



~ 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 for choosing us and making us one of Your own special people and for calling us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Lord in these days open the spiritual ears to hear and receive, open spiritual eyes to see and receive, draw them my Lord. Take them, shape them, mold them, change what You want changed and make them to be the best they can be in You. Teach us all my Lord in Your agape love. Bless and keep each one, and provide their needs in Your precious name. Amen.

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Scripture

1 Peter 2 (2005)

1 Peter 2:1-25 (AMP)

¹SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander *and* evil speaking of every kind.

²Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow unto [completed] salvation,

³Since you have [already] tasted the goodness *and* kindness of the Lord.

⁴Come to Him [then, to that] Living Stone which men tried *and* threw away, but which is chosen [and] precious in God's sight.

⁵[Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For thus it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen (honored), precious chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall never be disappointed *or* put to shame.

⁷To you then who believe (who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Him) is the preciousness; but for those who disbelieve [it is true], The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the main Cornerstone,

⁸And, A Stone that will cause stumbling and a Rock that will give [men] offense; they stumble because they disobey *and* disbelieve [God's] Word, as those [who reject Him] were destined (appointed) to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds *and* display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people [at all], but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied, but now you are pitied *and* have received mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I implore you as aliens and strangers *and* exiles [in this world] to abstain from the sensual urges (the evil desires, the passions of the flesh, your lower nature) that wage war against the soul.

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¹² Conduct yourselves properly (honorably, righteously) among the Gentiles, so that, although they may slander you as evildoers, [yet] they may by witnessing your good deeds [come to] glorify God in the day of inspection [when God shall look upon you wanderers as a pastor or shepherd looks over his flock].

¹³ Be submissive to every human institution *and* authority for the sake of the Lord, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

¹⁴ Or to governors as sent by him to bring vengeance (punishment, justice) to those who do wrong and to encourage those who do good service.

¹⁵ For it is God's will *and* intention that by doing right [your good and honest lives] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges *and* ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons.

¹⁶ [Live] as free people, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live at all times] as servants of God.

¹⁷ Show respect for all men [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ [You who are] household servants, be submissive to your masters with all [proper] respect, not only to those who are kind and considerate *and* reasonable, but also to those who are surly (overbearing, unjust, and crooked).

¹⁹ For one is regarded favorably (is approved, acceptable, and thankworthy) if, as in the sight of God, he endures the pain of unjust suffering.

²⁰ [After all] what kind of glory [is there in it] if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you take it patiently? But if you bear patiently with suffering [which results] when you do right *and* that is undeserved, it is acceptable *and* pleasing to God.

²¹ For even to this were you called [it is inseparable from your vocation]. For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you [His personal] example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.

²² He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.

²³ When He was reviled *and* insulted, He did not revile *or* offer insult in return; [when] He was abused *and* suffered, He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.

²⁴ He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were going astray like [so many] sheep, but now you have come back to the Shepherd and Guardian (the Bishop) of your souls.

1 Peter 2. The Christian's Earthly Pilgrimage

have been born into a glorious inheritance by the Word of God (1:23). But traveling through this world toward their heavenly homeland, they need to feed constantly on God's Word for nourishment, guidance, and strength (2:2). Thus they will taste and experience along the way that their Lord is by their side and is gracious, kind, loving, and helpful as He leads them onward (2:2-3).

Aliens and strangers (2:11), chosen, holy (2:9), a people of good deeds (2:12 ; 3:13), who, by their manner of life, glorify God (3:16), people whose citizenship is in heaven but who live as aliens and strangers in a corrupt world. It reminds us of Jesus' words that the light of the world is the good works of His disciples (Matthew 5:14-16)! good citizens or subjects, insofar as possible, of the earthly government under which you live; be law-abiding and obedient to promote the good name of your religion, even when the government is headed by a Nero (1 Peter 2:13-17).

