

Dearly Beloved, **REJOICE** in the **LORD!** (Phil. 4:4). I extend to you these New Year warm greetings in the name of our blessed **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. I trust that in spite of the afflictions of life (Ps. 34:19), that you are forging ahead & can testify that, "**IT IS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.**"

Well, another **BLESSED CHRISTmas** has gone by, but with me, it is **CHRISTmas every day**. **GOD** has given me many extra years of life — all those times that I should have died. I don't take one day for granted, but daily count my multitudes & multitudes of blessings.

We do not know what the New Year will bring. Blessings? Adversities? Breakthroughs? One thing for sure, whatever shall come, as believers in the Risen King, we do **NOT** have to fear. (II Tim. 1:7; Ps. 27:1; Isa. 41:10). **GOD** is still on the throne & is in control of a believer's life.

January started off incredibly well. 97 inmates came to the service at Chino Women's Prison & 95 prayed the Salvation Prayer. It was the best way to start this New Year. I was grateful coming home in the rain. The rest of the month, there were 16 services & the Holy Spirit drew over 400 into the Kingdom (John 6:44). It never grows old in the 34 years of ministry in Skid Row & Prisons to win souls. **REVIVAL** is here!!!

In these dark days of this fallen world, we must increase our desire to win souls. The Harvest is Ripe, & we are **ALL** called to serve (Matt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45). Understand that end times are swiftly coming (Matt. 24). See what is going on in the world. Evil lurks everywhere. Today is the day of Salvation, **NOW** is the appointed time (II Cor. 6:2). Who is it that you need to share Jesus Christ & Salvation with? It is a fertile world. Seek & Save!

The services at the LA Co Jail were well attended with most excellent harvests of souls. Walking the tiers at the High Power-Super Max also brought in souls. **GOD** has their attention & many are listening. Yes, **REVIVAL** time!!!

I had a blessed service at the ELA Juvenile Division. There were 70 boys & girls in the service, ages 10-16. How tragic that our family structure in our country is almost nil. Even though, there was a harvest of 50, my rest of the day was, a downer. Thank **GOD**, I was there for daughters, Nikol & Lea, as their dad. So many rejected & abandoned.

The missions were packed. We had a great deal of rain. The homeless were soaked. My Omega Man Shows with Brother Shannon Ray Davis, which goes to 167 countries, were anointed & powerful because of **GOD'S WORD**. Counseling went well — after **CHRISTmas** blues, loneliness, rejection, deception, & on & on.

As I prayed on New Year's, the **HOLY SPIRIT** spoke to my heart about **4 EXPECTATIONS** that **GOD'S** people should **TRUST HIM** to bring to pass in 2017. These promises are based on absolute promises **GOD** has made to us. (II Cor. 1:20). **GOD** is a promise maker & a promise keeper. When I pray in expectation, (Psalm 62:5), I don't give doubt a place. Doubt is a killer of **FAITH**. (Forsaking All I Trust Him). **GOD** hates doubt as it leads to unbelief. Doubt is the devil's #2 tool, behind fear.

1) **Expect to enter into GOD'S promised rest in 2017.** There remains, therefore a rest to the people of **GOD**," enter into that rest." (Heb. 4:9, 11). Last year was one of the most stressful times for many believers, & the worst year I have seen with people getting cancer. It was a year of incredible calamities, problems & trials. This year, the Lord desires that you believe **HIM** to bring you into **HIS** promised rest. We need reckless faith, a trust in **GOD** in the face of fear, trouble & death itself. In 2017, give it to **JESUS**.

2) **Expect the HOLY SPIRIT to always be in HIS temple in 2017.** "Know you not that your body is the temple of the **HOLY SPIRIT**," (I Cor. 6:19). The **HOLY SPIRIT** abides in the heart of the believer. **HE** is **ONMIPRESENT** throughout the world. **HE** will comfort me, guide me, encourage me, anoint me, & reveal the glory of **JESUS CHRIST**. In 2017, **HE** desires that you expect HIM to make **HIS** presence manifest to you.

3) **Expect to see evidence of a progressive miracle in your life in 2017.** "Nothing is impossible to **GOD**," (Luke 1:37). Mal. 3:6 & Heb. 13:8 tell us **GOD** has **NOT** changed. Progressive miracles start in unseen, quiet ways & unfurl little by little, one small mercy act at a time. Expect to see **GOD** working in mysterious ways, unseen to the human eye. In 2017, you can say, "I don't know how; I don't see much happening; but I believe **GOD** set in motion the answer to my prayer the hour I first asked."

4) **Expect to be rewarded as you diligently seek the LORD in 2017.** "**GOD** is a rewarder of them that diligently seek **HIM**," (Heb. 11:6). You can ask in faith for a token for **GOD** to encourage & rekindle your confidence. **GOD** is always on time, & **HE** knows you need a ray of hope & good news in your testing time. Expect HIM to keep **HIS** promise to reward you now when you are in your greatest need. **GOD** cannot lie, break a promise or a covenant (Heb. 6:18; Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2).

Until next month, **LORD** bless you. To you who sent a **LOVE** offering, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

Dear Friend,

If the Lord leads you to send a love offering for my Skid Row and Prison Ministry, please send it to:

Heavenly Manna Inc.
8942 Willis Ave. Unit 9, Panorama City, CA 91402

My tax I.D. number for your records is 93-1112647.
May God abundantly bless you.

In His love,
Mel

TESTIMONY OF JOHN

I started thinking after I got to jail how I would get larger areas to deal drugs. I had been supplying more drugs to the Oregon-Washington states than anyone else. I was the leader of one of the largest distributors in those states before I got busted in a sting. So I thought why couldn't I set up the same kind of drug supply network in prison that I had on the streets? I always felt confident in myself to do whatever it took to get whatever needed to be done. My friends inside helped me get started. The hard part was getting the drugs from one wing to another. I still knew I could do it.

My cellmate was always encouraging me to go to chapel, so one night I did. And I became a regular, going to every service. That solved my distribution problem. It was a piece of cake. People say that God can use anything to work out his plan for us. Now I know how true that is. To get my drugs to all the wings, I had to listen to God's Word. One night, a speaker from LA looked like he was from G.Q. Magazine, all spruced up. This dude was serious. He jumped on 2 inmates for talking. He got our attention. It was like he knew the Bible inside & outside, using one scripture after another. He told us we were too old to still be involved in gangs & drugs. "You think God does not know that you deal drugs in here! We are in the end times & life is precious. Then he said that we were too young to die. It felt like he was talking right to me. He scared me.

But I continued supplying drugs throughout the prison, & for some strange reason, I didn't enjoy it anymore. The Preacher dude's words & scriptures kept haunting me. I was ready for my life to change. I made my decision a few weeks later. I got down on my knees and asked the Lord to come into my life. I asked Him to forgive me & I sincerely repented. I flushed all my drugs down the toilet. They were worth big bucks. I know it pleased Jesus.

I avoided my old partners when I got released. They were waiting for me to pick up where I had left off, but my life had changed too much. I belonged to the Lord & was not going to go back to the old life. Don't get me wrong. I still miss the \$25,000 to \$30,000 that I was making every week, but there's no question between God's value and money. For the first time in my life I felt loved. I was a new creation.

Now I do ministry in the same area where I used to sell drugs and shoot people. When I took over as head of my gang, we had 1,500 members. By the next year, we had 10,000. I'm praying that God will let me have the same kind of impact for Him that I had as a gang leader. When the way you live pleases the Lord, things that are really valuable to **HIM** become valuable to you too. God bless the Dude.