



~ 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, Help me, Lord, be a ready listener, but slow to speak, slow to take offense, and slow to get angry. Help me to control my mouth, my tongue, for what is in the heart, comes out of the mouth. Lord, help me to forgive, for You forgave me for my sins and I am to forgive as You forgave me. Lord mend and repair, scars, the battle scars my Lord, help me to overcome, for I am yours. Led me and guide me, God's will for me and plans this day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

James Introduction (2005)

James 1:5-7 (AMP)

⁵ If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally *and* ungrudgingly, without reproaching *or* faultfinding, and it will be given him.

⁶ Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither *and* thither and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,

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The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

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Christian Wisdom, Good Works, Pure Religion**James**

apostles were named James: one was the brother of John; the other, the son of Alphaeus (Matthew 10:2-3 ; see The 12 Disciples). oldest brother of Jesus was named James (Matthew 13:55). At first, James did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah (John 7:2-5). He later believed, became prominent, and was recognized as the leading overseer of the Judean church (Acts 12:17 ; Galatians 1:19). He is commonly regarded as the writer of this letter. was known as an unusually good man and was surnamed "the Just" by his countrymen. It is said that he spent so much time on his knees in prayer that they became hard and callused like a camel's knees. He is thought to have been married (1 Corinthians 9:5). He was very influential both among the Jews and in the church. Peter reported to James upon his release from prison (Acts 12:17). Paul acted on his advice (Acts 21:18-26). James was a very strict Jew himself, but he was also the author of the tolerant letter to gentile Christians in Acts 15:13-29 . He endorsed Paul's work among the Gentiles but was himself mainly concerned with Jews. His life work was to win Jews and to "smooth their passage to Christianity."

The Story of His Martyrdom

to the Jewish historian Josephus and Hegesippus, a Christian historian of the 2nd century, whose narrative Eusebius (The Church Fathers) accepts, James ended his life a martyr for Jesus, his brother and his Lord. before Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman army (a.d. 70; see The First Revolt), Jews were embracing Christianity in large numbers. Ananias, the high priest, and the scribes and Pharisees assembled the Sanhedrin, around the year a.d. 62 (possibly a.d. 66), and commanded James, "the brother of Jesus who was called Christ," to proclaim from one of the galleries of the temple that Jesus was not the Messiah. Instead, James cried out that Jesus was the Son of God and the Judge of the World. his enraged enemies hurled him to the ground and stoned him until a charitable bystander ended his sufferings with a club, while James was on his knees praying, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

The Letter

to Christian Jews (James 2:1), scattered among the nations (1:1), this seems like a book of Christian proverbs that cover a number of subjects, all bearing on the practical aspects of the Christian life. (It resembles Hebrew wisdom literature; see Poetry and Wisdom .) letter was probably written around a.d. 60, near the end of James' life, after he had pastored the Judean church for 30 years. However, some date this letter prior to a.d. 50, primarily because of its distinctively Jewish character, which suggests that it was written when the church was primarily composed of Jews. If this is correct, it would make this letter the earliest of the New Testament writings, with the probable exception of Galatians. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history & commentaries; page 866-867)

Genuine faith produces good deeds. Good works are the fruit of true faith.

Watch your mouth, and remember that words are powerful.

Earnest, heartfelt prayers are effective.

Introduction

The book of James emphasizes the fact that true faith in God must be accompanied by good works. Let me be quick to point out that good works do not prove a person's belief in God or relationship with Him, but having faith always leads to good works. Faith has to come first because when good works are done in faith, God always gets the glory.

In addition to his focus on unwavering faith and good works, James also provides tremendous practical advice for our everyday lives, including extensive teaching on the joy that is found in suffering and the power of the tongue. He writes about wisdom, about resisting temptation, and about prayer. He penned the familiar words: "Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations" (James 1:2) and, "... the earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]" (James 5:16).

As you read the book of James, I hope it will not only stir your faith, but also inspire you to perform good works that glorify God and are motivated by your love for Him. Let it also serve as a reminder of the power of your words and of the necessity of wisdom, and as a call to earnest, heartfelt prayer that makes tremendous power available in your life.

