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## GREAT COMMISSION MEDIA: *Reports from Kathmandu, Nepal*

"I exchanged my weapons for the Bible," begins Phim as he tells his life-changing story.

I used to hate people. My hatred was rooted in the atrocities of Nepalese Army soldiers. They murdered my older brother and raped and murdered my aunt. These horrible attacks caused me to seek revenge and so I joined the Maoist resistance army. I became the commander of Western Nepal and led many attacks against Nepalese army barracks killing many of their soldiers. This went on for 6 years.

It was a horrible time in my life. We would frequently starve and suffer in the cold. Then during one attack on a barracks I was shot and wounded by Nepalese soldiers. While seeking medical treatment I was arrested. They threw me into an underground well where I did not see a ray of sunlight for seven long months. After that I was transferred to a prison in Kathmandu, where I was put in solitary confinement.

Some time later peace talks began between the Maoists and the Nepalese government. The Maoists negotiated the amnesty of all prisoners of war. Consequently, I too, was set free. A few months later one of my friends brought me to a Christian service. The preacher spoke and the word of God pierced my heart and my life was changed.



*Phim tells his life-changing story*

I began to realize that this new life I had experienced was not only for me but it was for everyone. I began to visit Maoist Army camps where I had served as a commander for many years. The soldiers, upon hearing my story, said: "This murderer has now become a pastor! We want you to help us travel this same road in life."

# He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

Key Scripture: **Psalm 91**

*“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”*

Psalm 91 has the distinction of being misused by the devil to tempt Jesus to cast Himself down from the Temple pinnacle and trust the angels to protect Him. Jesus responded, quoting from Deuteronomy 6:16: **“It is written you shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”**

In Psalm 91 the Psalmist has grounded his entire faith in Yahweh, the covenant God of Israel, who has bound Himself by a solemn undertaking. In the first 13 verses we have the Psalmist declaring the blessings of having a covenant relationship with God, and in the final 3 verses, we have God giving His covenant response to those who are in relationship with Him. Psalm 91 is a powerful Psalm of protection. Let us explore this Psalm:

Verse 1: **“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”**

Dwelling and resting in the shelter of the Most High applies to those that are in covenant relationship with God ... in other words, it is the first and greatest commandment, to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul and being. Therefore the Lord God must be first and foremost in our lives, and we show our love for Him by being obedient and by giving Him honor.

First, we honor God when we love Him as our Father. Jesus taught that we all have a heavenly Father who cares for us and therefore we should address God as Father as Jesus taught us in the Lord’s Prayer. The problem is that although we call God our Father much of the time we do not give Him the honor that those terms suggest. (Deut. 21:18-21; 32:6; Psalm 68:5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.)

Second, we honor God when we fear Him and respect Him as our Master. Isn’t it interesting that when God talks about people honoring Him, He calls Himself “the Lord of Hosts” which means that He is the God of armies, the God of strength and the God of might. What makes us think that we can treat Him the way we do? The real issue is our submission to His Lordship by having a reverent respect for who He is.

Third, we honor God by returning to Him what He

asks of us. Because His name is great, we give back to Him anything and everything he asks of us. We prove that our God is great through what and how we give to Him. He asks of us a pure offering and prayer (Rev. 8:3-4). God asks us to give Him our lives as a ‘holy and living’ sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2). Yet the world continually reminds us of the ‘joys’ and ‘pleasures’ of sin. We are constantly tempted to do things the world’s way which defiles and corrupts us, causing our lives to move further away from God. The real issue is our obedience to His commands.

Fourth, we honor God by refusing to defile what we give to Him. In the days of the prophet Malachi the priests despised God’s name. The word despise means to consider something or someone as ‘worthless’. The priests during Malachi’s time, who were supposed to be serving the Lord, were simply going through the motions by substituting blemished animals for the unblemished ones which the people brought to sacrifice. The quality of the sacrifice says much about the heart of the person offering it. If we do not love God we will do the absolute minimum to get by. On the other hand, if we really love God with all our hearts, we will always give Him our very best. We offer Him our best because of His holiness.

Fifth, we honor God by responding to Him with worship and reverence. God is a great King, and His name is to be revered. This is also echoed in Psalm 10:16; Psalm 24:8; Psalm 84:3; Psalm 95:3.

