



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I am so thankful You possess the greatest power in the whole universe. I'm not serving a dead god; I'm serving a living Lord who is interceding for me at the right hand of the Father at this very moment. Jesus, I come to You as my great High Priest, and I ask You today to fill me with Your power 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. I don't want to just intellectually know about You; I want to truly know You. I want to experience You in a closer love walk. Shape me and mold me and make me the best that You want me to be in You. Keep me, protect me and supply my needs, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 20: 1-27 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses, 2 Moreover, you shall say to the Israelites, Any one of the Israelites or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech [the fire god worshiped with human sacrifices] shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 I also will set My face against that man [opposing him, withdrawing My protection from him, and excluding him from My covenant] and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given of his children to Molech, defiling My sanctuary and profaning My holy name. 4 And if the people of the land do at all hide their eyes from the man when he gives one of his children [as a burnt offering] to Molech [the fire god] and they overlook it or neglect to take legal action to punish him, winking at his sin, and do not kill him [as My law requires], 5 Then I will set My face against that man and against his family and will cut him off from among their people, him and all who follow him to [unfaithfulness to Me, and thus] play the harlot after Molech. 6 The person who turns to those who have familiar spirits and to wizards, [being unfaithful to Israel's Maker Who is her Husband, and thus] playing the harlot after them, I will set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them]. 7 Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am the Lord your God. 8 And you shall keep My statutes and do them. I am the Lord Who sanctifies you. 9 Everyone who curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or mother; his bloodguilt is upon him. 10 The man who commits adultery with another's wife, even his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 And the man who lies carnally with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of the guilty ones shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon their own heads. 12 And if a man lies carnally with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have wrought confusion, perversion, and defilement; their blood shall be upon their own heads. 13 If a man lies with a male as if he were a woman, both men have committed an offense (something perverse, unnatural, abhorrent, and detestable); they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 14 And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness and an outrageous offense; all three shall be burned with fire, both he and they [after being stoned to death], that there be no wickedness among you. 15 And if a man lies carnally with a beast, he shall surely be [stoned] to death, and you shall slay the beast. 16 If a woman approaches any beast and lies carnally with it, you shall [stone] the woman and the beast; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. 17 If a man takes his sister, his father's or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked and shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people; he has had sexual relations with his sister; he shall bear his iniquity. 18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her menstrual pains and shall uncover her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for that is to make naked his close kin; they shall bear their iniquity. 20 And if a man shall lie carnally with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless [not literally, but in a legal sense]. 21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is impurity; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless [not literally, but in a legal sense]. 22 You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out [as it did those before you]. 23 You shall not walk in the customs of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they did all these things, and therefore I was wearied and grieved by them. 24 But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to

possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am the Lord your God, Who has separated you from the peoples. 25 You shall therefore make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable with beast or with bird or with anything with which the ground teems or that creeps, which I have set apart from you as unclean. 26 And you shall be holy to Me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine. 27 A man or woman who is a medium and has a familiar spirit or is a wizard shall surely be put to death, be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

Chapter 20

Chapter twenty, now God begins to get a little heavier. In chapter twenty God goes over some of the things He dealt with in chapter eighteen, only in chapter twenty telling that the violators of these things should be put to death. I know a lot of these sob sisters are crying out against capital punishment. But if we practice capital punishment as the Bible says, we wouldn't have near the crime problem that we have today.

I don't know what's gone wrong with our judicial system, but we are far more interested in protecting the rights of the criminal than we are of the innocent victims. There's something awfully stupid about our whole system that releases the rapists, and the murderers and all back, and the kidnappers, back on the streets to repeat their crimes over and over again. Something stupid when you can't bring up the past patterns of a man's life for a present crime that he's committed. The man is showing himself to be a habitual child molester, or a habitual rapist and all, then he should be dealt with as a habitual child molester.

As far as I'm concerned better to—I'll pull the switch if they need someone. He can ask God to forgive him, and God will forgive him, and he'll go to heaven; he'll be a lot better off. But we'll be a lot better off too, and a lot safer, and our children will be a lot safer walking in the streets. I wouldn't have to worry nearly so much in sending them off to the store. We are living in a crazy, corrupt world that's gone wild. It's because we've forsaken the law of God. We've got a bunch of sob sisters, pantywaists. Romaine could tell you about them better than I could.

If a father sacrificed his child to Molech, he was to be put to death. [Don't mess with him.] If he is worshiping the god Molech and in so doing offers his child as a living sacrifice to Molech, kill him, put him to death. Stone him with stones, for I will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among the people. And if you in any wise hide your eyes from him who has sacrificed his children to Molech, and you don't kill him, then God will set his face against you, and against your family, to cut you off, for those that go a-whoring after Molech, from among the people. And if a person seeks after those that have the familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will set my face against them. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes: I am the Lord which has set you apart. Every one that curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death: [That's heavy.] A man that commits adultery with another man's wife, both of them shall be put to death. A man that lies with his father's wife, those of the incestuous relationships were to be put to death. Homosexuals [verse thirteen] were to be put to death, bestiality a person was to be put to death; both for men and women (Lev 20:2-15).

So God ordered stringent dealing with sin. It gives you an idea of what God's idea of sin is. You think that God is very soft and easy, not so. God ordered them to deal severely in order that they might remain clean, in order that they might be pure, in order that they might not be polluted. As long as they remained obedient to the law of God, God blessed them. When they started to mollify and to ease off on things, then the land ultimately spewed them out even as God said.

