LEADER AND COMANDER TO THE PEOPLES

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"Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters, and you who have no silver; come, buy, and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently unto Me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come unto Me. Listen, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I (the Father) have given Him (Jesus) a witness to the peoples, and a Leader and Commander to the Peoples. Surely You will summon a nation You do not know, and Nations who do not know You will run to You. For the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, has bestowed glory on You. Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and return to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:1-4-7)

Leader: from the Hebrew word *nagged*, which means: a leader, a ruler, a prince.

Commander: from the Hebrew word *um* a *wweh*; a noun; from *tsavah* - which means: to lay charge (upon), give charge (to), to command; thus Commander.

Peoples: from the Hebrew word *I. ummim*; plural, which means: Peoples, or Nations; from an unused root meaning to gather; a community, a nation, a people. In context <u>all nations</u>.

Jesus IS God's witness to the peoples, and <u>He IS</u> the <u>Leader and Commander</u> to whom the Peoples and Nations of the world will <u>come to for deliverance from thirst and hunger and labors</u>; and <u>for mercy</u>, and <u>forgiveness</u>, and <u>pardon from sins</u>.

Jesus has fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah! In Christ Jesus our spiritual thirst and hunger is satisfied! In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven, and we are pardoned from the punishment of eternal separation from God; and thus guaranteed the sure mercies of everlasting life within the Kingdom of God, where Jesus reigns as our Leader and Commander; and as our Lord and King; and as our Savior and Redeemer!

Consider these passages:

"Jesus answered and said unto her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that says to you, 'Give Me to drink;' you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you Living Water. The woman said unto Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from where then have You that Living Water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from there himself, and his children, and his cattle?' Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again. But whoever drinks of the Water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the Water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life!' (John 4: 10-14)

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life: he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, <u>If any man thirst</u>, <u>let him come unto Me</u>, and <u>drink</u>. <u>He who believes on Me</u>, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. <u>But this spoke He of the **Spirit**</u>, whom they who believe on Him (Jesus) should receive; for the **Holy Spirit** was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37-39)

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Again, the context of the <u>sure mercies of David</u> is that Jesus, the Son of David, is, and will be, the <u>Leader and Commander to the Peoples</u> who come to Him and surrender to His Leadership and Command! Consider also these words of Jesus:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees **Him** not, nor knows **Him**. But you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you! I will not leave you comfortless (as orphans). I will come to you. Yet shortly the world will see Me no more; but you will see Me. Because I live, you shall live also! In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is who loves Me: and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. ... If a man loves Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He who loves Me not keeps not My sayings; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have spoken unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14: 15-27)

"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ (the promised Messiah) is born of God. And every one who loves Him (the Father) who begot, also loves Him (Jesus) who is begotten of Him (the Father). By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is Truth." (1John 5:1-6)

Jesus said; "He who loves Me not, keeps not My sayings." The person who does not keep and obey the sayings and commandments of the the Lord Jesus Christ has not yet made Jesus his **Leader and Commander**; and thus forfeits the <u>sure mercies</u> of Jesus the Christ!

"Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him. And return to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isiah 55:6-7)

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and <u>learn of Me</u>; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and <u>you shall find rest for your souls</u>. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." (Mt.11:28-30)

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the Leader and Commander to the Peoples

To those who Love Him and Keep His Commandments He will ...

... satisfy our thirst with springs of Living Water – even His Holy Spirit!

... give <u>us</u> abundant mercies, pardon, victory, rest, love, and everlasting life!!!

All praise be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit !!!

All Praise to the Leader and Commander of the Nations – even Jesus!!