



**From the President's Desk -**



Back on the of 3rd June, I was awakened at about 4.30am with this Scripture, whether in my mind or by the audible voice of God I cannot tell, but this I know there was an urgency about it that caused me to read and reread and then spend some time studying this wonderful passage. As the evening 3rd of June was our FGBMFI National Zoom Prayer Meeting, I used this reading to highlight the theme "preparing for revival". Since then, I have done further research and now feel it was more a word for the whole fellowship than just one evening's meeting.

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 62:10-12. *Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, say ye to the daughter of Zion, behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, the holy people, of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, sought out, a city not forsaken.***

The short preamble goes this way; back in the days of the Prophets the nation of Israel did not heed the warnings given them by the godly prophets, but instead turned away from the word of God to follow their destructive desires; eventually leading to the sacking of Jerusalem, by King Nebuchadnezzar, the destruction of the temple and the carrying away to Babylon the people into what is now known as the seventy-year Babylonian captivity.

Imagine if you will, that you are captive in Babylon separated from your normal ways of worship. You have been in this stronghold for most of your life and your only understanding of the things of God, is by the knowledge passed down to you from those men that remembered what it was like to worship God in the temple in Jerusalem.

Godly men like Daniel pressed into God, as the nation Israel turned from following God to idolatry, slipping further and further away from God. Babylon in that sense is the dark place of complete separation from God with no salvation, no anchor for the soul, a state of utter hopelessness.

Someone shares Isaiah chapter 45 with you yes! The story of Cyrus, the soon coming conquering king, one who God calls His anointed, and how God held this man's right hand empowering him to subdue nations, loose the loins of kings and speaking more specifically about Babylon: how God would open the stronghold door before him so that the gate would never shut. How God was going go before this anointed servant, making the crooked places straight, breaking in pieces the gates of bronze and cutting the bars of iron. The testimony lifts your faith so much so that you start looking forward to the

coming of this saviour, mighty to deliver.

Then it happens: Cyrus and his uncle King Darius approach the stronghold of Babylon by coming down the river bed of the Euphrates. They didn't have to scale the high fortress walls; no the bars that were supposed to prevent entry into the city by water had been corroded so they were able to just walk in. The next obstacle would have been the gates along both sides of the river, which should have been closed at night to stop intruders entering the city, but now they were open because the then king of Babylon Belshazzar had thrown a drunken party, even drinking out of the gold vessels that his father king Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from God's Temple in Jerusalem. The outcome was good. Cyrus and Darius with their troops, took the city without bloodshed, except for Belshazzar whose loins loosed as he lost control of the kingdom and his life.

God had placed in the heart of King Cyrus a desire to rebuild the temple and the city of Jerusalem. **Isaiah 45:13** *I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city and let My exiles go free, not for price nor reward, says the Lord of hosts.* All this was prophesied by Isaiah 210 years before it became a reality.

All such prophesies are referring to the deliverance of the Jews out of Babylon and their return to their Holy Lands, but furthermore are pointers to the greater works of salvation completed by the Lord Jesus Christ, our only true High Priest. Christ is not only our Saviour, but salvation itself; for the happiness of believers is not only from him but in him.

The gates of Babylon were thrown wide open, but it was up to the individual to go through them into liberty, the first through prepared the way for those who followed, by preparing a Holy Highway of peace. **Ephesians 6:15.** *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.* Taking out all obstacles and hindrances and lifting up godly standards for the people. **Matthew 3:1-3** *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying; "The voice of one crying in the wilderness; prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight."*

Cyrus was God's anointed to deliver the Jew out of Babylon. John the Baptist's message was to prepare the way for the Lord Jesus Christ's first coming. Now it is our turn to prepare the people by the word of our testimonies and the high standards we set as a banner directing the lost to the knowledge of Jesus for salvation, knowing His banner over us is love. If we get it right, people will seek us out, for we the members of FGBMFI will be known as God's anointed, holy people, separated unto God, worthy of their trust.

Len.





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**YOU ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS**

'The accuser...has been hurled down.' Revelation 12:10 NIV

A man who worked in an office loved to play a particular trick on new employees. He would approach them and whisper, 'They know what you did,' then walk away smiling. First, the person would look bewildered. Then they would get anxious and wonder, 'What have I *done*?' Then they would think, 'Who are *they*?' 'What do they *know*?' and 'What are they *saying* about me?' And since even the most innocent have a knee-jerk tendency to conceal and protect, the new employee would walk around all day anxiety ridden. That's exactly how Satan works! He casts aspersions!

But there's good news: 'The accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony' (Revelation 12:10-11 NIV). There's an unfailing strategy for silencing the voice of the accuser. What is it? Remind him that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you from *all* sin. Just as Jesus defeated Satan in the wilderness, you can defeat him every time by standing on the truth of God's Word.

It's not God who makes you feel condemned. He wants you to know you're loved, forgiven and fully accepted. Paul writes, 'Who will bring any charge against God's elect...Christ...is at the right hand of God...interceding...for us' (Romans 8:33-34 AMP). So, stop beating yourself up. Jesus came to save you and let you know that the *penalty* for your sin has been removed and its *power* over your life has been broken. God sees you today as righteous - and that's how you need to start seeing yourself (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).



