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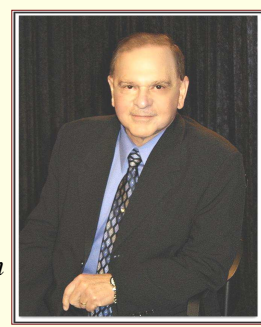
By Dr. Henry A. Harbuck/PCAI Int'l President & General Overseer

It's amazing how life can change in one day; even the whole world is living in uncertainty. I'm so thankful that we serve a God who knows and sees all and is not surprised by the hardships we face. We have the assurance that we can rest in Him who gives us hope as a Christian.

I commend all our pastors and ministries for abiding by our president's suggestions of temporary social distancing and other suggestions that protect congregations and those who serve in ministry. At our International Headquarters we are continually praying for the families who have been directly affected by this unpredictable virus.

Doubtless, the routine of our lives in the past will most likely change in the future due to the situation concerning the COVID-19. Perhaps this is a good thing, but on the other hand it may also bring some challenges. Regardless, I encourage you to continue following God's calling although you may be forced to do it in a slightly different way; just don't break your stride! Earthly support can only sustain you so long, but courage for living and fulfilling your purpose comes from a deep abiding trust in Almighty God. Remember Paul words who said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all things we are

more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom. 8:35-37 NIV)



I believe the Church will come through and emerge stronger and more appreciative of the freedom we have to worship and assemble since these precious rights are highly treasured, and aren't to be taken away from us.

Remember not to be slack in praying for President Donald Trump and our nation as well as all the nations around the world that are facing unbelievable hardship and an uncertain future.♥♥♥

CHURCH/MINISTRY TAX DATE TO REMEMBER *May 15th*



If you are required too file a 990,990-EZ, 990-N, 990-T it is due by this date.

Keep good records!
Dr. Jan Harbuck - PCAI Office
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The Anchor of Christ: Remaining Attached During Difficult Times

By Rev. Susan Nickerson

To hold a ship in place, there is an anchor. This weight secures the vessel while keeping it at rest, and from impending danger.

In Acts 27:29-30, some passengers were afraid that the ship would crash upon the rocks, stating the necessity for anchors. However, others pretending to support the use of anchors, wanted to escape and not be held down.

Those who do not wish to be held down, today, may be blaming "The Anchor of Their Souls" for their hardships (Heb. 6:19). Perhaps in praying to God, the answers they desired were not what they received. The Apostle Paul in II Corin. 12:8-9 asked the Lord to remove his thorn in the flesh, but Jesus did not. Sadly, feeling let down, individuals can detach themselves from the One who is steadfast and true.

The world is experiencing a mighty storm of extreme fear, contagious disease, and substantial loss. Many feel they are hanging on by a thread, like a weakened anchor chain that could break at any time. Through much difficulty, Paul accepted the sufficiency of God's grace. He never lost sight of the line of scarlet thread, as a cord that could never be broken (Joshua 2:18). Those determined, having settled in their hearts that **WHATEVER COMES**, they will not let go of the Heavenly

Isaiah 27:5
"Or let them lay hold of My protection, let them make peace with Me, let them make peace with Me."

Cord dipped in the Blood of the Lamb.

Dear ones, take hold of God's strength (Isa.27:5) and rest in his protection. Indeed, Christ is—The Lover and The Anchor of our souls. Trust Him. ♥♥♥

From the Heart of an Evangelist

By Rev. David Copeland/ Revival Now Int'l Director

"This is a test! For the next 60 seconds, this station will conduct a test of the Emergency Broadcast System. I repeat this is only a test."

I can remember as a kid one of the first times I heard this test come across the TV channel I was watching. It somewhat frightened me, so I asked my Mom what it meant, and she told me this would be the way the President would notify the nation should a nuclear war occur. I also remember during the height of the Cold War with the then Soviet Union, we would have special drills at School on where to go and what to do in the event of a nuclear attack.

With the spread of COVID-19 touching every nation of the world, I remembered these events from my childhood this past week. This pandemic we are experiencing is really a test for the entire world to see where we are in our walk with Jesus.