"My Word shall not Pass Away"

Christ, speaking of the law, said: "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled." In another place He said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away." Now, let us keep in mind that the only Scripture the apostles and Christ had was the Old Testament. The New Testament was not written. I will put that as the old and new covenant. "One jot or tittle of the law shall in no wise pass away until all be fulfilled"—the old covenant; and then Christ comes and adds these words: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away"—the new covenant. Now, notice how that has been fulfilled. There was no shorthand reporter following Him about taking down his words; there were no papers to print the sermons, and they would not have printed his sermons if there had been any daily papers—the whole church and all the religious world were against Him. I can see one of your modern freethinkers standing near Him, and he hears Christ say: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away." I see the scornful look on his face as he says: "Hear that Jewish peasant talk! Did you ever hear such conceit, such madness? He says, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but his word shall not pass away.'" My friend, I want to ask you this question—have they passed away? Do you know that the sun has shone on more Bibles to-day than ever before in the history of the world? There have been more Bibles printed in the last ten years than in the first eighteen hundred years. Men tried in the dark ages to chain it, and keep it from the nations; but God has preserved it, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society, print thousands of Bibles every day.

Suppose some one had said that when we had a Revised Version of the New Testament, it was going to have such a large circulation—men reading it wherever the English language is spoken—the statement would hardly have been believed. The new version came out in New York on a Friday—on the same day that it was published in London. Chicago did not want to be behind New York. At that time the quickest train between the two cities could not accomplish the journey in less than about twenty-six hours. It would be late on Saturday afternoon before the copies could reach Chicago, and the stores would be closed. So one of the Chicago daily papers set ninety operators to work, and had the whole of the new version, from Matthew to Revelation, telegraphed to Chicago on Friday; it was put at once into print, and sold on the streets of that city next day. If some one had said years ago, before telegraphs were introduced, that this would be done, it would have been thought an impossibility. Yet it has been done. The first official trial of the pneumatic tube for mail transit in America was made in the Philadelphia Post Office in 1893, in the presence of one hundred distinguished persons. The Postmaster-General, after declaring that the system meant rapid communication between cities all over the world, sent through the tube a Bible, wrapped in an American flag, and a message which he composed, as the initial package. The message read as follows: "The first use of the first pneumatic postal tube in the United States is to send through it a copy of the Holy Scriptures, the greatest message ever given to the world. Covering the Bible is the American flag, the emblem of the freedom of sixty-five millions of happy people."

Notwithstanding all that sceptics and infidels say against the old Book, it goes on its way. These objectors remind one of a dog barking at the moon; the moon goes on shining just the same. Atheists keep on writing against the Bible; but they do not make much progress, do they? It is being spread all abroad—silently, and without any blast of trumpets. The lighthouse does not blow a trumpet; it goes on shedding its light all around. So the Bible is lighting up the nations of the earth. It is said that a lecturer on Secularism was once asked: "Why cannot you let the Bible alone, if you do not believe it?" The honest reply was at once made, "Because the Bible will not let me alone." The Bible was about the first book ever printed; and to-day the New Testament, or portions thereof, are printed in three hundred and fifty-three different languages, and are sent to all parts of the earth. Wherever the Bible has not been translated, the people have no literature. It will not be long before the words of Jesus Christ will penetrate the darkest parts of the earth, and the darkest islands of the sea. When Christ said, "The Scriptures cannot be broken," He meant every word He said. Devil and man and hell have been in league for centuries to try to break the Word of God, but they cannot do it. If you get it for your footing, you have good footing for time and eternity. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away." My friends, that Word is going to live, and there is no power in perdition or earth to blot it out.

What we want to-day is men who believe in it from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet; who believe the whole of it—the things they understand and the things they do not understand. Talk about the things you understand, and leave the things you do not. I believe that is one reason why the English and the Scotch Christians have got ahead of us Americans, because they study the whole Bible. I venture to say that there are hundreds of Bible readings in London every night. You know there are a good many Christians who are good in spots and mighty poor in other spots, because they do not take the whole sweep of the Bible.

Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study. D.L. Moody

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2059-2060)

(Word 9; Bible Software; KJV; Amp; Sermons of Historical pastors; Scripture; concordance; reference materials; 2010)

Psa 119:105

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



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