



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, led and guide each of us, help us to excel in You. Lord place across our pathway today whom You want us to bless and how, someone we can pray for and how. Fill us each day how to be a good steward of what You have given us. Cause Your agape Love to well up in us and overflow, spilling out and touching other people. Remind us always that we are a silent witness, and that sometimes we are the only witness, testimony that people see. Bless us and keep us and supply our needs. Give us each favor. Thank You Father for the open door for the gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Scripture

1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. 2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that makes me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? 3 And I wrote this same to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. 2Cor 8:22; Gal 5:10; 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have more abundantly to you.

5 But if any have caused grief, he has not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 1Cor 5:3; 7 So that contrariwise you ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Why I beseech you that you would confirm your love toward him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether you be obedient in all things. 10 To whom you forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me of the Lord, Acts 16:8; 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from there into Macedonia.

14 Now thanks be to God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the aroma of his knowledge by us in every place. Col 1:27; 15 For we are to God a sweet smell of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the smell of death to death; and to the other the smell of life to life. And who is sufficient for these things? Luke 2:34; 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

**2 Corin. 2**

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This seems to be the same incestuous person whom Paul, in his first letter, had ordered to be delivered to Satan (1 Corin. 5:3-5); as a result, a revolt of considerable proportions against Paul had spread in the church. It was so serious that Paul went personally from Ephesus to Corinth (v. 1), but he was rebuffed to such an extent that he speaks of it here as a "painful" visit. It is thought that between the two letters we have, Paul wrote another letter to the Corinthians, which is now lost; this may be concluded from 2:3, 9; 7:8, 12 and 10:10, which imply things not found in 1 Corin. It must have been quite a stern letter, for it changed the tide in Corinth to such an extent that those who had been upholding the disciplined person turned against him (7:11). But Paul did not know this until he saw Titus (7:6-7).

The distress, anguish of heart, and many tears (v. 4), were caused not only by the terrible experience he had just gone through in Ephesus (1:8-9), but by his bitter anxiety over the situation in Corinth. He was so distressed about not meeting Titus in Troas as planned (2:12-13) that he passed up a grand opportunity for the Gospel in Troas in order to hurry on to Macedonia, hoping to find Titus there, who he knew was on his way with the news from Corinth.

The smell of death, fragrance of life (vv. 14-16); this imagery is of a Roman triumph in which the victorious general leads his army and the prisoners of war in a festive procession. Such a parade was often accompanied by the burning of sweet spices in the streets. For the victorious army, it was a celebration, they had survived the battles and returned home in glory. But for the prisoners in the procession, it was a reminder that they face death, perhaps in a battle with wild animals or gladiators, staged for the amusement of the people of Rome, or at best slavery. To them, the smell of incense was the smell of death.

Similarly, Christians are led by the victorious Savior, Christ. It is through Christ, and ultimately through the church, that God spreads the "fragrance" of knowledge of Christ. As the Gospel is spread into the world, it is always received as sweet smelling by believers, as a celebration of life. However, to those who reject Christ, the Gospel message becomes the smell of death. In rejecting, Christ, unbelievers choose death for themselves. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 790-791)

Paul didn't want to visit the church to discipline the Corinthians, for the believers there had been a joy to him. It was agonizing for Paul to write his epistle to the Corinthians, for he had to settle many problems in the church in that letter. The man from the first epistle who had been involved in the incestuous affair had repented, so Paul told the Christians to forgive, comfort, and confirm their love for the man.

To keep Satan from taking advantage of a situation to destroy us, we need to : recognize the attacks of Satan, resist his attacks by refusing them through the victory Christ won for us on the Cross, rejoice in the victory over Satan.

When the Romans won a great battle, the celebration would include a victory parade and the burning of incense. The fragrance or "savour" of the incense would fill the city. Corrupt means make merchandise. Some men used the work of God as an opportunity to prey on people. They seek to make financial gain from the believers. Paul was aware that God was always observing him. Kapeleuo=corrupt, make merchandise. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; commentaries; Chuck Smith; page 92)

2 Corin. 2: 10,11 teaches us that we are to forgive in order to keep Satan from gaining an advantage over us. When we forgive others, we not only do them a favor, we do ourselves and even greater favor. The reason we do ourselves such a favor is that unforgiveness fills us with resentment and produces a root of bitterness that poisons our entire system. Bitterness always belongs to bondage, forgiveness releases bitter bondage.

God always energizes us to do what He leads us to do. It is only when we go beyond His will to follow our own wills (or other people's desires) that we are likely to get exhausted. 2 Corin. 2:14 says that God always leads us in triumph. His will is not for us to live defeated, weak lives; He wants us to be more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). His will for us is strength, not weakness; victory, not defeat.

(KJV Bible; Amplified Bible; 2005; Scriptures; Notes, Commentaries; Joyce Meyers; pages 1884-1886)

## Galatians 5

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. John 8:32; Rom 6:18; 1Pet 2:16; Isa 9:4;

2 Behold, I Paul say to you, that if you be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. Acts 15:1; 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect to you, whoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which works by love. Matt 12:50; John 15:14; 1Cor 7:19; 2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15; Col 3:11; 1Thess 1:3;

7 You did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth? Gal 3:1; 8 This persuasion comes not of him that calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 1Cor 5:6; 10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that you will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he be. 2Cor 2:3; 2Cor 8:22; 11 And I, brothers, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offense of the cross ceased. 1Cor 1:23; 12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you. Josh 7:25;

13 For, brothers, you have been called to liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 1Cor 8:9; 1Pet 2:16; Jude 1:4; 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Rom 13:8; Lev 19:18; Matt 22:39; Mark 12:31; Jas 2:8; 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another. 2Cor 12:20;

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Rom 13:14; 1Pet 2:11; 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. Rom 7:15; 18 But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 1Cor 3:3; Jas 3:14; 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Contentions, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 1Cor 6:10; Eph 5:5; Col 3:6; Rev 22:15;

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Eph 5:9; 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 1Tim 1:9; 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Rom 6:6; Rom 13:14; Gal 2:20; 1Pet 2:11; 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

## National Day of Prayer

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### **Psa 119:105**

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



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