



~ 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, I ask that You led and guide us this week. Keep each person rekindled in You as a flame of Your Holy Spirit passion, touch each one and revive them in You, cause them to rise up and be Your hands and feet and to go forth. Lord touch them to be bold in Your voice. Fill them with whom to speak to, whom to pray for and whom to bless. I ask that You bless each with favor, and that whatever they set their hands to bears fruit, to further Your Kingdom, all to Your glory. Bless each one, supply all their needs and bless them with their daily bread, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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Scripture

Hebrews 3 (2005)

Hebrews 3:1-19 (AMP)

¹SO THEN, brethren, consecrated *and* set apart for God, who share in the heavenly calling, [thoughtfully and attentively] consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed [as ours when we embraced the Christian faith].

²[See how] faithful He was to Him Who appointed Him [Apostle and High Priest], as Moses was also faithful in the whole house [of God].

³Yet Jesus has been considered worthy of much greater honor *and* glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house [itself].

⁴For [of course] every house is built *and* furnished by someone, but the Builder of all things *and* the Furnisher [of the entire equipment of all things] is God.

⁵And Moses certainly was faithful in the administration of all God's house [but it was only] as a ministering servant. [In his entire ministry he was but] a testimony to the things which were to be spoken [the revelations to be given afterward in Christ].

⁶But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His [own Father's] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is we who are [now members] of this house, if we hold *fast and firm to the end* our joyful *and* exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ].

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice,

⁸Do not harden your hearts, as [happened] in the rebellion [of Israel] *and* their provocation *and* embitterment [of Me] in the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹Where your fathers tried [My patience] *and* tested [My forbearance] and found I stood their test, and they saw My works for forty years.

¹⁰And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, They always err *and* are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived *or* recognized My ways *and* become progressively better *and* more experimentally *and* intimately acquainted with them.

¹¹Accordingly, I swore in My wrath *and* indignation, They shall not enter into My rest.

¹²[Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away *and* desert *or* stand aloof from the living God.

¹³But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him].

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¹⁴ For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) *and* share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first new-born confidence *and* original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm *and* unshaken to the end.
¹⁵ Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice *and* when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them].
¹⁶ For who were they who heard *and* yet were rebellious *and* provoked [Him]? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?
¹⁷ And with whom was He irritated *and* provoked *and* grieved for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dismembered bodies were strewn *and* left in the desert?
¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [who had not listened to His word and who refused to be compliant or be persuaded]?
¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely on God [unbelief had shut them out].



Christ Compared with Moses

Jewish Christians in their immaturity (5:11–13) had not yet fully grasped the relationship between Christ and Moses. It seems that they still thought of Moses as the Lawgiver and of Christ as the One who would impose the Law of Moses on all other nations: Moses first, Christ under him. But they had it backward. Christ is as far above Moses as the heir of a house is above the servants in that house.

Hebrews 3:7–19. Warning Against Unbelief

share in Christ if we hold firmly until the end and guard ourselves against falling into unbelief and disobedience. This warning is one of the keynotes of the letter, repeated with increasing earnestness in 6:4–6 and 10:26–29 . author cites the example of the Israelites who, after having been delivered out of Egypt with mighty signs and wonders, nevertheless perished in the wilderness and never reached the Promised Land because of unbelief and disobedience (Hebrews 3:16–19). If they failed because they were disobedient to the word of Moses, what hope can there be for those who are disobedient to Christ, who is far greater? danger of apostasy among the Jewish Christians must have been immediate and serious. The writer may have had in mind the approaching destruction of Jerusalem, the most awful calamity in Jewish history, which would tempt Jews to lose faith in Jesus because they had not yet understood that Christ had made the temple and its rituals unnecessary.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history and commentaries; page 856)

Jesus is superior to Moses:

