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THE Voice of Hope

The Springs of Hope Christian Ministries

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. Zech 9:12

REVELATIONAL INSIGHT:

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a heart through which Christ loves; a voice through which Christ speaks; a hand through which Christ helps.

- Paul L. Tan

Testimony

"The LORD Himself will fight for you. Just stay calm" –Exodus 14:14. This scripture came to pass in the life of a Sister, who testified on how God supernaturally delivered her from an incrimination at her job. The adversary's scheme to get our Sister into trouble was averted, and God took the glory. May His name be praised forever.

Worship Hours

House of Judah

Sunday Worship - 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study - 7PM
Friday Hour of Victory - 7PM

Church Mission Statement

To build a multiethnic Christian Church with a passion for Jesus Christ and compassion for the world.

Church Core Values

+ Reaching out with the message of Power, Hope & Glory.

Church Vision

+ To proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of the world through evangelism, worship, preaching, teaching, and humanitarian services to the people of all races and colors.

+ To train and ordain God's people for the manifold ministries of Jesus Christ worldwide. + To raise altars of prayer for God in every member household.

+ To establish schools, hospitals, medical centers, and orphanage at home and abroad.

+ To plant churches home and abroad for the purpose of making disciples of all nations.

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Meet our Pastors

General Overseer
Pastor (Dr.) Lawrence A. Lasisi

Senior Pastor

Pastor Mrs. Grace A. Lasisi

Branch Pastor

South Jersey - House of Miracles

Pastor Akin Obafemi

Houston - House of Power

Pastor Israel Akinpelu

San Diego - House of Mercy

Brother Olu Babatunde

Fontana - House of Hope

Pastor Mberi Ndukwe

May 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

*Middle of the Month Prayer
and Daniel Fasting.*

Sunday May 15th, 2016.

Vigil of Hope and Power.

Last Friday Night

No Weapon Prayer Summit

Friday June 10th to Sunday 12th, 2016.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

That the Holy Bible is divinely inspired by God, and is infallible, trustworthy and dependable, and authoritative in all matters of faith and conduct.

That there is only one God, who is eternally existed in three distinctive persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

That Jesus Christ our Lord is God manifest- ed in the human flesh to take away our sins and hopelessness by his voluntary suffering, death and physical resur- rection.

That salvation of all humanity is only through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our only Hope in the world of hopelessness.

That the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ to live a holy life, to witness about Christ to the lost and to be anointed to be victorious in every sphere of life.

That the church is made up of those who have genuinely accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

That healing of various kinds is integral part of the redemp- tive work of Jesus Christ. Wa- ter baptism and the Lords Supper are au- thentic ordinances of the church.

That there is Satan and its demonic co- workers, whose work is to thwart and frus- trate the purpose of God on earth, but their final end is the hell fire.

That there shall be a bodily resur- rection of the dead in Christ to heaven, and of the un- repentant sinners to hell fire.

That there will be visible immi- nent return of Jesus Christ to take home true believers in God.

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MONTHLY PROPHETIC PRAYER

POWER-POINTS:

1. Today I declare that it is time to forget my past misery and pains (Job 11: 16).
2. In the Name of Jesus Christ I decree that shame and reproach of my past is forgotten (Isaiah 54: 4)
3. Today I declare that the God of Hope will help me to forget the memories of every former disappointment and failure of my life (Isaiah 43: 18-19)
4. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray that the Lord will remember me in my current trials so as to make my life to be fruitful in the Land (Hebrews 6: 10)
5. Today I pray that the good Lord will make my life to be fruitful and blessed afresh (Genesis 1: 28).
6. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray that God will make my life to be in abundance and exceedingly great (Exodus 1: 7).
7. Today I receive the fresh anointing to experience fruitfulness and multiplication in every area of my life (Isaiah 32: 15).

CONCLUSION:

The God of Hope is ready to promote you and make your trial a triumph, test a testimony, and pain a purpose.

Pastor 's Corner

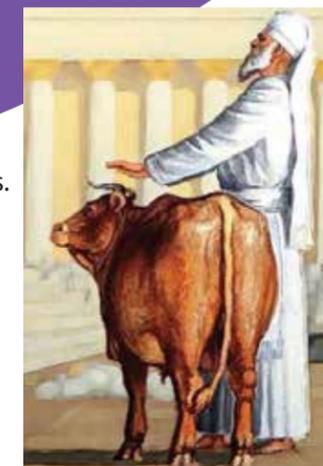
I confidently welcome you anew into the New Year 2016, God's Year for Our LIMITLESS GRACE. This New Month of May is prophetically the Month of Your Manasseh and Ephraim. The names were the prophetic names Joseph gave to his sons in Egypt. In the providence of God, the two Hebrew names: Manasseh (forgetfulness) signified that God had made him forget the misery of his separation from his family. Ephraim (double fruitfulness) signified that God had made him fruitful in the land of Egypt. Indeed, Joseph went through a lot of trials and sorrows for almost thirteen years in the land of Egypt before the hidden glory finally manifested (Genesis 45: 13). In the same manner, the God of Hope has spoken to cause you to forget your past shame and pains by making you to have a double fruitfulness in your land of Destiny. Now get ready to do away with every past hardship, sorrow, suffering and pain. Amen.

Why There is a Need for Sacrifice.

by Dr. Robert Jeffress

Immediately after Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they did something that may seem unusual: Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. (Gen. 3:7)

Sin produces guilt, and guilt generates the need for a covering. Our natural instinct to try to cover up our mistakes rather than admit them is inherited from Adam and Eve. They instinctively thought the way to cover their sin was to cover up their mistake with garments of their own making. But when God



Prophetic Focus

"Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house." And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." (Genesis 41: 51-52)

came looking for them “in the cool of the day” (Gen. 3:8) they must have felt a sudden draft as they realized how inadequate their self-manufactured apparel was in the presence of a holy God. Only when they grasped their inability to cover their very real guilt before God were they in a position to receive God’s provision for their sin:

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. (Gen. 3:21)

This verse records the very first death in the Bible. The skin for Adam’s and Eve’s covering came from an animal God had created and then killed to make a sufficient covering for His children’s guilt. The first death in history was a sacrificial death. Something innocent died to cover the sins of someone guilty. And God was the One who provided the sacrificial animal.

