

MY OFFICIAL PRISON RELEASE STATEMENT

Sabbath, August 11, 2012

- 1) First and foremost, I love my neighbors, and I love my enemies, for this fulfills the law of God written in my heart. Thanks to all of you who supported me with your prayers during my tribulation.
- 2) My 30-day incarceration was the experience of a lifetime for which I thank my Father in Heaven – it was truly the proving of my faith which shall never falter.
- 3) During my jail term, I overcame excruciating pain inflicted by shackles, chains, hand-cuffs, and discomfort from other sources. I turned the other cheek while suffering physical assault for my conscientious Sabbath observance; I endured false accusations, along with occasional humiliation and ridicule from both inmates and staff; and lastly, I was supernaturally spared serious bodily harm on two occasions as purported “gangsters” threatened my safety. All of the foregoing served to empower me to press on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 4) While fasting for the 30 days, I cleansed my flesh and spirit from all filthiness as I perfected holiness in the fear of God. I intend to extend the fast 10 additional days for a total of 40, emulating the wilderness fast of my Lord and Savior. I was asked by one reporter at the beginning if I was making a “statement” by fasting in jail. Without intending to, I have made a significant statement—that is, if I can, by the enabling power of God Almighty, overcome the natural drive of hunger for 30 days and beyond, surely any penitent, believing soul can break the chains of substance addiction or habituation. Christ has made ample provision for all to become free from their besetting sins, and I pray for all who struggle against the flesh to achieve the victory God desires for them.
- 5) One matter needs to be made clear, and I appeal to the media to comply with my request. The public needs to understand that all court-ordered sanctions against me have originated from the Plaintiff church attorneys. This is a civil lawsuit, and the court relies on all lawful suggestions and demands from the plaintiffs in order to compose a contempt order. It was truly the Seventh-day Adventist Church that required my incarceration, though their spokespersons consistently deny any accountability in this regard.
- 6) I am willing to endure whatever the adversary designs for me in the future—I cannot and will not recant the exercise of my faith and religious practice as long as I remain a free man. Should I be forced by conscience to violate future court orders, let it be well understood—I must answer to the Supreme Court of Heaven which will ultimately decide my eternal destiny. I cannot fear what man will do to my body here on earth.
- 7) In conclusion, I will, by the grace and mercy of the Most High God, break the jaws of the prophetic dragon beast, and that, NOT by human might, nor by physical power, but by the Spirit of the Living God.

And finally—I wish to extend my heart-felt appreciation to a couple of precious souls working inside the Central Detention Center. First is a nurse named Jonas, who served as an angel ministering to me in my darkest hours. And second is the prison chaplain who gave me a special NKJV Study Bible for my personal devotions and a source to share my faith with the other inmates.

This is a wonderful day to be a “free-man” again, but soon, none know how soon, I may be in bonds once again for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your time,
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