Hebrews was written for Jews who thought that Moses was closer to God than the angels. V1 " Holy brethren" does not refer to our virtue but to the righteousness God imputes to us because of our faith in Jesus Christ. As " partakers of the heavenly calling" we look not unto our earthly situation for fulfillment but to our final home with Christ (1 Corinthians 15:19). "Consider" means to study carefully in the Greek. It is the same word Jesus used in Matthew 6:28 when He said, " Consider the lilies of the field.." " Apostle" means one who has been sent, ambassador. This is the only place Jesus is called an apostle. An ambassador represents all the power and authority of his country (Matthew 28:18). An ambassador speaks for his nation, Jesus spoke God's thoughts (John 14:10). Jesus is the high priest of our profession (confession). Job asked for a days man to bridge the gap between God and man (Job 9:33). " Priest" means bridge builder. God has built the bridge to man. VV2-4 Moses was a faithful servant in the house of God but Jesus was the faithful Son who built the house. The house of God in the days of Moses was the nation Israel. The house of God that Christ built is the Church, for He dwells in us when we invite Him in. We are to hold fast to our hope in Christ, but He also has promised to keep us (Jude 1:24; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 1:3-5). VV 7-9 The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible (Acts 28:25). God was grieved with the children of Israel for their tempting and striving, always erring in their hearts, not knowing God's ways. They saw God's works for forty years as they wandered in the wilderness and God didn't allow them to enter the rest He had prepared in the Promised Land. V 12 The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13); The Parable of the Foolish Man and the Wise Man (Matthew 7:26). V 13 To prevent our hearts from becoming hardened with unbelief, we need to exhort one another daily in the things of God. V 14 We need more of Jesus in our lives as the solution to problems that arise, not more love, faith, or other gifts. We need more of Jesus Himself in us. VV15-19 The story of the children of Israel is retold here to show us that unbelief can rob us of all the rich blessings God wants to bestow on us. The Israelites took their eyes off God and saw only the obstacles before them, refusing to believe in God's beautiful provision (Hebrews 11:6). Their unbelief kept them from entering into the rest God had prepared for them.

(New Testament Study Guide; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 150)

In Hebrews 3:1, 2, we read that during His earthly life, Jesus was faithful to the One Who appointed Him. Yet Jesus went through some silent years. After His marvelous birth and prophetic baptism, we hear nothing about Him again until age twelve, when He was found debating with the teachers in the temple. All we are told about these silent years is that "... the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of God was upon Him" (Luke 2:40). After that, the Bible tells us nothing about what transpired in Jesus' life except that He "... increased in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature and years, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Jesus spent thirty years in preparation for a three-year ministry, a time where He was faithful and obedient to His earthly parents as well as to His heavenly Father. It was during those silent years that He grew in strength, wisdom, and favor. The "instant" society that we live in today is ruining people. Because everything is so instant and so easy, we think everything coming from God should be instant and easy. But godly strength, wisdom, knowledge, spiritual maturity, and character are developed in us as we go through tests and continue to do what we know is right, even when it does not feel right or does not feel good to us. If we want to grow up in God and do what He has called us to do, we have to settle down and be faithful.

I want to call your attention to the word "if" in Hebrews 3:6 because we often do not like to pay attention to the "ifs" and "buts" in the Bible. In scriptures like this one, we see what God will do, *if* we will do what we are supposed to do. You and I have the awesome privilege of being members of the Father's house, *if* we remain firm in faith until the end. Going to the altar and praying a sinner's prayer is only the beginning of our walk with Him; we must follow through and continue in faith. We must believe in Him! Confidence and faith are virtually synonymous; sometimes they can be interchanged without losing the context of what is being said at all. I can give a long fancy definition of faith, but let us boil it down: *faith is confidence in God*. In simple terms, faith is the act of knowing that if God says He will do something, He will do it. Even if it does not look like He is doing it right now, it will come to pass in His timing, *if* we remain confident in Him. The only two things that can interrupt faith are: 1) the manifestation of what is believed; or 2) the manifestation of doubt and unbelief. Once we receive the manifestation of what we have believed for, we no longer need faith, so it ceases in that case. In the same way, the manifestation of doubt and unbelief—that is, receiving the lies of Satan and believing them—interrupts faith, so it ceases to exist. Our faith must continue even when it seems that everything and everyone is against us. In Christ, we can remain standing firm on the inside because we know that our real life is within us, not in the people or circumstances outside of us.

When we hear from God, we can choose to respond with humility and trust or harden our hearts and ignore Him. Regrettably, when people do not get what they want or when they go through trials and tests, many of them choose to harden their hearts.

This is exactly what happened to the Israelites when they made the trip through the wilderness (see Hebrews 3:7, 8). God led them into the wilderness so He could prove to them that He would do good for them and that they could trust Him (see Deuteronomy 8:2, 3). He had great things planned for them, but He tested them first to see if they were really going to believe Him. That is why He tells us not to harden our hearts as they did. He has great things planned for you too, so keep your heart soft and tender before Him.

(Amplified Bible, The Everyday Life Bible, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, notes & commentaries, pages 2033 -2035)
(KJV; Word 9 Bible Software, 2005; Scripture, studies, notes, history; historical sermons)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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