



~ 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, Lord guide each person this day; keep them, bless them, give them favor and protect them. I ask that You supply all their needs, and bless them with their daily bread in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, letters of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? 2Cor 5:12; 2Cor 10:8; 2 You are our letter written in our hearts, known and read of all men: 3 For as much as you are manifestly declared to be the letter of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. Exod 24:12; Exod 34:1; Jer 31:33; Ezek 11:19; Ezek 36:26; Heb 8:10; 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Phil 2:13; 6 Who also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. 2Cor 5:18; Heb 8:6; Heb 8:8; 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraved in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: Exod 24:12; Exod 34:1; Deut 10:2; Exod 34:30; 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more does the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excels. 11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: Exod 34:35; Rom 10:4; 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil not taken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. Isa 6:10; Ezek 12:2; Matt 13:11; Acts 28:26; Rom 11:8; 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, the veil is on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Matt 13:11; Rom 11:23; 1 Cor 2:10;

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. John 4:24; 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD. 1Cor 13:12; 2Cor 5:7;

2 Corin. 3

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The Glory Of His Ministry; Letters of recommendation (v. 1). This expression was probably suggested by the fact that the Judaizing teachers carried letters of introduction from Jerusalem. They were always encroaching on Paul's work and were among his chief troublemakers, who availed themselves of every possible excuse or opportunity to fight him. They were no asking; "Who is Paul?" Can he show letters from anybody of standing in Jerusalem? That, on the face of it, was absurd. Letters commending Paul to a church which Paul himself had founded? The church itself was Paul's letter!

This led to the contrast between their ministry and his; the Law as opposed to the Gospel. One written on stone, the other on hearts. One of the letter, the other of the Spirit. One unto death, the other unto life. One veiled, the other unveiled. One unto condemnation, the other unto righteousness. One passes, the other remains. Reflecting Christ, we are changed, from glory to glory, into His image.
(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 791-792)

The greatest lesson of strength we can learn is that God is our sufficiency (John 15:5; Philippians 4:13). The letter of the Law condemns us all to death, but the new covenant of grace by the Spirit of God gives us life. Many people misinterpret this verse and say that Bible studies deaden us, and emotional experiences bring life to the Church. The "letter" of the Law condemns me to death. Moses covered his face so the people wouldn't see the glory of God fading from his face. The glory of the Law has also faded; because when Jesus Christ established the new covenant, the old covenant was no longer necessary. We don't need the Law to establish our righteousness, for our faith in Christ does so according to God's grace and faithfulness. The Jews regard the Law as if the veil were still there; they don't see that the glory has faded away. One day they'll be able to see the Law without the veil. Our faces are unveiled so that we can clearly see the glory of Christ. With our eyes on Him, we're changed into His image by the Holy Spirit.
(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries and notes; page 92)

Religion is killing people in 2 Corins. 3:6, Paul said, "The code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. There are so many precious people who seek a relationship with God, and the religious community continues to tell them they need to "do" something else in order to be acceptable to Him. Do not be offended by my use of the word "religion." Realize that it has been a popular, spiritual sounding word for centuries, I am only trying to present a clear difference between an impersonal set of rules and regulations and a personal relationship with the living God. Jesus talked of His personal relationship with the Father, and the religious leaders of His day persecuted Him, I am amazed when I encounter certain people who are opposed to hearing others talk about God in a personal way or about feeling empowered by God. Satan hates a personal relationship with God and the power it makes available in the life of a believer.

In certain religious circles, if you and I were to talk about God as though we know Him, we would be judged and criticized. People would ask, "Who do you think you are?" Religion wants us to picture God as being far away, somewhere up in the sky, not approachable by anyone except the "elite" of the church. And, furthermore, they want us to believe that He can be reached only through rule keeping and good behavior.

This "religious spirit" was alive in Jesus' day, and He died to put an end to it and bring people into a close personal relationship with Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. That same religious spirit still torments people to this day if they do not know the truth.

The Law was given in order to show people their need for a Savior. We try to keep it until we realize that we absolutely cannot, and then hopefully we humble ourselves and ask God to help us, which He did in the person of Jesus Christ. As you walk with God, remember to keep your relationship with Him at the center and to keep "religion" far from you.

(KJV Bible; Amplified Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries, history; 2005; Joyce Meyers; pages 1886-1888)

" Friday Humor "

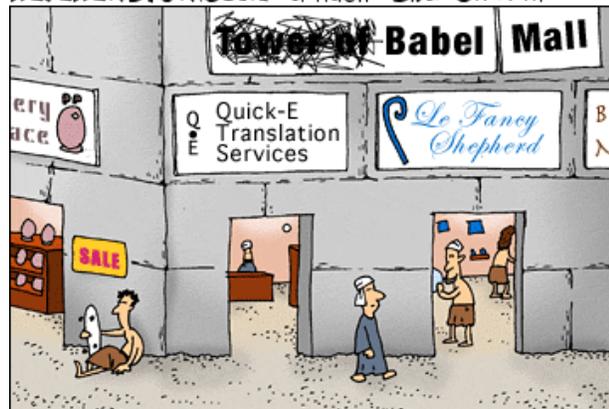
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HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS?!? HE IS STANDING ... RIGHT ... HERE!

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(See Genesis 11:1-9)

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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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