

The New Year of 2010


Psalm 126 (Song of a new start) **Something's Got to Change!**

 **Ps 126:1-2 When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing.**

This psalm was written in response to the return of the Jewish exiles from their captivity. As with the Jewish exiles God is enabling us to recover from our captivity. He has always been there through our dramatic periods of painful exile and now He desires to bring us back to Him. *Today, give your life to Him and in 2010 see just how great His power truly is!*

We *“Cannot”* allow Satan to use our obvious failures and disappointments to convince us that we are really not worth being loved by God, and we will never change. *Remember: Satan is a liar!* Be like the exiles who dreamed because God promises to complete the transformation in our life when His timing is perfect.

You may be in the deepest hole of your life, but the Word says *“You have hope”* Then glory to God, *“You do have hope!”* *Heb 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,*


 **1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**

Satan is like a salesman. He makes a presentation and tries to sell you a bill of goods. He will tell you God doesn't care about your struggles. He will tell you God's Word won't work this time. He will tell you God has both abandoned and given up on you. He tells you that you don't have the strength to go on. He'll even try to sell you on the idea that it would be easier for you just to curl up and die than to see this trial and temptation through to the end in *“Faith.”*

All he does is talk...talk...talk! And lie...lie...lie, and we *“Do not”* have to listen. Day in and day out, struggle after struggle his talk gets very annoying and too many times we give into his talk. For those of us struggling with bondages; *“Remember, that all he can do is talk.”*

1 Peter 5:9 states we are to resist the devil “steadfastly in the faith” That means, right now, right here and in 2010 we have to use both the *Word of God* and *Wisdom from God* to resist him. He is, after all, a persistent fellow and he will pester us repeatedly a thousand times a day. But, if we will just resist him every time in the name of Jesus, he will flee from you.

The next time Satan starts his sales pitch, *Talk back!* Tell him: *“In Jesus name”* to flee from you and that you are a new creature in Christ Jesus. You are born again and *“Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.”* (1 John 4:4) And if you are short of time or in panic mode, just say, *“Get out of here, Satan, in the Name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Provider.”*

 **James 4:7-10 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

Today, right now, and in the New Year of 2010 we must make changes. We must make Spiritual Changes and if we follow the Word of God and if we stick to these changes it will work. Remember: *"A good fight is the one together with God, because we win!"*

We must make the decision in 2010 to take a *"Faith Stand"* and resist the devil and his temptations to drink or use drugs. To sit in front of that T.V. with an X-rated or worse movie playing. To turn on that computer of pornography staring us in the face as our bodies lust for more. When we find our eyes wandering to that person that will lead us down the road of adultery, fornication and separation from God take that *"Stand of Faith."*

Today, right now and in this New Year of 2010 let's change our actions, our attitudes and our mind-sets. Let's ask God to change our heart. Let's speak *"The Word"* rather than *"The World."* Let our actions be one that God would see and say, *"That is my child."*

Satan cannot do anything to you if you *"Do Not Open the Door"* to him with your worldly choice of words, attitudes or actions. *Sin is his foothold.* So Remember: *Satan cannot rob you unless you authorize that robbery yourself!*

I would imagine you are probably just as tired of having Satan get in the middle of your affairs as the next guy. So, *"Something's Got to Change in 2010"* or else it is going to be just like or even worse than 2009, 2008, etc. Have you ever asked yourself just how far back your pain goes? Since we ultimately know with certainty what our ultimate destiny is without God, can you confidently face another year of hardships or bondages without Him?



Prov 3:5-8 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.



Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Two key and very easy scriptures to memorize and use when the enemy comes against you. *"Trust in the Lord"* and *"I can do all things through His strength."* So, when the pressure of life's battle is on. When stress and troubles come. When you feel as if you're about to faint, *"Look up!"* and *1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight for what we believe.*



2 Tim 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

"I'm tired of fighting my addiction!" "I'm tired of losing this battle daily." "I'm tired of being sick and tired." "As soon as I whip one problem, there are a hundred more knocking on my door!" Are you actually even tired of listening to yourself whine about everything? In the year 2010 and beyond nothing is ever going to change until you get up and off that *"Pity Pot"* of yours and fight the *"Good Fight"* by asking God to help you make those once seemingly impossible decisions and changes.

Satan will be pounding at your door louder and harder once you start living right for Christ. But, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you and you can and will do it through His power *"Addiction Free!"*

Please understand: All you have to do is stand in the victory because Jesus has already won the battle. The only way Satan can defeat you is by convincing you to quit, and that's the one thing you do not want to do! *Quit whining. Get on your feet and do not accept defeat!*

This New Year of 2010 and for every year to follow dare to dream the dream of *"Victory in Christ Jesus."* Once you have found self-forgiveness and are stripped from the bondages of guilt and shame you will find yourself brought back from captivity with your mouth filled with laughter and your tongue with singing! *(Ps 126:1-2)*

There are free gifts waiting for us that are essential to the Recovery Process. The love of God, His forgiveness, deliverance and His powerful support. He has even promised to give us a special home in Heaven with our name on it and there is no need for us to do anything but accept these free gifts. We gain far more than we could ever lose! *Are you ready?*



John 3:16-21 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

God really does love you! For God so loved...that He gave (*John 3:16*) and gave and He gave. But, something is missing. Can you feel it? You say you trust God's power. You say you have read of His precious promises. But, inside you're wavering. How can you be sure He'll come through for you?

To answer that question, you will need more than head knowledge of the world's higher power. The higher power you hear about around 12-step tables. You will need more than just head knowledge of God's power and promises. You need a *"Personal Relationship"* with Him. You need a *"Personal Revelation of His love."*

God wants to give this to you. It is His desire that every person know His vast love for them. If you've never known His *"Unconditional Love,"* start the New Year of 2010 off right__ask Him for *"Personal Revelation."* Or, if you've never asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, ask Him into your heart and *"Walk by Faith"* into His arms of love, right now.

God, 2010 is a New Year and I am looking for a New Hope! Something's got to change.
Being locked up within myself and chained to my old lifestyle is no way to live.
At times I am frustrated and angry. At times I'm lonely, scared and uneasy. I'm tired, God!
This isn't the way life is supposed to be. There must be something better than this.
Well, here I am, Lord, and I am going to be here for a while longer. It's a New Year
and I am looking for a *New Hope in 2010*. Please help me find it.
Help me find *New Hope* in You.
Amen