Verse 2: **“I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

The Psalmist declares “I will say”...words have power when we say them. Proverbs 18:21 tells us that **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”**

This is what Jesus had to say about speaking words of faith in Mark 11:23-24: **“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen; it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”**

According to Jesus words, if we believe what we say, it will come to pass – whether it is success or failure, sickness or health, weakness or strength. Words can cause discouragement, they can build up, they can tear down, they can give hope and they can also destroy. Sadly, many marriages and relationships are destroyed by ill spoken words.

Many Christians do not have victory in their lives

because we simply do not believe that words have power. In the Old Testament, we find this truth illustrated in the lives of the twelve Israelite spies who went to spy out the land of Canaan and after 40 days came back with their report. Numbers 13:31-32 records what they said to Moses: "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are. And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored."

Verses 36-37 of the next chapter record the consequences of their negative confession: "So the men Moses had sent to explore the land returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it. These men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the LORD."

Verses 3, 4: **"Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."**

Verse 4 is a picture of a mother hen who gathers and covers her baby chicks with her feathers when danger lurks. God in His unchanging character is the faithful God of covenant who in His infinite power and transcendence is able to shield and protect every believer from any kind of danger.

Verses 5, 6, 7: **"You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked."**

Our culture has all but lost any sense of what it means to fear God. Newspaper columnist Ann Landers received an average of 10,000 letters each month from people burdened with problems and when asked if any one problem dominated those letters she replied, "Yes...fear." She said people are afraid of losing their health, their wealth, their loved ones and their lives... but there was no mention of fear of God. The point is that God uses a variety of ways to protect us and usually delivers us in a way completely different than what we may think.

Verses 9, 10: **"If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent."**

When the Psalmist speaks about disaster coming near your tent He is referring to our household. God is a God of household salvation. You will recall God saved Noah and his whole family, as was also the case

at Jericho with Rahab and her whole family who were saved from destruction.

Verses 11, 12: **"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."**

When we dwell in the Lord, He makes unseen messengers available for our protection.

Hebrews 1:14: **"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"**

Angels have always played a great role in the Bible. Just think of all the instances where the angels had encounters with people in the Bible? Hebrews 13:2 reminds us: **"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."**

Verse 13: **"You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent."**

When Jesus went to the cross He defeated Satan who had the power over death, and completely disarmed him (1 Cor. 2:8). Today Satan is a defeated foe and his only tactic is to masquerade himself as an angel of light or as a roaring lion but God has given us mighty weapons:

2 Corinthians 10:4: **"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."**

Now we come to the best part: God actually responds with many promises...let's count them:

Verse 14: **"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him (Promise 1); I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name (Promise 2). He will call upon me, and I will answer him (Promise 3); I will be with him in trouble (Promise 4); I will deliver him (Promise 5); and honor him (Promise 6); with long life will I satisfy him (Promise 7); and show him my salvation." (Promise 8).**

**What a powerful, powerful psalm! Let us never cease to pray this Psalm over all of our loved ones.**

*Thank you for your ongoing support as we reach out to hurting children.*

*Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Roman*



# Taking the Gospel to Israel



GCM Ministries has conducted media saturation campaigns in Israel since 2008, the greatest response coming from Russian speaking Jews who have come to faith and joined local congregations. Twenty percent of the population are Russian speaking Jews, largely non-religious because they come from the former Soviet Union where it was unpopular to be a Jew and there was no reverence for God. The theme of this year's campaign, Choose Life, meets the need of those desiring a new beginning.

The Hebrew speaking Jews have their own set of challenges but people do ask for information on the Messiah. The message we give them is simple: The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will give you the power to turn your life around through faith in His son, Jesus Christ.



# Heart of Islam

Though assumed that it would be impossible to hold a campaign in the Islamic world, in February, a first ever mega-city campaign took place in Iraq, the heart of the Islamic world. The response was amazing with over 12,000,000 people in touch through social media. Professors, doctors, engineers, parliament members and military called to request the book, Power to Change. The slogan, adapted in this sensitive area to the Power to Forgive – possible only through Jesus, is so needed in this country with its history of hatred, revenge, hostility and bitterness. It was this theme of reconciliation that prompted Iraq's Internal Intelligence Service to give the green light to the campaign.



*In May, Beverley Sumrall inspired the Sunday Line volunteers as she passionately shared the joy of her calling to Manila, her work with the children in the feeding programs and the development of the worship ministry that she oversees in Cathedral of Praise, the church that she pastors with her husband.*