**“Afflictions”**

Good morning church. Many are the afflictions of the righteous. However, we do have a deliverer in Jesus to help us out of all of them. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV) says this,** “10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.”

**Affliction** - Something that causes pain or suffering.

**Psalm 34:1-22 (NKJV) says this, “A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.**

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.** 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

Even when things are going wrong. We are to continually praise the Lord because we know he is going to delivers us because of his great love for us. Therefore, right in the midst of your storm give God the praise and watch the storm break. Amen!

**4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.** 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you, His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

Seeking the Lord in the midst of our afflictions is what we are supposed to do. We are not supposed to endure our afflictions in silence, but we are supposed to ask for help. Angels are on standby to help the saints who put their trust in the Lord. Therefore, we are not helpless in our afflictions but have heavenly help. Amen!

 **11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.**

14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. 20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

To respect the Lord is to Honor the Lord. Meaning, whatever the Lord says we ought to take it to heart and believe him. In this way we Honor/Respect the Lord. However, if you hear what the Lord says, and you respond with doubt & unbelief. This is disrespect and total dishonor of the Lord. Therefore, agree and believe the Lord and you will experience his goodness and deliverance from all afflictions. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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