



“come just as you are”
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



~Thought For The Day~

Prayer.....

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, fill each of us with Your will for us and future plans. Give each person peace. I ask that each person is flooded with Your wisdom. Let each be thankful this week and always for what you have given us. Let us be thankful for health, let us be thankful for our jobs, let us be thankful for the love we have; let each give You glory for we are created for Your glory and not ours. I ask that You fill each person with what You have created and show them the beauty around them, from a flock of birds flying up in the air, the sunlight stroking their wings and turning them to a silver color, the sun rising and setting and the palate of color, the look of a child with a twinkle in their eye, open their eyes Lord to what is around them to be thankful for; I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; 16 John answered, saying to them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I comes, the lace of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 1:26; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:16; Acts 19:4; Isa 44:3; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4; Acts 11:15; 17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. Matt 3:12; 18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, Matt 14:3; Mark 6:18; 20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, Matt 3:13; Mark 1:9; John 1:32; 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove on him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased. Isa 42:1; Matt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; Col 1:13; 2Pet 1:17; **Luke 3: 15-22**

The preaching of John is told by all four Gospel's (Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; John 1:6-8; 19-28). Luke's account is more detailed. The story of John's childhood and youth is passed over in one sentence (Luke 1:80). He shunned the habitations of men, and lived in the solitude of the wild and bleak region west of the Dead Sea. John had known from childhood that the event of the ages was at hand, and that he had been born to herald its arrival. He was raised in daily view of Mt. Nebo, from whose heights Moses had viewed with longing eyes the promised land and spoke of the promised Messiah; overlooking the Jordan where Joshua had crossed, and Jericho whose walls had fallen at Joshua's blast; living in the same region where Amos had pastured his flocks and had dreamed of a coming Davidic King who would rule all nations, often visiting the brook Cherith where Elijah had been fed by the ravens; he meditated deeply on the history that was now heading to its climax, and waited for the call of God.

Knowing he was to be the Elijah of prophecy (Luke 1:17; Matthew 11:14, 17:10-13; Malachi 4:5, not Elijah in person, John 1:21), intentionally perhaps he copied the habits and dress of Elijah. He lived on locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3:4), locusts had been used as food from earliest times. They were roasted, or sundried, and eaten like parched grain. They are said to taste like shrimp. (Many foreign countries still practice this especially the one's that adhere to vegetarian diets. A families mother I took care of, they were from a foreign country they insisted that their mother be fed the dried locusts they brought to the hospital, claiming it helped to balance the human system, I myself do not know what medical effect it had, but their mother did seem to improve. But I myself think I will pass....yuck....)

The place of his preaching was the lower Jordan, over against Jericho, on one of the main cross-roads of the country, and a principal gateway to Jerusalem.

His cry was "Repent", his preaching experienced immense popular success. (where God guides, He provides and if God is in it, NO one can stop it...this is not suffering it is victory). The whole land was stirred, great multitudes came to his baptism (Matthew 3:5). Even Herod heard him gladly (Mark 6:20). Josephus says that he "had great influence over the people, who seemed ready to do anything that he should advise."(baptism—(n.) The act of baptizing; the application of water to a person, as a sacrament or religious ceremony, by which he is initiated into the visible church of Christ. This is performed by immersion, sprinkling, or pouringthis is a good subject to study...so you might endeavor to do so..Biblos.com has extensive info on it in the encyclopedia). John required those who professed to repentance to submit to baptism, introductory to the ceremony of Christian Baptism.

John baptized Jesus, and proclaimed him the Messiah. Then his mission is accomplished. He had roused the nation, and presented the Son of God, his work was done. (Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13). He continued preaching and baptizing for a few months, moving northward to Aenon (John 3: 23). About a year after he had baptized Jesus, he was imprisoned, by Herod, to satisfy the whim of a wicked woman (Matthew 14:1-5). This was at the close of Jesus' early Judean Ministry (Matthew 4:12; John 3:22; 4:35).

The place that John was imprisoned is not named. They think it might have been at Machaerus, east of the Dead Sea, or at Tiberias, on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee, Herod had a residence at both places. He was beheaded about the time of the second following Passover (Matthew 14:12-13; John 6:4).

John did doubt (Matthew 11:3), he had borne such confidence and positive testimony that Jesus was the lamb of God and the Son of God (John 1:29-34), but now, as he mused behind the jail walls, his is puzzled. Jesus was not doing what he thought the people did and the prophets. They thought that Jesus was going to take a kingdom on earth, than. The prophets were slow in understanding this also, they all did not understand fully the nature of the Kingdom. (Matthew 10).

They assume John began his ministry shortly before he baptized Jesus, it lasted about a year and a half; 30 years in seclusion, a year and a half of public preaching, a year and 4 months in prison. Jesus said there had not been born a greater (Matthew 11:11) John did no miracles (John 10:41).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965; pages 496-497;..KJV; Amplified Bible)

Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all you lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness:
come before his presence with singing.

3 Know you that the LORD he is God:
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him,
and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
he leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul:
he leads me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

4 Yes, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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I am requesting prayer for my son in law as he goes to serve in Bagdad, and his family....Cj

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Define.....

Grace—

1. (n.) The exercise of love, kindness, mercy, favor; disposition to benefit or serve another; favor bestowed or privilege conferred.
2. (n.) The divine favor toward man; the mercy of God, as distinguished from His justice; also, any benefits His mercy imparts; divine love or pardon; a state of acceptance with God; enjoyment of the divine favor.
3. (n.) The prerogative of mercy exercised by the executive, as pardon.
4. (n.) The same prerogative when exercised in the form of equitable relief through chancery.

Praise—

1. (v.) To commend; to applaud; to express approbation of; to laud; -- applied to a person or his acts.
2. (v.) To extol in words or song; to magnify; to glorify on account of perfections or excellent works; to do honor to; to display the excellence of; -- applied especially to the Divine Being.
3. (v.) To value; to appreciate.
4. (v.) Commendation for worth; approval expressed because of excellence or worth; laudation; approbation.
5. (v.) Especially, the joyful tribute of gratitude or homage rendered to the Divine Being; the act of glorifying or extolling the Creator; worship, particularly worship by song, distinction from prayer and other acts of worship; as, a service of praise.
6. (n.) The object, ground, or reason of praise.

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