Christian slaves (2:18-25). There were many slaves in the 1st-century church. They are exhorted to be good slaves, even when they serve brutal masters, and to endure without resentment any wrongful suffering. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; history and commentaries; page 875)

V1 "Guile" is covering one's true feelings. V2 To grow up spiritually we must be fed the Word of God. V5 Hebrews 13:15. V6-8 Jesus is the cornerstone on which our faith is built. V9 The world thinks Christians are peculiar because we praise and love Jesus Christ and spend hours at Bible studies instead of doing things the world considers fun. V11 We're not a part of this world anymore. We're pilgrims longing for a new land. V21-23 Christ is our example of the way we should respond when persecuted. V24 Isaiah 53:4-7. *dolos* =guile, deceit, covering one's true feelings (2:1)(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 172)

Like "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5) we are to live dedicated, consecrated lives that include spiritual sacrifices, but only the kind that are pleasing and acceptable to God. The only ones that are pleasing and acceptable to God are those done with the right motives, such as a desire to express our love for Him or a desire to honor Him and thank Him for what He has done for us.

Suffering is one of the most difficult things to understand in life and in Christianity. We know that God is good and we know that He sees everything and is all powerful, but why does He allow us to suffer, especially unjustly? This question has been asked by millions throughout the ages: "Why, God? Why?"

God does not delight in our suffering, but He is honored and pleased when we endure it with a good attitude (see 1 Peter 2:19, 20). Trust requires unanswered questions. If we knew all the answers, faith would not even be necessary.

Some people become angry at God when tragedy or extreme difficulty comes their way. This is the worst thing anyone can do because He is the only One Who can help us. One man I know endured the tragic experience of watching his only son die of cancer. Afterward, he bitterly asked God, "Where were you when my son died?" God replied, "The same place I was when Mine died."

God gave His only Son and allowed Him to go through unspeakable suffering that He did not deserve, and He did it for us. There are times when we go through things that God intends to use for our good and the good of others later in our lives.

During my marriage, I was abused (mentally, emotionally and physically) for years. Though I still loved Jesus; I had fell a way through my marriage, we were unevenly yoked, and I submitted, as wives do. It did not dawn on me until later that if the husband is breaking the law or immoral that I did not have to obey that he was not leading. Through intervention by God and people praying and God planting the right person in my life at just the right times with a message, I was drawn back by Him. I did receive strength to endure and a determination to overcome. One night while out with friends of not the right kind, I had a vision of satan, it terrified me, and through that I saw what that culture was doing, I decided someone needed to be a parent and knew my husband would probably not be. So I quit going out with my husband and working with him in the culture he chose, I decided if he was going to do this and that, than he would anyway with me in his presence, so in essence I quit, it was difficult because I had been told if I did not do this or that, that my kids would not eat, at various times strangers provided food. The Lord lead me to seek work in nursing so that is what I did many years as a nurse aid and eventually going to college to become a nurse, the Lord called me as I was getting ready to do the nursing clinicals Many character traits developed in me during those years that have greatly helped me in the ministry I have today. One of them is that I truly can relate to people who have been hurt by others. I can teach from experience how important it is to forgive our enemies and help people know how to do it. Suffering can make us bitter or better; the decision is ours! Today I have had testimonies of people that God helped through me; a life saved here and there and some were 20 or 30 years ago. Do I to-day believe in submission in marriage? Submission is as unto the Lord (keep God first), if the leader is not leading and doing anything immoral, illegal, or against God....than God becomes your husband...He saved me and my kids. Though that husband did get saved just before he died.....I never got to enjoy it...

The true test of faith is how we behave during trials and tribulations, especially ones we feel are totally unfair. Peter said that fiery ordeals will come to test the quality of our faith and that we are not to be amazed and bewildered (see 1 Peter 4:12, 13). Instead of being concerned about *why* you suffer, just make a decision to get through it with a good attitude and you will see God work everything together for good (see Romans 8:28).

Though I have many battle scars and am a warrior for Him, I can truly say.....Jesus healed me, and He will you to of anything you have went through or are going through. Just believe Him, ask Him, and trust Him. (When I say abuse; you don't want to know believe me, and it was not a husband / wife spat; just quarreling, but I will spare you the grief of knowing the full story, it might take a life time to tell it all) If you are being abused; physically... you should leave.....God hates abuse.....also.....go to a safe place and get help.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2076 -2077)

(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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