



# ~ 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, Thank You, Jesus, for being the same yesterday, today, and forever! Father, I pray that You will strengthen, complete, and perfect us; that You will make us what we should be; that You will equip us with everything good to carry out Your will while You work in us and accomplish what is pleasing in Your sight. Teach us Lord, led us in the way. Keep us all and protect us and bless us, in Jesus' name I pray.  
Amen.

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## Scripture

## Hebrews 13 ( 2005)

### Hebrews 13:1-25 (AMP)

<sup>1</sup> LET LOVE for your fellow believers continue *and* be a fixed practice with you [never let it fail].  
<sup>2</sup> Do not forget *or* neglect *or* refuse to extend hospitality to strangers [in the brotherhood—being friendly, cordial, and gracious, sharing the comforts of your home and doing your part generously], for through it some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner, and those who are ill-treated, since you also are liable to bodily sufferings. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor (esteemed worthy, precious, of great price, and especially dear) in all things. And thus let the marriage bed be undefiled (kept undishonored); for God will judge *and* punish the unchaste [all guilty of sexual vice] and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Let your character *or* moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you *nor* give you up *nor* leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless *nor* forsake *nor* let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] <sup>6</sup> So we take comfort *and* are encouraged *and* confidently *and* boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear *or* dread *or* be terrified]. What can man do to me? <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders *and* superiors in authority [for it was they] who brought to you the Word of God. Observe attentively *and* consider their manner of living (the outcome of their well-spent lives) and imitate their faith (their conviction that God exists and is the Creator and Ruler of all things, the Provider and Bestower of eternal salvation through Christ, and their leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness). <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages). <sup>9</sup> Do not be carried about by different *and* varied and alien teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established *and* ennobled *and* strengthened by means of grace (God's favor and spiritual blessing) and not [to be devoted to] foods [rules of diet and ritualistic meals], which bring no [spiritual] benefit *or* profit to those who observe them. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve *and* worship in the tabernacle have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For when the blood of animals is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin, the victims' bodies are burned outside the limits of the camp. <sup>12</sup> Therefore Jesus also suffered *and* died outside the [city's] gate in order that He might purify *and* consecrate the people through [the shedding of] His own blood *and* set them apart as holy [for God]. <sup>13</sup> Let us then go forth [from all that would prevent us] to Him outside the camp [at Calvary], bearing the contempt *and* a buse *and* shame with Him. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no permanent city, but we are looking for the one which is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through Him, therefore, let us constantly *and* at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge *and* confess *and* glorify His name. <sup>16</sup> Do not forget *or* neglect to do kindness *and* good, to be generous *and* distribute *and* contribute to the needy [of the church as embodiment and proof of fellowship], for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup> Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls *and* guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing *and* groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either].

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<sup>18</sup> Keep praying for us, for we are convinced that we have a good (clear) conscience, that we want to walk uprightly *and* live a noble life, acting honorably *and* in complete honesty in all things. <sup>19</sup> And I beg of you [to pray for us] the more earnestly, in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. <sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, testament), <sup>21</sup> Strengthen (complete, perfect) *and* make you what you ought to be *and* equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you *and* accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it). <sup>22</sup> I call on you, brethren, to listen patiently *and* bear with this message of exhortation *and* admonition *and* encouragement, for I have written to you briefly. <sup>23</sup> Notice that our brother Timothy has been released [from prison]. If he comes here soon, I will see you along with him. <sup>24</sup> Give our greetings to all of your spiritual leaders and to all of the saints (God's consecrated believers). The Italian Christians send you their greetings [also]. <sup>25</sup> Grace (God's favor and spiritual blessing) be with you all. *Amen (so be it).*



### Gracious Exhortations

letter, though argumentative in nature, closes with gentle appeals to its readers to be loyal to Christ and to follow Him in all aspects of everyday life—especially in brotherly love and kindness and purity and goodness, and with unceasing prayer and unwavering faith in God. as Malachi was the Old Testament's final message to the nation that had been founded to bring the Messiah into the world, so Hebrews is the New Testament's final message to the nation after the Messiah had come. These final words were written shortly before Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jewish state was swept away.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history & commentaries; page 865)

