office, but it never happened and eventually, they fell silent. However, I am quite sure that in the next two years they will be raised from the dead and will once again claim to have heard from God about the future; and those who want to believe a glowing report will follow them as if they are modern-day Daniels.

For the last two years, I have been trying to figure out what happened and why it happened. It really bothered me because it seemed to run contrary to my understanding of God's Word. Let me explain. In Genesis 12:3 God made a promise to Abram.

Genesis 12:3 KJV

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee....

It **appeared** to me that Donald Trump had blest Israel and the Jewish people like no other American president. He was the first and only president to fulfill his campaign promise to move the American Embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel. He also initiated the Abraham Accords which resulted in six Arab nations ending hostilities with Israel and declaring peace with the

Jewish State. The list goes on and on. He also appeared to be one of the best friends we conservative Christians have ever had in the White House.

Because of all these things it seemed to me that a huge Trump victory in 2020 was inevitable, and thus I wrote an article at the beginning of the year predicting this. In the article, I did not claim to be a prophet. For me, the article was just the result of deductive reasoning.

As I have said, for two years I have pondered and prayed about what happened and finally feel I have something of value that will help others who may have the same questions. One of the problems we humans have is that our knowledge is based on what we see, hear, or read. Unfortunately, when it comes to politics, what you see, hear, or read is rarely the truth. I am amazed at the lies politicians expect us to believe.

This brings me to my main point. Politicians may be skilled at making people like you and I believe a lie, but they can't fool God. God hears every secret conversation, examines the thoughts and intents of the heart, and has access to the "Top Secret" files of every government. Was Donald Trump the Christian he wanted us to believe, or was it all a ruse to get our votes? Was he really a friend of Israel or were there things he was secretly planning that would have resulted in Israel's demise? Please hear me, I am not accusing him of anything! I have made it abundantly clear that none of us are in a position to do that. What I am saying is that neither should we accuse God of not keeping His promises because.....

There will always be things we don't know.