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*Dear Friends,*

*Greetings to you this month of August in the Precious Name of Jesus! Amen!*

*I have had a wonderful time of blessing as I read through my usual devotional material and my Bible, today. Amen! Again I want to share with you, a few thoughts for you to ponder, and meditate upon; and I pray the Holy Spirit make Himself known to you as you read.*

*Just like you, I relate to the normal, everyday world and its doom and gloom stories that appear to dominate the headlines of all news bulletins, be it whatever preference you take your daily dose; TV, newspapers, magazines, or social media, etc. And, I, like you, are ever so grateful for the new royal baby stories; the only good news sometimes found in the entire days programmes. **Thank God for new life!!! Amen!!!** A new baby story is always enough to bring a smile to your face. So, I am grateful to God, for **His gift of life**, to that little new royal baby, Prince George of Briton; and for the **blessing** and absolute joy and privilege his parents now share in his arrival and his upbringing. He is **“kingly”** material, literally. He has been born into earthly royalty. He has been born into a privileged lifestyle. He commands a certain amount of respect, even as this tiny babe, though not even known to most of us. **It simply comes with his birth right!!!***

***How about your birth right?***

***To what does that entitle you?***

***Anything? Nothing? Something?***

*I have just read the three chapters of the little book of the prophets in the scripture, called Zephaniah. What a great little read! What an interesting read! It talked about our relationship; the one -between us and God, (or lack thereof). And of our sometimes disconnectedness, between our spiritual relationship, (God and I), and how that does, or does not - relate to those around about me; the interpersonal relationships we encounter along this journey called life; however in depth, or superficial; however lasting, or transient. I, like you, have been guilty of saying on plenty of occasions, “Oh, well, that is my own personal opinion and I don’t really care what others think, or how they feel!” I think a little differently now. God does hold me accountable for my attitude; but it took me some time to ponder God’s Word and - seek out just what He would have me think, and say, and do, for all those with whom I come in contact. He taught me about His principle motive (law) – **LOVE** – and how love should colour all of my thinking and be the motivation behind all I say and do; and with no reservations! He taught me, that above and beyond all else, I must – **LOVE! Just like HE loves!***

*Now, that brings me to my next point; love is neither blind nor stupid. **LOVE respects; LOVE obeys; LOVE never fails the one it loves!** That pretty much describes the Jesus I know. Amen! He bids me imitate Him. He bids you to do likewise. And as I read through Zephaniah, I read of how His wrath will do away with all who violate His command – to Love. I got a very vivid picture of the total annihilation and destruction to come, upon all of those who do not learn **His universal law of LOVE**. I got a very vivid picture of just how unhappy He is with all of the hypocrisy and pretence incorporated in our everyday decisions; both individually and collectively; as a family and a nation; inside a collective world audience. Let’s read a little of just what He says, via the prophet Zephaniah.*

*Zep 1:2 "I'm going to make a clean sweep of the earth, a thorough housecleaning."  
GOD's Decree.*

*Zep 1:3 "Men and women and animals, including birds and fish-- Anything and everything that causes sin--will go, **but especially people.***

*Zep 1:4 "I'll start with Judah and everybody who lives in Jerusalem. I'll sweep the place clean of every trace of the sex-and-religion Baal shrines and their priests.*

*Zep 1:5 I'll get rid of the people who sneak up to their rooftops at night to worship the star gods and goddesses; Also those who continue to worship GOD but cover their bases by worshiping other king-gods as well;*

*Zep 1:6 Not to mention those who've dumped GOD altogether, no longer giving him a thought or offering a prayer.*

*Zep 1:7 "Quiet now! Reverent silence before me, GOD, the Master! Time's up. My Judgment Day is near: The Holy Day is all set, the invited guests made holy.*

*Zep 1:8 On the Holy Day, GOD's Judgment Day, I will punish the leaders and the royal sons; I will punish those who dress up like foreign priests and priestesses,*

*Zep 1:9 Who introduce pagan prayers and practices; And I'll punish all who import pagan superstitions that turn holy places into hellholes.*

*Zep 1:10 Judgment Day!" GOD's Decree! ... (From The Message.)*

*BUT: - I also got a very real and vivid picture of just how **blessed** the brotherhood of the brethren will be on His day of reckoning, as He gathers together all of those who love Him and live for Him with a spirit of reverence and obedience. Wow!!! What a day that will be. It is one I look forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm. Another example follows:-*

*Zep 3:17 Your GOD is present among you, a strong Warrior there to save you. Happy to have you back, he'll calm you with his love and delight you with his songs.*

*Zep 3:18 "The accumulated sorrows of your exile will dissipate. I, your God, will get rid of them for you. You've carried those burdens long enough.*

*Zep 3:19 At the same time, I'll get rid of all those who've made your life miserable. I'll heal the maimed; I'll bring home the homeless. In the very countries where they were hated they will be venerated.*

*Zep 3:20 On Judgment Day I'll bring you back home--a great family gathering! You'll be famous and honoured all over the world. You'll see it with your own eyes-- all those painful partings turned into reunions!" **GOD's Promise.** (From The Message.)*

*I don't know about you, but I sure do **know**, that it warms my heart to **know**, that God has made me some promises, that I **know**, He intends to keep; and for that I am ever so grateful. I don't have to be very concerned about the Judgement Day to come, because I **know** that His promise is true, and I am safely tucked up in His everlasting arms, just waiting for His call. In the meantime, He has given me some jobs to do here. **But God's promises are true, and lasting, and collectable.** I am quite staggered at the lack, some people experience, due to their not believing God for their needs to be met. He has promised to be their "everything"; that is – **everything**. He says, "**You have not, because you ask not.**" So, revisit that former question; **how about your birth right? What does your relationship with Jesus Christ avail you as His "son"?** He is the best "**daddy**" you could ever have, and just waits for your approval and petitions. I want to end this letter with one of the most beautiful little pieces of prose. It really blessed me. Enjoy! And be blessed!!!*

**Prove me now - paraphrase of - (Malachi 3:10).**

*What is God saying here but this: "My child, I still have windows in heaven. They are yet in service. The bolts slide easily as of old. The hinges have not grown rusty. I would rather fling them open, and pour forth, than keep them shut, and hold back. I opened them for Moses, and the sea parted. I opened them for Joshua, and Jordon rolled back. I opened them for Gideon, and hosts fled. I will open them for you – **if you will only let Me.** On this side of the windows, heaven is the same rich storehouse as of old. The fountains and streams still overflow. The treasure rooms are still bursting with gifts. The lack is not on **MY** side. It is on yours. I am waiting. **Prove Me now.** Fulfil the conditions, on **your** part. Bring in the tithes. **Give me a chance.**"...*

And it went on to say: - I can never forget my mother's very brief paraphrase of Malachi 3:10... The verse begins, "...**Bring ye the whole tithe in,**" and it ends with, "...**I will pour...**" the blessing out, till you'll be embarrassed for space.

Her paraphrase was this: "**Give all He asks; take all He promises.**"

**All the rivers of Thy grace I claim;**

**Over every promise write my name.**

(Eph. 1:8-19).

Enjoy!!! If Jesus' name is on your birth right, you too can drink from His fountain as a "**kingly son;**" of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen and Amen! If that be your heritage, I dare you to **lack any good thing;** for **God hath Promised...!** He says, "**Prove Me now. Give me a chance.**"

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

