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SPIRITUAL LIFE & MESSAGE DEVOTION

Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer: As the Spirit leads

Scripture: Psalm 122:1 & Hebrews 10:24-25

Meditation: "The House of the Lord"

Psalm 122:1 is one of my favorite scriptures. As a child, I looked forward to going into the house of the Lord. I only went on Sundays, and my most cherished part of the experience was attending Sunday school and seeing my friends. The only part of the worship service I really enjoyed was the music and prayer time. You see, for me, going to church was the time to worship God and to thank Him for the basics in my life, parents, food, and shelter. I needed to get to church to go tell God thank you.

As I matured, I came to the realization that praise and thanks to God could be given any place and anytime. I did not have to wait until Sunday morning. While I am still glad to enter into a house of worship, Hebrews 10:24-25 brought new meaning to Psalm 122:1. Going to church was not just a time to worship and thank God. "...Going into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1) became a time of cultivation.

Going to church is no longer a Sunday activity. It has become an action to be taken whenever there is an opportunity to learn more about God, receive encouragement from other believers, give to others from my God given resources, as well as share my testimonies. Going into God's house has become one of the sources of replenishment needed to remain faithful in my Christian walk.

Concerns of contracting and being an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19 have prevented us from coming together in physical church buildings. However, this virus has not halted the coming together of believers. Technology and the world of virtual gatherings have enabled believers to come together and "spur one another on toward love and good deeds..." (Hebrews 10:24)

During the past 12 months, the use of technology has enabled believers to continue coming together. We have had audio and virtual Church school sessions, Bible studies and training sessions, not to mention being able to hear and for most, see the deliverer of the preached Word. We have also been able to fellowship via technology. Although going in our physical houses of worship is on hold, we have still been able to lovingly incite fellow believers to follow the example of Christ as they live their daily lives. Via technology, we have created houses of worship without walls.

Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, we thank you for the opportunities you have provided for us to receive encouragement, motivation, and knowledge of you via the coming together of brothers and sisters in Christ, and the ability to reciprocate the love shown in their actions and words. And Father, we thank you for your presence when just two or three have gathered in your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Polishing Your Communication Power

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- a) a rite or body of rites prescribed for public worship
- b) a term of endearment
- c) division, separation, or discord
- d) indwelling, inherent

March Answers
1. c 2. a 3. b

SPRING GARDEN

L R A I N C E X K A K B N P S L Z R I E Q U X L
I N Z C M P Q F K E L P A B D U E P L Z K M X Q
N I G U B P J I R Q N U D L U U E Z X Z M P N X
D T Y I V J C N N W Y F A A J P X W Q D P G C K
P R T C Q Q W P D G Q S B M A R O D Y E A L E L
Q A R M U T K R H K A F U C L P X S E Z H X V H
W T K K T O V S W D T N S U E J B H W E Q Z Y R
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A V G H P B X Z X Y V N H I S A R A A X G S V V
E J N F C D U W Q D F Z Z A B F Q L T H E H K O
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A P R O F U S I O N G F C N K R H R O V R K C D
D V F J R M O D O R M A N T R D M Y N C Q S T E
N X J Y L A W N K S L V U O L Z E W U M I N G S
U B U L W G W Z Q K G Y E R E T U F E S A O W S
N W X Y N A C B U S L F W C A G R J O D L Z T U
I Y T Y L R A J C P Y Z E V S U F I R D Q J X C
X S A O P D V P C B H N I G L I B E S K V Z P N
P Y P N J E J P X A A T Q G N M V T D F Z Y D W
H P O D N N K G Q A L L I V Y E G N W D V X S B
D V S U J L P T K U O R M S O Y W T O X I C N U
S F E Z P B O I C R A K O U L K P O U E U F I K

Aeration	inundate	oasis	balm	juxtapose
Profusion	cultivate	kelp	symbiosis	dormant
Lawn	toxic	garden	legume	verdant
Habitat	nitrate	Teriscape		