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TO THE ELDERLY ONES IN THE CONGREGATION

Subject: Letter of encouragement from the branch

Dear Brothers:

Please be assured that we truly appreciate you brothers who serve Jehovah faithfully, some having done so for decades. Without a doubt, you are modern-day examples of faith. Behind each one of you are not just years of life, but years of faithful service to Jehovah and of full trust in Him. Many of you have given your best years of life to Jehovah and have put complete confidence in Him. He should feel very happy for your loyalty. (Eccl. 12:1) You deserve all our commendation, because during your old age you are still a source of encouragement for younger ones.

Your example reminds us of the description of servants of God, advanced in years, which is made at Psalm 92:14, where we read: “Even in old age they will still be thriving; they will remain vigorous and fresh”. We know that this is so in your case: although your physical energy has diminished due to old age, in a spiritual sense you remain “vigorous and fresh”. You continue serving Jehovah with more confidence than ever in His salvation power and are determined to persevere until the end. It is not surprising, because we know this is the result of a long track record of faithful service, and because you have seen many times in your lives His affection, protection and loyal love.—Psalm 18:25.

Perhaps in these moments of global uncertainty, you have experienced new “plagues” added to your lives due to the problems of old age. Some of you perhaps have concerns that come to mind. For example, who will look after you, or how your material needs will be satisfied, or some other concerns. Or maybe you have feelings of loneliness because your relatives do not share your faith or because you are in a senior residence (2 Chron. 6:29). Dear elderly brothers, please be assured of how precious you are in Jehovah’s eyes, the One that will always “support” you for your integrity and loyalty. (Ps. 37:25; 41:12; Isa. 49:15; 58:1; Heb. 6:10) Your example brings to our mind the prophet Daniel. He was reminded on two occasions by an angel that he was a “very precious man”. (Dan. 9:23; 10: 19) One of these occasions was toward the end of his life, reaffirming the love Jehovah had for him. Surely that is how Jehovah must feel when he remembers your spiritual track record and the love you have shown to him.

We hope to enjoy soon the rich blessings that await us under Gods Kingdom, when Jehovah will open His hand and satisfy us with “good things”. (Ps. 104:28) And how wonderful it will be to enjoy, under Edenic conditions, friendships and long conversations about Jehovah with our brothers that have remained loyal until the end!

Please be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

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