



~ 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, Lord, that the wisdom You give is first pure and undefiled, then peace-loving and courteous. It is willing to yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits, impartial, free from doubt, unwavering, and sincere. Lord help us and place a guard on our tongues; if we hurt or offend someone with what we say, bring conviction. Give each person peace, keep them and bless them, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Worship Music

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Scripture

James 3 (2005)

James 3:1-18 (AMP)

¹ NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard *and* with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].

² For we all often stumble *and* fall *and* offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character *and* a perfect man, able to control his whole body *and* to curb his entire nature.

³ If we set bits in the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we can turn their whole bodies about.

⁴ Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood *or* how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze!

⁶ And the tongue is a fire. [The tongue is a] world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating *and* depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man's nature), being itself ignited by hell (Gehenna).

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea animal, can be tamed and has been tamed by human genius (nature).

⁸ But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness!

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.

¹¹ Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can a salt spring furnish fresh water.

¹³ Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent? Then let him by his noble living show forth his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of *and* false to the Truth.

¹⁵ This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal).

¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition), there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil *and* vile practices.

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¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted *and* straightforward, impartial *and* unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).

¹⁸ And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God's will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for *and* make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

James 3:1–12. The Tongue

Sins of the tongue are not only harsh and angry words, but also false and foolish doctrines. From the general tone of this chapter we suspect that there must have been many presumptuous, quarrelsome, worldly minded people of uncontrolled temper who put themselves forward as leaders and teachers.

Power of the tongue . The tongue is the main expression of our personality and usually calls forth an immediate reaction, of one kind or another, in others. Mean words have wrecked many a home, divided many a church, and sent unnumbered millions to despair and ruin. Yet we know many very religious people who seem never to make even the slightest effort to control their tongues. James compares the tongue to the rudder on a ship or the bit in a horse's mouth. Both are relatively small parts that have significant influence on the steering of the whole in one direction or another. Our words steer our lives and direct our destiny.

James 3:13–18. Wisdom

This passage seems to be aimed at certain teachers who, hung up on some pet doctrine and ambitious to be considered brilliant in argument, but with little personal affection for Christ, were producing only jealousy and faction. James calls such wisdom "of the devil" and suggests that the best way to show real wisdom is by a good and fruitful life. What you sow throughout your life, you will reap in harvest.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; Zondervan; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 869-870)

The Unruly Member:

V1 "Masters" means teachers. Teachers in the Church will be held accountable for their teachings when they come before God. V4 A helm is the wheel controlling the rudder of a ship. VV 7-8 Only God can tame our tongues as we submit to the control of the Holy Spirit. V13 "Conversation" means manner of life or way of living. VV14-16 The wisdom of the world produces confusion, strife, and evil works. VV17-18 The wisdom of God produces peace, harmony and good works.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word for Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 168)

The Bible says a great deal about the tongue and the words of our mouths. The tongue holds the power of life and death (see Proverbs 18:21). The apostle James said that if any man can control his tongue he is "a fully developed character" and can also control his entire being (see James 3:2). The tongue is a little member of the body, but it causes tremendous problems. Relationships often end because of things that are said or not said. People lose jobs, cause strife and misunderstanding, and embarrass themselves all with that one tiny organ—the tongue. No man can tame the tongue, so we need God's help. King David prayed that God would put a watch or a guard over his mouth (see Psalm 141:3). He also prayed that the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart would be acceptable in God's sight (see Psalm 19:14). David knew he could not control his mouth without God's help, and neither can we. We should avoid all harsh, hard, unjust words (see Isaiah 58:9). Jesus said we must take His yoke upon us and learn of Him because He is gentle, meek, and humble, not harsh, hard, sharp, and pressing (see Matthew 11:29, 30). A gentle tongue (with its healing power) is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit (see Proverbs 15:4). Even the tone of our voice is important because it reveals the condition of our hearts. We can speak words of healing or words that wound; we can edify and build up or discourage and tear down. Words are containers for power and they carry either positive or negative power. The decision is up to us! Words are seeds that we sow and they definitely bring a harvest in our lives. Those who indulge the tongue must eat the fruit of their words, whether they are for life or death (Proverbs 18:21). One of the things we should strive to do is think before we speak. The Bible says that we are not to be rash with our mouths, but how many times do we say things and then think, "Oh, I wish I had not said that"? But then it is too late because the words are already doing their work. I recommend a thorough study of all these subjects and a sincere prayer asking for God's help to tame the tongue

Proverbs 18:19-21 (AMP)

¹⁹ A brother offended is harder to be won over than a strong city, and [their] contentions separate them like the bars of a castle.

²⁰ A man's [moral] self shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequence of his words he must be satisfied [whether good or evil].

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

Word Study

Another way to study the Bible is to take one word, and follow it up with the help of a Concordance.

Or take just one word that runs through a book. Some time ago I was wonderfully blessed by taking the seven *Blesseds* of the Revelation. If God did not wish us to understand the Book of Revelation, He would not have given it to us at all. A good many say it is so dark and mysterious, that common readers cannot understand it. Let us only keep digging away at it, and it will unfold itself by-and-by. Some one says it is the only book in the Bible that tells about the devil being chained; and as the devil knows that, he goes up and down Christendom and says, "It is no use your reading Revelation, you cannot understand the Book; it is too hard for you." The fact is, he does not want you to understand about his own defeat. Just look at the *blessings* the Book contains:

1. "*Blessed* is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (1:3).
2. "*Blessed* are the dead which die in the Lord.... Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours" (14:13).
3. "*Blessed* is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments" (16:15).
4. "*Blessed* are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (19:9).
5. "*Blessed* and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. On such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (20:6).
6. "*Blessed* is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book" (22:7).
7. "*Blessed* are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (22:14).

Or you may take the eight *overcomes* in Revelation; and you will be wonderfully blessed by them. They take you right up to the throne of heaven; you climb by them to the throne of God. I have been greatly blessed by going through the *believings* of John. Every chapter but two speaks of believing. As I said before, he wrote his Gospel that we might believe. All through it is "Believe! Believe!" If you want to persuade a man that Christ is the Son of God, John's Gospel is the book for him. Take the six *precious* things in Peter's Epistles. And the seven *walks* of the Epistle to the Ephesians. And the five *much mores* of Romans 5. Or the two *receiveds* of John 1. Or the seven *hearts* in Proverbs 23. Or "*the fear of the Lord*" in Proverbs:— "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7). "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (8:13). "The fear of the Lord prolongeth days" (10:27). "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence" (14:26). "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life" (14:27). "Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith" (15:16). "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom" (15:33.) "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil" (16:6). "The fear of the Lord tendeth to life" (19:23). "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life" (22:4). "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long" (23:17).

A friend gave me some key-words recently. He said Peter wrote about *Hope*: "When the Chief Shepherd shall appear." The keynote of Paul's writings seemed to be *Faith*; and that of John's, *Love*. "Faith, hope, and charity"—these were the characteristics of the three men; the keynotes to the whole of their teachings. James wrote of *Good Works*, and Jude of *Apostasy*. In the general epistles of Paul some one suggested the phrase "*in Christ*" as the key-word. In the Book of Romans we find justification by faith *in Christ*. Corinthians presents sanctification *in Christ*. The Book of Galatians, adoption or liberty *in Christ*. Ephesians presents fulness *in Christ*. Philippians, consolation *in Christ*. In Colossians we have completeness *in Christ*. Thessalonians gives us hope *in Christ*. Different systems of key-words are published by Bible scholars; and it is a good thing for every one to know one system or another.

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

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2064 -2066)
 (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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