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INTRODUCTION

A pandemic is a disease that becomes prevalent over a region, and even the entire world. That is an appropriate description for the coronavirus that has spread far and wide since it was discovered and named at the end of 2019.

Millions of cases have been identified, multiplied millions more have been exposed, and nobody knows how many people may now have or have had the virus, since they have not displayed or currently do not display any symptoms.

What has also accompanied the disease is fear, and in some cases, panic. One of the reasons for this is that there is so much about this new virus that is unknown. Much of the information that has been reported about it has been divergent, and even contradictory.

This has led people to fear the worst, and has given way to hoarding and other actions that are not only not helpful, but harmful.

When we are confronted by a known or unknown enemy that is seen or unseen, it is always sensible to use appropriate caution. In the case of the coronavirus, some common sense precautions that have been recommended by health care organizations are:

- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water
- Use of hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available
- Disinfecting surfaces
- Use of cloth face masks in some public places
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Maintaining distance between yourself and others in public places
- Avoiding unnecessary exposure by staying home when possible

As believers in Jesus Christ, it is never right for us to give in to fear and the reactions that fear generates. Those reactions are generally based on emotion rather than reason.

We should certainly use every means at our disposal to keep ourselves and others safe, but we must never be overwhelmed by fear.

We are not just in a natural battle, but a spiritual one. We must always remember that it is a fight that we can and will win through faith in God and effective use of the spiritual weapons that He has given us.

Prayer is a potent weapon in the arsenal of every Christian. But in order to be effective, prayer must be more than just a religious exercise. Faith must be activated and must inform your prayer life.

Mark 11: 22-25 says: *Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. For truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.*

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you will

receive them, and you will have them. And when you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your sins."

I encourage you to pray and keep on praying during this most unusual set of circumstances that is happening the world over. Don't allow yourself to be discouraged. You have a choice—you can look at what is happening around you and give up, or you can look to God and be lifted up.

God has not changed. He is still the God who hears and answers believing prayer. His ear is attuned to the cry of His children's hearts. He is waiting to hear from you and answer from heaven. Let me admonish you as Paul does in 1 Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray without ceasing.*

There is another arrow in your spiritual arsenal that I want to point out to you. God's kingdom is not a representative republic, a democracy, a dictatorship or any other form of government that has

been devised by man. God's kingdom is just that—it is a kingdom. And the kingdom of God is ruled by the King—God Himself. In God's kingdom, what God says—His decree—is law.

We who have citizenship in God's kingdom through being born again have a great advantage, because we have God's decree—what God has already said—in written form. It is known as the Bible—also called the Word of God.

God is the ultimate authority in His kingdom. No other authority can overcome the authority that is represented by who He is and what He says.

(Lucifer tried, and was swiftly and summarily thrown out of heaven because of his misbegotten rebellion against the authority of God.)

God's will is done in heaven, and His will and His authority are expressed through His words.

But that is not the end of the story. As believers, we have been given authority under God to speak on His behalf in the

earth. The subject of our authority as representatives and ambassadors of God's kingdom here in this world is too lengthy to detail here, but it is well attested in the Bible.

Genesis 2:19 declares: *Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.*

Jesus exercised this same kind of authority, such as in Mark 4:39: *He rose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" Then the wind ceased and there was a great calm.*

When you declare what God has already decreed, you operate in the authority that God has given you as a born again child of the King. As you come into agreement with God's authority, represented by His Word (that is, His decree) circumstances will change. Conditions on earth will align with the order of heaven. You will

experience what Jesus said in Matthew 6:9-10: *“Therefore pray in this manner: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...”*

Here is more evidence, from Psalm 81:10, in The Passion Translation: *Open your mouth with a mighty decree; I will fulfill it now, you’ll see! The words that you speak, so shall it be! (TPT)*

I have included seven decrees and seven declarations for you to use especially during these unprecedented circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. I have developed this resource especially for this emergency, but the same principle can be applied to any situation you experience. I encourage you to read these decrees out loud, and then speak these declarations boldly and confidently to experience the victory that God has already provided for you.

DECREE & DECLARATION 1

THE DECREE: LUKE 9:1

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.

It is no stretch of the imagination to realize that Jesus had power and authority—He was and is the Son of God. The record of the Gospels gives clear and irrefutable evidence that when Jesus walked the earth He demonstrated absolute mastery over demons, disease and even death itself.

Where we encounter difficulty is realizing that God intends for us to walk in this same kind of dominion. The decree declares that His disciples were given power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. This power and authority was first given to the twelve disciples, but was never intended to be limited to only them.

Listen to the testimony of Mark 16:15-18: *He said to them, "Go into all the*

*world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. But he who does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany **those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” (emphasis added)*

Jesus made it clear that His authority over sickness and disease extended to every believer.

THE DECLARATION: “Father, I thank you that I have been given authority over all diseases, including the coronavirus or any other kind of virus or contagious disease. I exercise my God-given dominion over every form of malady or malfunction that would try to attack me or my family, and I live in vigor and victory. I will not submit to sickness, and I thank you for divine health.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 2

THE DECREE: PSALM 91:1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I need to point out two words here that are very important to the fulfillment of this decree. They are “dwell” and “abide.” These terms indicate a permanent position, not just a temporary condition or a convenient stopping place when conditions elsewhere become too difficult.

