

Luke 10:39 "She had a sister named Mary which also sat at Jesus feet and heard His Word."

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"FLAMES OF FREEDOM!"

John 8:36 "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

July is the month we celebrate our Independence Day! It is sometimes called "The Fourth of July" or simply "The Fourth". While many people actually consider what Independence Day means to them, others only think of it as a day off from work! A Holiday! They celebrate without thinking of what it really means to be a part of the USA! It is important for us to take some time to reflect on how this actually affects our personal lives. People love the parades and picnics and the fun times! It is great to have the freedom to do that!

Centuries ago, weary of being enslaved to the Egyptians, a people cried out to the LORD! Within their souls was a flaming desire to be set free! God heard the cries of their heart and the fires of persecution were met by the flames of the LORD! Yes! The Lord got the attention of a man named Moses when a bush that flamed without consuming it stirred up his curiosity!(Exo.3) He climbed the hill to see why the bush was not burnt up. Imagine how startled he must have been to hear the Voice of God speak to him from that bush! Flames of Freedom! God told Moses he was ready to set His people free and would send Moses to accomplish that Mission!

The struggle for freedom was not easy for Moses and God's People. It still is not an easy road for Believers today! Pharaoh would not willingly let his slaves go free! But God's Promises are true! The Bible records the tremendous victory over the Egyptians!

After the Lord delivered the people out of bondage, He continued to guide them. His Flames of Freedom could be seen for miles around, revealing the protection of the Lord for His people! The Flames of Freedom was with them to lead them to the Promised Land! When the Lord sets us free from the bondage of sin today, His Flame in our hearts still guides us as we seek His face!

When Jesus came to Earth, He Promised to make people free from sin if they would follow Him! What a joy to be set free from the bondage of sin and death! Rom 6:22-23 LB "But now you are free from the power of sin and are slaves of God, and His benefits to you include holiness and everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Centuries later, another group of people with a burning desire for freedom established this Great Country on Biblical Principles, honor and respect for Almighty God and His Authority! In the midst of the stress, heartaches, violence, and war, it seems many have lost respect for God, Authority and our Country! Once again we see slaves in America! Not in the same sense as in our past history, but slaves nevertheless! These folks have become slaves to selfishness, greed, materialism, and lusts of all kinds!The Bible says we are slaves of whom we serve!

Rom.6:16 LB “Don’t you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal). The one to whom you offer yourself—he will take you and be your master and you will be his slave.”

Who is your master? Are you in bondage to sin? Does your soul have a burning desire to be set free? Does peace evade you? When do you really rest? The Flames of freedom still burn brightly! The LORD longs to set you free!

Ah! The Flames of Freedom! They will guide you into righteousness! They will enlighten your mind so you can see and enjoy your life in the LORD! Are you free? If the Son sets you free, your mind will be at peace and you can celebrate that freedom every day! Your heart will sing a new song of joy!

Isa.12:2 KJV “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He is also become my salvation!”

Enjoy your Freedom in the LORD! If you have questions, prayer requests or comments, please contact me at any of the above addresses.

In His Service, Blessings!

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“Fires of Freedom!”

How we need to look to the Son of God in our time of need!
He is the One who can bless our thoughts and make us free!

We need His Word to light our pathway so we can truly see.
His fires of freedom and peace burning brightly in you and me!

Many are bound as they went their own way, and before long,
Their lives were filled with anger and misery, they sing a sad song!

What they thought would make them free, has put them in a prison!
This liberty they sought was lost by many, making a wrong decision!

It is not too late to turn back and yield to Jesus our Savior and Lord!
He is the One who will set you free to live in peace and blessed accord!

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