Sadly, even many Christians I know have failed the test. They are allowing fear and unbelief to wreck them and control how they are looking at life now as we enter April 2020.

I have been preaching since last year that God was speaking to me about 2020 being a continuing season of reset. 2020 is another year of reset. The Hebrews are beginning their 19-year cycle of years again. The world will truly never be the same again. The church will never be the same again! Now is our season to shine forth with faith and with hope in the midst of so much darkness.



What will be the outcome of all this chaos and confusion that is literally touching every nation on the earth? No one really knows for sure, but these are two things that can happen in the coming days:

1. **The church will shrink back into hiding.**

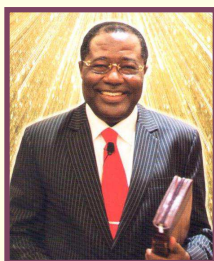
If the church shrinks back in fear and fails to offer solid Bible hope and healing during this world-wide crisis, it will create a vacuum for the anti-Christ spirit to sweep in and take over. The power of the Holy Spirit working through the true Church of Jesus Christ, for two thousand years has been that restraining force that has kept the anti-Christ spirit from taking over the world. 1 Thessalonians 2:7,8 (NKJV) *"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."*

Again, the power of God working through the ecclesia, the called-out ones, the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has been the restraining force holding back the anti-Christ spirit from prevailing for the last two thousand years.

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God Remembers our Good Works

By Dr. Daniel Agomoh



The believers' talents are not to be laid up for self but laid out in service. Service was never intended as a substitute for a godly life. We are saved to serve but we never serve to get saved. Hard work, cheerfully done is easy work but light work unwillingly done is mere drudgery. Therefore, true service is love for Christ in working clothes.

Isaiah 38:3-6

And said, "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city."'"

In verse 3, King Hezekiah prayed and asked the Lord to remember His good works he has done. Nehemiah the builder and governor also prayed to God and asked the Lord to remember also all his good works. (Nehemiah 5:18-19 / 13:12-14, 20-22, 29-31).

Beloved saints, it is true that we are not saved by good works but we are saved to do good works. After we are born again, good works become the evidence of our change of attitude for good. Good works after salvation experience is also an evidence of divine touch of God in our lives (Ephesians 2:10). Do not grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9-10). God Almighty who sits upon the throne will remember you in the time of difficulties and adversity.

A. GOD REMEMBERED HIS PEOPLE

The Holy Bible declared that God remembered His people when they called upon Him. God remembered Noah and all the created order (Genesis 8:1). God was faithful to His promises to Noah. (Genesis 9:15-16).

God remembered Rachel and answered her prayer by opening her womb for conception (Genesis 30:22-24). Then Rachel declared that God had removed her reproach and she bore a son and called his name Joseph, meaning "the Lord adds".

God heard the groaning of the Israelites in the land of Egypt and then He remembered His covenant with the patriarchs (Abraham / Isaac / Jacob) (Exodus 2:24). God also heard the groaning, suffering of His people due to the Egyptians' bondage and He remembered His covenant (Exodus 6:5).

B. GOD CAN ALSO REMEMBER YOU THROUGH YOUR PRAYER

Moses prayed and interceded for the sinful Israelites and God

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Win for Religious Freedom

From Christian Law Association newsletter

On January 16, 2020 US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Department of Education was issuing updated guidance regarding constitutionally protected prayer in schools for the first time since 2003.

This guidance offered a much-needed, updated look at the strong protections the First Amendment offers student speech in the public school system. In fact, in the introduction the Guidance notes that "local school authorities possess substantial discretion to impose rules of order and pedagogical restrictions on student activities, but they may not structure or administer such rules to discriminate against speech with a religious perspective."

The Guidance is quite thorough, and positively addresses religious rights on public school grounds in multiple areas, including:

- Prayer during non-instructional time
- Organized prayer groups and activities
- Rights of school employees
- Moments of Silence
- Accommodation of Prayer during instructional time
- Prayer in class assignments
- Student Assemblies and Noncurricular Events
- Prayer at Graduation
- Baccalaureate Ceremonies
- Religious Literature
- Teaching about Religion
- Student Dress Codes
- Religious Excusals
- The Equal Access Act

If your child is in the public school, call our offices to ensure you understand each and every one of your child's Constitutional rights to express their faith today. You can also find a complete copy of the Guidance on the Department of Education's website. □



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2. The Church will rise up in faith and in Holy Spirit Power!