FGBMFI Long time member John Diamond marching on ANZAC Day

**FGBMFI Business Tips**

It is important to have a Business Plan

**What is a business plan?**

A business plan is simply a written document that describes the future path of a business.

A good business plan explains the business concept, summarizes the objectives of the business, identifies the resources (both in terms of money and people) that will be needed by the business, describes how those resources will be obtained, and tells the reader why the business will succeed.

**Recruiting**

Select carefully as this is where your greatest investment should be. Most organizations and businesses are about people and in most cases, this is where the highest cost structure lies. When recruiting and selecting new staff, never take the best of a bad bunch. It is much better to wait and get the right person or head hunt from another source. A bad employment decision can wreck your whole enterprise.

**Values**

Your values will determine your culture. Staff and peers alike watch to see how you live and how you conduct yourself at work. If your leadership is valued based, you are more likely to create a positive caring culture over your workplace and colleagues. If you are different at work than you are at home your value base needs checking. There should be alignment between your work and home life.

**Vision:** Without a vision the people perish (Proverbs 29:18)

Do you have vision for your business – your business will not grow beyond your vision. Your vision needs to be compelling, driving you forward.

Have **protocols and policies**, as they will save you grief later.

If you have time complete a **Strategic Plan**.

**Finance** – Follow your budgets because at the very least they become your plan for the current financial year.

Remember that **Cash-Flow** is the life blood of the business. Tony





### **NATIONAL PRAYER MEETINGS**

*Our National Prayer Meetings are every Thursday night at 7:00pm Queensland time. Men, if we are going to function well and be effective in Australia, we need to see your face at these meetings and have your contribution at this special time on Thursday nights. Our National President spends some time putting a Prayer Agenda together and there have been good reports of prayers answered. So, can I encourage you all to take part and make a commitment to lift up our Saviour's Name over this time!*

On 17 June 2021 - This prophesy was brought by Harald Nikas after a season of praying in other tongues.

#### **HOLY FIRE WILL FALL**

*The Lord says My fire is coming to consume and purify your heart. Holy Fire is about to fall upon you and all those who long for Me.*

*It is the fire of cleansing that I have reserved for those who love Me.*

*You have passed through fire before and it left you strong.*

*That was my fire for testing. For all who desire Me will be tried by my Fire*

*You have walked through the fire of misunderstanding and remained at My side through it all*

*But this fresh fire I will release to the earth is a fire that will cling to our soul and make us whole.*

*It is fire power, the power you need to bring My Glory to the cities and towns of the earth, this is what I am to impart.*

*Many who have resisted My fire will fall away in the coming days.*

*Have I not said that My angels are swift winds and My priests are blazing fire?*

*Do I not send you out as flames to consume the hearts of men? Do not put out the Spirits Fire or resist the power and the gifts that I give to you.*

*For My Spirit will conquer cities and bring them to the feet of Jesus My King.*

*Every day passes and becomes a memory, but My living presence is eternal, for I will dwell among the eternal flames of fire. Torches of eternal*

*fire burn before My throne, the seven spirits of God. They have been sent out into all the earth to baptise My people with power and anoint My*

*servants. Embrace the fire I give to you, and you will receive power to endure and power to overcome the evil of this age that's about to come,*

*you have not yet seen what I will do with a generation that burns Holy for me.*

*Heb. 1:7 And about His angels He says, I make my angels swift winds, and my ministers fiery flames.*

Some 20 minutes later Kylie Wright, Dan's wife, joined the meeting and brought a second word which ran along the same lines as that brought by Harald. God is moving and we of FGBMFI need to be ready to move with Him.

**Blessings to all, we have been called for such a time as this. Len**

A quote by Albert Camus

***I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't and to die to find out that there is.***

#### **God's Diamonds**

We start off like rough carbon but through extreme pressure, heat and polishing he gives us the ability to reflect His goodness in our lives.



## INTERNATIONAL Our Mission

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status, and language.

**By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.**

We do this by:

**Calling people back to God...**

*There is a better life by following Jesus Christ.*

**Promoting integrity and good character...**

*Being a reflection of God to our world.*

**Participating in God's good work...**

*Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.*

**Working together to build better cities & nations...**

*Impacting our leaders and our culture.*

**Taking the message of God's love to every family...**

*A true grass roots effort that is changing the world.*

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness and link the world to God!"

**Demos Shakarian, Founder**



"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through our efforts, we believe that over 2 million people come to God each year."



International President Mario Garcia



## How precise is our God

**Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 117**

**Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 119**

**Q: Which chapter is in the centre of the Bible? Psalm 118**

FACTS: There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and there are 594 chapters after Psalm 118

Add the numbers together and you get 1188

What is the centre verse in the Bible? Psalm 118:8.

**"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put your confidence in man".**

**Now isn't that odd how this worked out... or was God in the centre of it?**



Bill Wilcock talking to Brisbane North Chapter members on the benefits of being members in FGBMFI (Australia). In background is (left to right) Giel Smith and David Galloway from the Gold Coast Chapter.