

Isaiah 12:1 And in that day thou shall say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.



Be Encouraged

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These Latter Days of Time

The enemy picks on older people and young people to keep us from serving God. He is an accuser of the brethren. When we are doing the will of God, he will accuse us of putting on a show or of trying to further another cause. I am glad that we do not have to listen to him. God makes every provision for us to hear and understand His voice, and He makes provision for us to go to Heaven. If you do not understand the first time He speaks to you, He will speak to you again. He is very kind in that way.

We need discernment that comes from God. If you are a child of God, you need spiritual food. The message is still, "Come out of her, my people." There is only one church, and she is on fire for God. He is the head of the church. All kinds of spirits are out in the world, so we must have ears to hear what

the Spirit says, and we need someone whom God has anointed to speak the Word of God. There are too many "hallelujah" preachers who are falling around on the floor. God has something better than the cults. I am glad that I can hear His voice. God wants you to hear the Truth and obey it.

I am glad that God has everything in order; he has everything under control. We are living in perilous times, but you can still make it to Heaven even in these last days. You can make it through the battle of Armageddon. You can meet the battles and win with Jesus at your side. He is the great Captain of our salvation. He knows the battle is hot, but He has more grace. You might have to lose your life. Many people lose things because of serving God. Living for God is not always an easy way.

I have pastored people for many years, and it is a full-time, strenuous

job. I believe that in these latter days of time, it is becoming more strenuous than it has ever been. The devil has polished up his devices, and he is setting them out for people to partake of. Nevertheless, God still has a church, and He is the head of it. I am one follower who believes in God with all my heart.

My wife and I have had some strain and stress. My wife has lost her eyesight, and I have had some trouble with mine. However, I can see just as clear or clearer spiritually because of the hard things that have come my way. This world is bidding high for souls. Lights are flashing and many voices are speaking to draw people away from Truth. The god of this world wants you to love the world and the things of the world. He tries to make God's way look dull and unattractive so that you will not want much to do with it. Nevertheless, God is still up to date, and the church is still

beautiful. Holiness becomes the house of God.

A great thing takes place when God makes a sinner holy. When you become a new creature, He will be with you all the days of your life. He said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5). That is the good news of the Gospel. Some folks nowadays say, "Oh, I don't have that kind of light." If you walk in the light, you will get the right kind of light, and your vision will not become blurred or dimmed. I have been in the Church of God since the Lord saved me. Though she has gone through hard places, she always comes through with shining colors. I am satisfied with what God has made. Friend, are you satisfied with Jesus?

The Lord Is Ever Near

We need Jesus as our physician. God said He is the One who heals us. He is the best doctor in the world. He never makes a mistake, and He never takes out something that should not have been removed. He gives you only one pill to swallow, and that is the "Gos-pill." If you swallow that, it will help you to sleep peacefully, and it will take away the "worry bug." Worrying will kill you. You need to trust in the Living God. I have cast all my troubles on Jesus throughout the years, and He has been a great help. Feelings of anger, jealousy, envy, and wanting your own way will cause you trouble mentally and physically. Sin is bad in every way. There is joy in the Lord. Have you found that joy? That is the kind to have. The devil makes many promises, but he lies and he does not care about you. He has a host working for him, but God still has saints who will be faithful until the end. Praise God forever!

I do not like to see apostasy. God has made rules for the church concerning how we ought to behave in the Church of God. God calls ministers. He never told me to go to college to learn how to preach, but

He told me to get busy and preach the Word of God. One night in Colorado, when I had been saved for only a little while, He called me to preach His Gospel. I love to preach His Gospel. I love to pastor people. Though some can get naughty with the pastor and still profess to be saints, pastoring is still one of the most rewarding jobs, if God has called you. God will say, "You stay right in there and obey Me, whether the people like you or not and whether they say amen or not. That is My business. You just preach the Truth." That takes much strain off the preacher. As pastors, we want people to like us, but if they do not, we must preach the Gospel so God favors what we are doing. When God smiles upon us, it is all right.

In my Father's house, He has a holy people, and He is coming for His church. God will not forget us; He will not be too busy somewhere else. He is God, and He is bigger than our minds can comprehend. Glory hallelujah! Praise the Lord forever!

When you get in a tight place and the devil is tormenting you, the Bible says to praise the Lord. It is such a good thing to praise the Lord. When we praise the Lord, it causes the devil to flee. He does not want us to praise Him. The Lord is worthy of praise, honor, and glory. He has the whole world in His hands. He has control over my life, and He is my protector. He stays with me every day. He does not go away on a journey, but He is ever near. You can get good service any time you ask Him for something. He loves to answer prayer, just as you love to have your children come and ask you for things. A good habit to get into is to ask the Lord to supply all your needs. The Bible says that God shall supply all your needs.