Our position should always be dwelling close to God, and thereby enjoying His constant protection. Too many believers only try to find God when trouble comes, and it is no wonder they have no confidence in His keeping power. I encourage you to stay near Him at all times.

Do not stray from His protection when things are good and only depend on Him when times are tough. He wants

you to rely on Him through the good times and the bad times. He will shelter you and keep you safe at all times.

THE DECLARATION:

“Lord, I declare You to be my security and my protection. I trust in You to keep me safe from harm. I will not be touched by anything that threatens me, whether it is the coronavirus or any other danger. I am secure in the shelter of Almighty God.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 3

THE DECREE: JOHN 14:27

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the assurance that God is keeping you even in the midst of conflict. John 16:33 says, *“I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.”*

The world is full of trouble, but that doesn't mean your heart has to be full of trouble. God wants you to experience His peace regardless of what is going on in the world.

One of the greatest testimonies a believer can have to the world around them is to be calm while the storm rages. That will certainly get other people's attention, and create many opportunities

for you to witness to them about the God who gives you peace—and who wants to give them peace, too.

THE DECLARATION:

“Jesus, I accept the peace you have so graciously given me. I will not be moved by bad news about diseases such as the coronavirus, or motivated to panic by reports of disasters or emergencies. I will be prudent and act with wisdom, but I will never allow my peace to be disturbed. I put my trust in you completely.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 4

THE DECREE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.

Fear was unknown when God created the world and everything in it. Adam walked with God every day in the Garden of Eden. Assurances were not needed as the creation and the Creator fellowshiped with one another freely. All that changed when sin entered the world. Suspicion replaced trust, and fear took the place of faith. Instead of man looking forward to meeting with God, he hid from Him because of fear.

But thank God, Jesus came to redeem men from sin and all its sinister effects. He restored to us the right to approach God and walk in His presence without guilt, shame or apprehension. Now, instead of being controlled by fear and failings, believers can be confident of their ability to operate according to the

Kingdom principles of power, love and self-control.

THE DECLARATION:

“Heavenly Father, I am grateful that I am no longer controlled by fear. I am motivated by power, love and self-control. I refuse to fear anyone or anything that would threaten me in any way. I recognize that the coronavirus is a reality, but I will not be afraid of it, or of any other form of trouble that is in the world. I am redeemed from fear and all its effects. The fear that used to dominate me has now been replaced by faith in God.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 5

THE DECREE: ISAIAH 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.

Healing for your physical body is not a promise, it is a fact. God provided for the healing of your body as part of the same redemptive work that provided for the forgiveness of your sins. You do not have to make a choice between salvation for your soul and healing for your body, since both of them were supplied by the work of Christ on Calvary.

Jesus took stripes on His back so that you could experience wholeness and soundness in your body. Do not fail to appropriate any benefit that God has

provided for you. By His stripes, you are healed!

THE DECLARATION:

“Lord, I thank you that you have not overlooked anything when it comes to my well-being. You have provided for healing for my body as well as salvation for my soul. I accept your redemptive work for my body, and I thank you for making me and keeping me physically strong so that I can do your will. I am healed from any form of physical infirmity, including the coronavirus, by the stripes of Jesus.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 6

THE DECREE: PSALM 5:12

For You, LORD, will bless the righteous; You surround him with favor like a shield.

Favor is not fair. A moment of favor is worth a lifetime of labor. You don't need everyone to like you; you only need the right person to extend favor to you. You have already been favored by God, and He will arrange for decisions to be made that benefit you, whether or not you deserve them.

Those who have resisted you and decided against you will have to change their opinion because of the favor of God. His favor is advancing you and accelerating your success. You are shielded from unfair actions and false accusations because of God's divine favor.

THE DECLARATION:

“Lord, your favor surrounds me like a shield. I am not subject to the damages and difficulties that may be encountered by others who do not know your favor. I avoid the coronavirus, as well as many other dangers, because I walk in your favor. I haven’t done anything to deserve it, but I accept divine favor as a benefit of being your child.”

DECREE & DECLARATION 7

THE DECREE: PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

Therefore God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The name of Jesus is higher than any other name. His name represents His authority, and that name carries more authority than any other name that has been named.

The coronavirus also has a name. Its name indicates what it is and how it operates, but its name must submit to the authority of the name of Jesus. No other name has the authority to exalt itself in a believer's life over the authority of Jesus' name.

Christians do not have to bow to the symptoms or debilitating conditions of

the coronavirus, or any other form of infirmity. Your life is subject to the supreme lordship of Jesus Christ.

You are His purchased possession, and He alone deserves and receives your allegiance.

THE DECLARATION:

“Heavenly Father, I thank you that you have exalted the name of Jesus high above every other name. I acknowledge the lordship of Jesus Christ over my life, and I desire His will to be done in and through me. The coronavirus is a name that is subject to the authority of the name of Jesus. I refuse to allow myself to be ruled by sickness and disease, and I allow the name of Jesus to overcome and overrule any other authority that would try to exalt itself in me. Jesus Christ is my Lord, and I will serve no other name under heaven.”

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