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GOD'S BLESSINGS, WHO WE BELIEVERS ARE, AND OUR ROLE IN 2018

God's blessings work for those who know him. For his people, the members of his Kingdom. Remember, he came to preach the Kingdom of God. He is the King of the Kingdom.

A king is responsible for his subjects. A king provides for his subjects. A king protects his subjects. You and I as believers are citizens of that kingdom and have access to those incredible benefits.

Jesus' blessings, all that he did on the cross, do not benefit all those who do not know him, who are not true believers in him. Remember, the Kingdom of God is inside believers. Each believer. It is not out there in the world. It is not on the streets of your city, or in Washington DC or New York City in all the buildings and residential areas. It is not in the universities of America, nor in the public schools. It is not even in the church buildings themselves. It is only in the true believers and thus wherever they are.

Two of the blessings are divine protection and having the peace of God. Remember Paul's teaching about putting on the armor of God? This is a great description and illustration of some of the ways God has provided to protect believers in this lost and difficult world. Now Paul used Roman armor to demonstrate the various great tools God has given his believers to help and protect them in this world. And one he specifically mentions is their feet being shod with the gospel of peace. In other words, God's people carry his great peace with them. We all know that. If we are believers, we know that peace despite any circumstance. And we know that when we walk anywhere in this dark and increasingly darker world, into any building or group of people or wherever, we carry his peace with us.

We also carry the Lord's truth and righteousness and that great sword, the word of God. We stand and are protected by the great shield of faith, which quenches the arrows of the evil one. We live with our minds, our brains, protected by the great helmet of salvation. And we stay in touch with God and his guidance by praying in the spirit on all occasions.

Really, it even goes beyond that. The Kingdom is inside us. Jesus said that. We also know that the Lord and his father have come and live within us. All born again, spirit-filled believers have this, and they have the presence and the great guidance of the Holy Spirit of God. The Spirit

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indwells such believers and guides them. It is through the Spirit that Jesus and the Father are in us.

So whenever you walk or go anywhere, you not only carry the peace of the Lord into a place. You carry Jesus himself. I have said that at times. Jesus came into this room full of people when I came in. He might have been here before, I do not know. But he is definitely here now.

Just like when I preach to a group. I have said that I am standing here in the place of Jesus. It's true. If a person is in touch with the Lord, is guided by the Spirit, and he steps out to preach the Word, he is standing there representing Jesus. The Lord is speaking through him. That is why it is such an awesome thing to stand up and preach the Word, such a wonderful thing and such a great responsibility. The person prepares and makes himself available to the Lord, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit takes over.

Believers know that all things are possible with God. They know because Jesus has told them and they have seen in their own lives that they can do the same things Jesus did, even greater – Jesus told them this as well. Believers stand firm in their faith. They alone of all people on earth know the truths of God.

We are God's emissaries in a fallen world. We are his ambassadors to the lost. There is a massive group of lost sheep out there who cannot follow his voice because they do not know it. Some of them will eventually come to join his flock of sheep. Some of them will do that by his work through you. Make yourself available to him every day. Ask the Holy Spirit to orchestrate your day, to arrange all encounters, to keep you from encounters you should not have.

And if you have a specific person in mind you hope will realize who Jesus is and accept him as their Lord, ask the Holy Spirit to arrange divine encounters, to set up appropriate occasions when you might speak to them as guided by the Holy Spirit, or to bring into their lives people whom they will listen to about the truths of the Lord (perhaps people their age, or people who share a common interest, or people they particularly respect). Ask God the Father to draw that person to Jesus.

It is the Lord's Kingdom. We are the sheep in his sheepfold, the citizens of his Kingdom. Very soon he will collect his sheep and take them with him. And he will shortly thereafter return and bring the physical administration of that Kingdom to earth. I cannot wait for that! But I also know and pray that I do all he has called me to do before that happens, that I complete the race I have entered in. The finish line is in sight although as regards some of the aspects of his call I still do not see the details of the path. But other aspects are getting clearer. This new book WAKE UP AMERICA for example – he first called me to write that in 1994. Finally about a year or more ago it came up again and I saw how to write it and it is here, soon to be available to all.

Every day I put myself in his hands. I ask for his guidance, the orchestration of the day's events and activities. And I go forward. I do at times call out to him for his guidance. He will answer and he does, sometimes immediately, sometimes later. He knows the plan he has for me. He

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does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. He is the one who called me and gave me these assignments. Obviously he is responsible for guiding me and providing whatever is needed to accomplish his assignments. I am responsible for seeking his guidance, for hearing him, for stepping out and doing, for applying his truths as he has shown me, for applying all the benefits that come from being a member of the Kingdom.

This new year I challenge you to live that way. Time is passing rapidly now. Deception and confusion are rampant in society. The evil one and his minions are running amuck. And in that mess God has you living, you – his ambassador, his soldier, his subject, his priest. Yes, remember, Peter said believers are all priests. Awesome. Ask God for help and guidance as you step out into this day and year.

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The production of this book continues steadily. Currently it is in the midst of the publishing phase, having gone through the copy editing and now going into proof editing and soon page layout for the printing process. Design of the cover is well underway.

We are now beginning the development of plans and programs to get this book out to all. This is an enormous task, one that requires all sorts of talents and funds, one obviously that will only be accomplished with the guidance and orchestration of God. And with the help of his people that he has called to help.

In August the Lord told us he was bringing people to help us. As regards the publication and distribution of WAKE UP AMERICA to the US and world, I have to believe all those who have contributed thus far are in that group, and we are of course so grateful for these contributions. But that help no doubt is more than just financial. We also greatly do appreciate your continuing prayers for Cathy and me, for strength and energy to persevere, for God's great protection in all situations, for his provision, for all the doors to open that we are to go through, for our hearing and receiving all that he guides us in. There is the issue of getting the word out about the book over radio and television; maybe even of starting up again our television program with a specific focus this time on the return; getting the word out through appropriate Internet media such as Facebook, Twitter, our website, and other media like Periscope and Instagram; appropriate advertising and promotion; live in person seminars and programs as possible; and so much more. None of this happens easily, but with God's guidance and the assistance of all those he has called to help, it will happen. Of course it will. The book is his idea.

By the way, you should know if you have been called to help in this, if you are one of the people he said he is bringing around us. Ask him if this is a question in your heart.

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May you have a blessed 2018! And always,

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NOTE: Once again thanks to all of you who donate to the ministry, who pray for us, and who even volunteer at times. This ministry goes forward on all these great blessings it receives. That in my experience is how God provides for us to do this. We of course have to stay focused on his specific assignments and avoid being distracted by other truly good things to do that are not part of the assignments. That naturally is hard to do but with his help we keep going on. We thank you again for participating with us in the fulfillment of God's call at this extraordinary time in the history of humanity.

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