A More Excellent Way

The devil is a liar. He will try to seduce you and draw you away from God. God created you to serve Him, and that is your rightful place

in this world. God has a big work for each of us to do, and it is a noble work. You could lay up money, own property, get a new car, and acquire many other worldly possessions, but nothing can make you happier than to have God in your heart every day. He leads us beside still waters and places us in green pastures for His name's sake. God gives His people the very best. He is our helper, and we can take everything to Him in prayer.

I have a good wife. We have learned to help each other, and we have enjoyed our lives together. I do not want to trade her. God knows all about your home life, and He has orders. If people would behave themselves and obey God, they would have much less trouble in the home. Living in a home and not getting along with your companion is awful.

You ought to be friendly with your pastor, but not everyone is. Many stay away from church and talk about their pastor in the wrong way. It is the devil's business to get you to dislike the man of God, criticize him, and find fault with him. You may think that he is too young or too old, that he has too many children or not enough, or that he is too thrifty or too extravagant. You can find fault with anyone if you look hard enough.

We have a friend in Jesus who is greater than all others. He said, "Keep your eyes on Me, love your enemies, and love your neighbor, even if he is nasty. Do not show any evil toward him in your heart." Living in peace is much easier than living in turmoil. The devil stirs up turmoil. You may be calm and collected and enjoy the peace of God, but the devil will come along and upset your disposition if he can. Having the grace of God is wonderful. What does the grace of God do for you? It will keep you from wanting to seek revenge. I have learned that since I have been a Christian. The more I love people, the better it is for everyone. Love is better for you, your neighbors, your

pastor, your wife, and your children. Some people cannot get along with anyone. The sinful life is a life of turmoil and tribulation.

We are living in the end time, and the battle is hot and raging. In some places it seems that the work of the devil is displayed tremendously. You need the grace of God to go through trials and hard places. The grace of God will do things for you that nothing else will do.

The Bible is like a road map. By reading it, you will receive better instruction than you can get from any psychologist. I recommend God above psychology. God is so far ahead of the intelligence of this old world. The world is far away from the Truth. True knowledge is in our Heavenly Father. We are His children. He teaches us the way of holiness, which is a more excellent way, and He tells us what to do. You may think you know what to do, but it is good to pray and ask God to direct your steps. You need the map that God puts before you every day. It beats any other way of planning.

The Giver of All Good Gifts

The church is in God's hands. The whole world, even the tiny baby, is in His hands. God is a specialist, and He is a perfectionist. He knows how to help you, how to make you happy, and how to help you get along with your neighbors, your pastor, your wife, your children, and others.

I enjoy fishing and gardening, but God told me, "You are doing a little too much. You need to cut back. Don't plant so much garden or raise so many rabbits. You need to give more time to Me." God's work is the greatest. It is better than raising animals and having money in the bank. God's work gives you treasures in Heaven. God made each of us a little different and gave us various gifts to be used for His glory. We are much happier when we do what God wants us to do. It is

a greater thrill when God blesses you than when you have a fish on the line. I enjoy working in the garden and giving what I raise to others to enjoy. However, serving God and seeing the work of God grow has a much greater reward.

We are supposed to love one another as Christians and work together. The doctrine of the Church of God is that God's people are one. The enemy of souls wants to divide God's people. When you get in God's church, you will not want any schism. Some people ask, "Which church is right? Who is right? and What is right?" They need a vision of God's divine church in action. The Church of God preaches the whole Word of God and prays for the sick.

If we are going to see people redeemed and well in body, we need to pray for one another. This helps the Gospel message to reach out. Healing is part of God's plan. We need miracles; however; too many times people get healed and receive help but forget to return—and give God the glory. Jesus said in Luke 17:17, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" If God heals you of cancer or some other disease, you owe Him something.

God is the giver of all good gifts, and you ought to use your body and your talents for His glory. The Church of God stresses using your talents for God. Women have their place, and men have their place. The Bible tells preachers how to act. It also tells us how to act in the home. It tells the husband what to do. No wonder we have so much trouble in the world. People are not obeying God's laws. We should pray for our leaders, because they need prayer. Fathers and mothers who are raising children also need prayer. When a little child is sick, the father and mother need to lay their hands on that child and pray, and God will come to the rescue. Often we have prayed for people and their fevers have gone down immediately.