V1 "Continue" here is abide (John 13:35; 1 John 3:14). V2 We demonstrate our love for others when we are friendly to strangers at church. Entertaining in biblical days included taking a person into one's home. V3 There are Christians in prison in other countries whose only "crime" is loving our Lord Jesus and who need our prayers and help (1 Corinthians 12:26). There are so many ways that we can minister love to our neighbors if we will take the time and let His love flow through us (1 Corinthians 13:13). V4 God made Eve to be Adam's companion to bring completeness, love and beauty to his life in marriage (Genesis 2:20-24; 1 Corinthians 6:15-19; 2 Corinthians 6:14). V5 "Conversation" here means manner of life. V7 Those who teach us the Word of God have spiritual authority over us, but not to the point of the Nicolaitanes, who lorded over the lay people (Revelation 2:6,15). V8 Jesus has the same divine characteristic of immutability (changelessness) that God has. We are anchored to Him in this changing world. V9 We do not need "new truth." The sound doctrine of God's Word is enough. Our standing with Christ is based upon His grace, not upon outward observances, such as eating or abstaining from meat. V10 The altar we have is spiritual, and the high priests have no right to serve or partake there. VV11-12 The animals bodies were taken outside the camp to be burned, and Jesus was also sacrificed outside the city walls. V13 When we go "without the camp" we are going outside the system of Judaism to find Jesus. The Jews find it particularly difficult to bear the reproach of Christ. V14 We are looking for the glorious City of God. V15 As Christians, we also offer sacrifices to God, but sacrifices are from our hearts rather than a tradition (Isaiah 1:11-15). God wants joyful, willing sacrifices, not grudging service. We can also offer God a broken spirit and a contrite heart" (Psalm 51:17), and our bodies (Roman 12:1). V16 We offer the sacrifice of praise to God and the sacrifice of doing good to others. "Communicate" here means to help out, to distribute what we have to those in need (James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:18; Proverbs 19:17). V17 This verse has been carried to extremes, with a "shepherd" who oversees all a person's activities. Actually, a teacher should teach us to submit to God, not to himself. If we know God's Word and follow it, our teacher can give a good account of us. V18 Pastors and teachers need prayer too. V20 Paul is the only New Testament author to use the term "God of Peace." He also used the term "Lord Jesus" more than any other author. We make our peace with God when we accept God's salvation through Christ, but the peace of God is a further step. We need to appropriate the peace of God in every situation by committing ourselves totally to Him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd (Ezekiel 34; John 10:1-29). The everlasting covenant is between God and Christ, for God promised to raise Jesus from the dead. V21 "Perfect" here again is complete of full age. God does the work in us, so we do not have any room to boast (Ephesians 2:10). We are the instrument in His hands. V22 "Suffer" here is give heed, allow with obedience. V23 Timothy was Paul's frequent companion.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005 Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 163-164)

Have you faced times when you wondered if God would really come through and meet your needs? Hebrews 13:5 is an encouraging scripture that will greatly help you in this circumstance. In it, the Lord lets us know that we do not need to have our minds set on money or worry how we will take care of ourselves, because He will take care of these things for us. He promises never to fail us or forsake us. It is important for us to do our part, but we must not try to do God's part. The load is too heavy to bear by ourselves, and if we are not careful, we will break under the weight of it. Do not worry. Take this promise to heart: "Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed" (Psalm 37:3). Now that is a great promise!

**Study Questions For Hebrews:**

1. The book of Hebrews begins by stating that in these last days, God has spoken of us by His Son. What 9 things do you learn about Jesus in chapter 1, verses 2-4?

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2. Hebrew 4:16 tells us that we can come to the throne of grace with confidence and receive mercy and help. Why does the Lord have such mercy upon us? (See Hebrews 4:15).

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3. Under the old covenant, sins could only be covered by the blood of animal sacrifices but not done away with completely. Meditate on Hebrews 9:15 and rewrite it in your own words.

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4. According to Hebrews 11:1, what is the definition of faith?

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5. Hebrews chapter 11 (the Hall of Faith) gives us many examples of Old Testament saints. How are we to run the race? (See Hebrews 12:1-3.)

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(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2056 -2058)

( Word 9; Bible Software; KJV; Amp; Sermons of Historical pastors; Scripture; concordance; reference materials; 2008)

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



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