Under Mosaic law, there were numerous and unending offerings and sacrifices God commanded as a perpetual reminder of the people’s sins. The climactic offering for the sins of Israel as a whole occurred on the Day of Atonement, described in Leviticus 16.

Once a year, the Jewish High Priest would enter into the most sacred place in the temple, the Holy of Holies, where God was thought to dwell. The Holy of Holies contained the ark of the covenant, a box that among other things contained the Ten Commandments given to Moses. On top of the box was a gold lid called the Mercy Seat. On each end of the box was the representation of a special kind of angel—a cherub associated with guarding the holiness of God.

The picture was clear. God, looking down at the ark of the covenant, saw His law being violated by His own people day after day. But once a year, the high priest—after offering a bull as a sacrifice for his own sin—would enter into the Holy of Holies and sprinkle the blood of a goat on the mercy seat, symbolically covering over (or atoning for) the sins of the people.

Thus, when God looked down at the ark, He no longer saw His law, which had been transgressed, but the blood of an

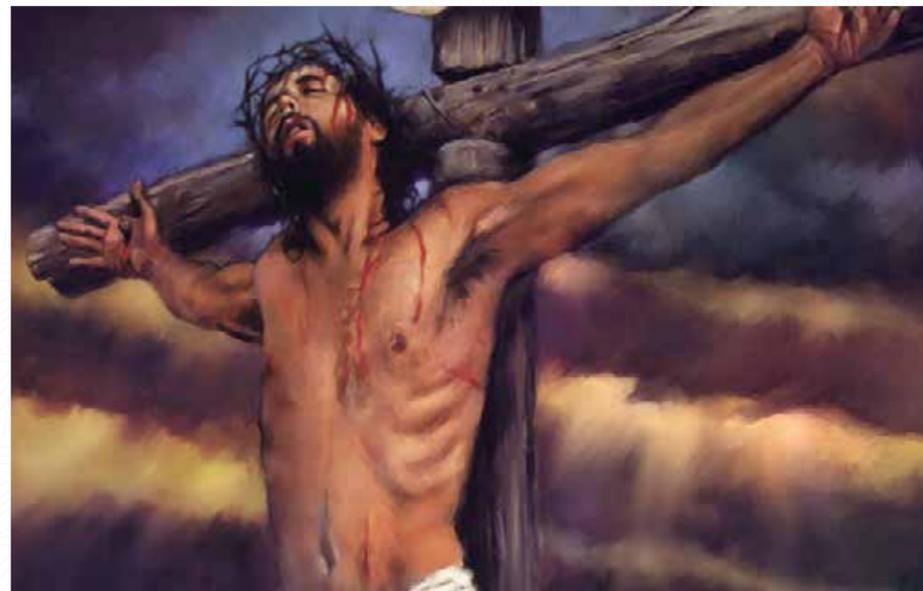
animal covering the sins of the people. But who created the required sin offering? God reminded the Israelites that He was the One who created the animal they offered on the sacrificial altar:

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement. (Lev. 17:11)

Once again we see the picture of something innocent dying for those who are guilty.

One more example. In Genesis 22 we find the remarkable account of God commanding his servant Abraham to take his son Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer him as a burnt sacrifice. As Abraham raised his knife to plunge it into the heart of his beloved son, the Lord stopped him and instead provided a ram as a substitute for the sacrifice He had required. Moved with gratitude for what God had done, Abraham named the place Yahweh Yir’eh (meaning “The Lord Will Provide”).

Nearly two thousand years later, in that same group of hills known as the region of Moriah, God would provide the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of mankind. It was in that same area many scholars believe that Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), was cruci-



2016 WATCHWORD

GOD’S YEAR FOR OUR LIMITLESS GRACE!

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU FOR MY POWER IS MADE COMPLETE IN YOUR WEAKNESSES AND CHALLENGES.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12: 12: 9

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fied. Someone innocent died as a sacrifice for those of us who are guilty.

Every animal offered in the Old Testament sacrifices was required to be “without blemish.” But these animals were simply an object lesson pointing to the ultimate sacrifice, Jesus Christ, whom God Himself would provide to atone for the sins of the world. Like the animal sacrifices, Jesus Christ was perfect. But that’s where the similarity stops.

The Old Testament sacrifices had to be offered continually. Christ was offered once. The Old Testament sacrifices were made by sinful priests who had to atone for their own sins. Christ was the perfect High Priest who presented Himself as the sacrifice. The Old Testament sacrifices provided temporary reconciliation with God. Christ’s sacrifice offered eternal redemption for those who believe. The writer of Hebrews illustrates the contrast between the Old Testament sacrificial system and the sacrifice of Christ this way:

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Heb. 9:11–12)

My pastor, when I was growing up, used to say, “Your reaction to reading the book of Leviticus is a measure of your spirituality.” If that’s true, then I flunk the spirituality test! All of the specific instructions regarding offerings and sacrifices seem tedious to read. But I suppose that one “spiritual” response I have when reading Leviticus is gratitude to God for not requiring such complicated and continual rituals today.

The Old Testament sacrificial system was designed as a regular reminder of the very real problem of sin in each of us that must be atoned for. The fact that those sacrifices were never completed but had to be offered year after year created a longing for the once-for-all sin offering that only God Himself could make.