God has health for His people. He wants us to be strong and

knowledgeable of the things of God, and He wants to teach us the right way. Friend, God is interested in you. He does not want you to be deceived. Being deceived is an awful thing, especially in matters concerning your soul.

When I was a child, I was always skeptical of Santa Claus. He did not look real to me. Thank God, God is real; He is not a fake. When I went to an altar of prayer, I wanted to know God. Well, the fire of His Holy Spirit fell and it is still falling upon me. It is a far better thing to happen to you than to get drunk. I would much rather be filled with the Holy Spirit.

God Is Always on Time

It is good for your soul to know that God has anointing for people. Every worship service is something fresh and new. God has new circumstances, new things to do, and great things happen that you never dreamed would happen. Living for God is exciting, and sometimes humorous. God has everything we need in the church. He looked ahead when He made it and said, "It is good." He made the sun and the moon, and the light of the sun has never burned out. It is such a powerful thing. God also makes the seasons. Once the snow quits, we have springtime and then summer. Isn't it wonderful that God never forgets? He knows just what we need.

Some people like the snow, and others like the rain or the dry weather, but God can please us all. We should be happy with whatever He sends us. We need to count our blessings. If you think what you have is bad, God can show you something worse. You could be bedfast. You may pity yourself because you have pain in your leg, but some fellows have no legs at all.

One of these days, God is going to call us home, and He will give us exactly what is coming to us. We all have battles and trials, but we must be faithful to God. Be encouraged;

do not be discouraged. Sometimes you can become discouraged when God is blessing you, because you may not see the blessings. God is really good to all of us. You may question, "Why didn't He do this?" or "Why didn't He do that differently?" We do not always know the answers to many of life's questions, but God works for our good.

God is still in the healing business. We lay hands on the sick and pray for them, but often healing does not occur instantly. God healed my ear once while I was riding in an airplane. I had been prayed for before then, but as I was riding along, all at once I was healed.

God does business on time, and He is never too late. Young lady, young man, do not become alarmed. You will get a companion if you trust God. God knows when the time is right and what companion you need. He will help you to get the right one.

I believe God gave me the right one. She might not have been right for someone else, but she was the right one for me. She feels the same way about me. That makes it better than if I were to live with someone who wished she had a better one or a different one. God has the very best for those who leave the choice to Him. I knew when I was converted, I knew when God called me to preach, and I knew when God gave me a wife in Oregon. I knew He did not want me to take a wife from back East where I was. God has a time and a place. He is never too late or too early; He is always on time. You should do things God's way; that is the best way, and it works. May the Lord help you.

A Wonderful God

Under the sixth seal, God used many brethren to a great extent. Some had the gifts of healing and others had the gift of evangelism. I knew Brother Susag and other mighty men of God. They were men of prayer, men whom the Holy

Spirit could lead, and I appreciated them.

In the movement, others came along and organized it. They had money drives and spirituality died, and I got spiritually hungry. They wanted to tell me what to do and what to preach instead allowing God to direct me. I do not say any of this disrespectfully, but I was looking for something better. When I heard Brother Emerson Wilson preach, the Holy Ghost said, "That is the right message." I love the message of the Church of God. If the devil should cause twice as much division as he has, I would still say the Church of God is the one, because that is what God showed me.

False doctrine is a bad thing. You need to be careful. If God has written Truth upon your heart and mind by the Holy Spirit, you will not be soon shaken. Look at the beautiful interpretation of the Book of Revelation. How much power do you think God has? How quickly can Almighty God help you? He is alive, healthy, awake, and knowledgeable. He does not have to learn any more, but we need to learn more about Him. There is one God, so you do not need to miss it.

We have a wonderful God whom man cannot destroy. He does not get old and feeble; He is ever new, He is life, and He is the giver of life, the Creator. He is the beginning and the end. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." There is none else beside Him. There is no room for discouragement because He is a great, big, wonderful God. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Christ is our redeemer. Eternal life is through Christ. He is great! He knows all things. As we get older, we start forgetting, but God does not forget. He remembers everything. He can talk to you about things that

happened a long time ago and bring it to your mind.

May the Lord bless His Truth. We have a good road map to follow. We need to follow Christ, and then we will end up in Heaven. Let us be faithful to God. You can make it to Heaven by the grace of God. Every time someone speaks well of me, I like it; but it is not I, it is God. If we have any good at all, it is something God has done for us. May God bless your heart is my prayer.

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