This is what I truly believe will happen. The church is going to arise stronger than ever before. While I am not trying to be negative, this is how I see this event will play out:

- A. When all the restrictions on group gatherings are lifted, many churches and ministries will immediately go back to exactly what they were doing. Nothing will change, They will be excited the first two weeks back at church, then they will revert back to the same voiceless, powerless, faithless community organization they were before COVID-19 struck.
- B. Some churches and ministries will close for good. There won't even be enough people who will come back to keep electricity on. This is very sad.
- C. Many churches and ministries will arise and press into what God wants done in this next season of time. We know we can no longer do church the way we have always done it. People are hurting and crying out for the real Church of Jesus Christ to please stand up! God is creating a new wineskin that will form with the power of the Holy Spirit that will help us reap the end time harvest!

May God raise up many with the faith of John G. Lake who allowed doctors to put the bubonic plague in his hand and these same doctors watched under a microscope as the disease died in his hands. Many will rise up and say yes to the calling of God to go to the nations with the love of God. Sadly, many will also run away from God.

May God continue to raise up men and women across this world who are not in the ministry for fame or fortune but want to be a

channel for the love of God and the grace of God to touch other people's lives. May God raise up old people...as well as young people who are full of faith and the fire of the Holy Spirit that will preach the Gospel, the Good News without fear knowing...

The next thing God does is always greater than the last thing He did! ♥♥♥

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remembered His covenant (Exodus 32:12-14).

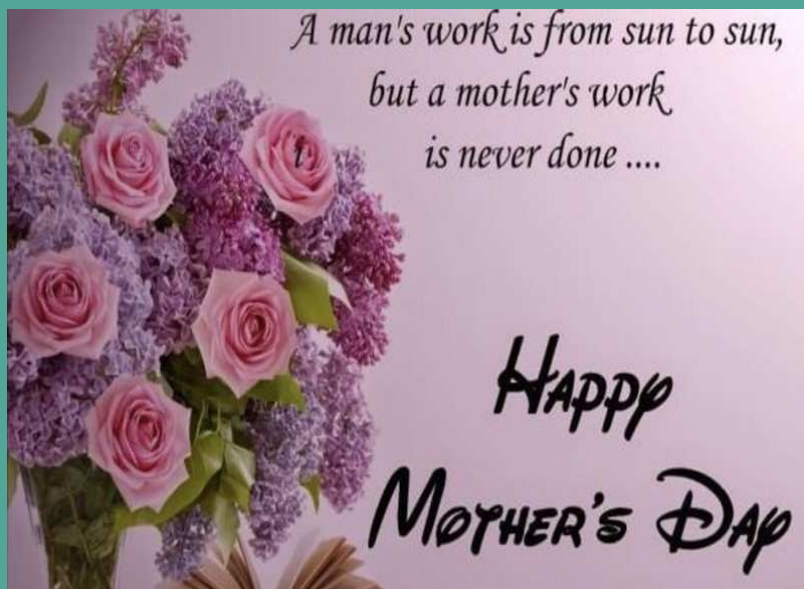
When we repent of our evil ways and humble ourselves before the Lord, then will the good Lord remember His good promises towards us (Leviticus 26:42).

At the moment of dire need, Samson called upon the Lord to avenge His enemies and God remembered him. (Judges 16:27).

Hannah (1 Samuel 1:11)
She prayed and asked the Lord to remember her condition of barrenness and God remembered her and blessed her with Samuel the best prophet in the land of Israel.

King David (Psalms 25:6-7)
King David pleaded with God to remember His tender mercies and His loving kindness. (Psalms 74:2) The psalmist declared, remember Your congregation which you have purchased of old.

Saint of God Most High, Adonai Elohim will remember your good works and intervene in your situation in Jesus' name Amen!



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