Verse twenty-two...

Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell in shall not spew you out. [In their failure the land ultimately spewed them out.] Ye shall not walk in the manner of the nations, in which I cast out before you for they committed all these things, therefore I abhorred them (Lev 20:22-23).

That's why God ordered them eradicated. So God dealt very severely with these violators. But I'll tell you; it kept the violators down to a minimum. It was safe to walk around the land. A woman could walk around the camp at night and never worry, never fear. It was a holy place. Heaven's gonna be a holy place. The kingdom age is gonna be a holy place. Man, you find it tough looking at this? Then you're gonna find it tough living in the kingdom age, cause you're gonna be one of the enforcers of righteousness. You're gonna be having the rod of iron which you're gonna be going around popping skulls like, like clay pots. That's what it said, "He's gonna rule with a rod of iron as a potter blasts a vessel in shivers". (Revelation 2:27).

So those that are disobedient to God. Listen, He's gonna keep it pure, He's gonna keep it holy, and it's gonna be a fabulous place to live. For a thousand years it's gonna be absolutely glorious as He rules with that rod of iron, and righteousness covers the earth. It'll be a much better place to live than it is today, let me tell you that.

Well next week we finish Leviticus, so fasten your seat belts. Shall we stand? I want to tell you something, God is very gracious, God is very merciful, or none of you would be around. If it were not for the Lord, let all Israel now say, "if it were not for the Lord, then we would be utterly destroyed". If it wasn't for the Lord's graciousness, and His mercy, and His tenderness, and His loving kindness, none of us would have a chance. But thank God for the grace and truth that is ours through Jesus Christ. "But should I sin freely so that grace may abound? God forbid. How can we who are dead to sin live any longer therein?"

So one of the scriptures, and we passed over it, God said that, "And ye shall, and if ye do these things, ye shall live by them." Now that's what the covenant was based upon doing. The new covenant that God has established with us is based upon being, what I am in Christ Jesus. It's no longer on what I am doing; it's on what God has done, and my believing and trusting in that work of Jesus Christ, my great High Priest.

As you go through Leviticus, Hebrews is going to, you ought to really just having, when we go through Leviticus, when we finish it, you really ought to pop over to the New Testament and read Hebrews. You'll have a better understanding of Hebrews than you've ever had before if you'll pop over and read it now just being so fresh out of Leviticus. Hebrews will really talk to you in a very special way. So just as a special assignment this week, you that are looking for an "A" grade, read the book of Hebrews.

May the Lord bless you, and keep His hand upon your life, and may He help you to walk in all righteousness and holiness, for He is Jehovah our God, and He is a holy God. He wants His people to be a holy people, that the name of the Lord would not be blasphemed by my actions, but that people in seeing my good works will glorify our Father who is in heaven. God bless you. May the face of the Lord shine upon you, and His love burn in your heart all through the week. In Jesus' name.

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God's first-aid kit

But, you ask, "What if I fail? What if I stumble through some weakness of the flesh?" Probably the very best way for me to close out this discussion is to remind you of God's first-aid kit for His devoted family.

I had some part in raising a family of six boys and one girl. As a family, we could never have made it without the first-aid kit. There was hardly a time during those years that we were not giving attention to a cut or a bruise, a cold or an illness. It is remarkable that they all survived—and in good health!

God has provided an effective truth—I call it our spiritual first-aid kit—in John's first letter:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1Jo 1:8-10 to 1Jo 2:2)

That is a plain, blunt, helpful message from the Scriptures. If you say you have not sinned, you are lying! Jesus is our great High Priest, and He appears with the Father on our behalf. He is our Advocate, our Intercessor. Go to Him, confess your sin and your need, and He will cleanse and forgive. He will bless and heal.

A.W. Tozer ; Jesus, Author Of Our Faith

God never speaks words to make us feel bad about ourselves. True godly conviction is a positive thing that moves us into a new level of holiness. The devil's condemnation presses us down under a heavy burden so that we cannot even hear from God. If you sense God speaking to you about something in your behavior, how do you know it is God? You will know because He will not shame you or put you down, but He will motivate you and empower you to change. I could not make progress until I learned to discern the difference between conviction and condemnation, and I do not believe you can either. Remember: conviction makes you aware of a problem and then lifts you up and out of it. Condemnation makes you feel guilty, presses you down, and keeps you "in" the problem.

Isaiah 30:9-15 (AMP)

9 For this is a rebellious people, faithless and lying sons, children who will not hear the law and instruction of the Lord; 10 Who [virtually] say to the seers [by their conduct], See not! and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us what is right! Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceitful illusions. 11 Get out of the true way, turn aside out of the path, cease holding up before us the Holy One of Israel. 12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: Because you despise and spurn this [My] word and trust in cunning and oppression, in crookedness and perverseness, and rely on them, 13 Therefore this iniquity and guilt will be to you like a broken section of a high wall, bulging out and ready [at some distant day] to fall, whose crash will [then] come suddenly and swiftly, in an instant. 14 And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing so that there cannot be found among its pieces one large enough to carry coals of fire from the hearth or to dip water out of the cistern. 15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning [to Me] and resting [in Me] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength. But you would not,

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