



~Thought For The Day~

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, let each person set aside time each day to fellowship with You and worship. Give them peace. Help them to sit at Your feet and be taught. Help them also to listen, and know that You are seldom early, but never late, and always on time. Thank You for drawing us, loving us first, and allowing us to love you back. You are the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Priest of priests....I love You Lord..for You are Lord. Thank You for the roof over my head, the needs met and for You knowing my hearts desires. I give You all the glory and praise. In Jesus name I ask my prayer. Amen.

Scripture

24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 And he said to them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority on them are called benefactors. Matt 20:25; Mark 10:42; 26 But you shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that does serve. 1Pet 5:3; Luke 9:48; 27 For whether is greater, he that sits at meat, or he that serves? is not he that sits at meat? but I am among you as he that serves. Matt 20:28; John 13:14; Phil 2:7; 28 You are they which have continued with me in my temptations. 29 And I appoint to you a kingdom, as my Father has appointed to me; Luke 12:32; 30 That you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt 19:28; Rev 3:21;

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 1Pet 5:8; 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brothers.

33 And he said to him, Lord, I am ready to go with you, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that you shall thrice deny that you know me. Matt 26:34; Mark 14:30; John 13:38;

Luke 22: 24-34

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Sold for thirty pieces of silver.....

Judas was one of Jesus' twelve disciples, yet we read that Satan entered into him (Luke 22:3). We must understand that Satan can work through anyone, even those who are close to us. When we expect them never to hurt us, we set ourselves up for severe disappointment. That does not mean we should adopt a sour, bitter, cynical attitude toward everyone and say; "Well, a person cannot trust anybody these days." We are not saying that at all, we like people, and we trust people. We cannot go through life being suspicious of everyone we meet. At the same time, we also do not go through life expecting never to be hurt by anyone because I know that other people are flesh and blood, just as we are. We realize that they are going to fail just as we fail. We put our trust not in people but in Jesus, the Friend who sticks closer than a brother. We should do the same, He will never disappoint us.....

Jesus set the example for our conduct by serving the disciples. The true minister is a servant. We have to learn that we are God-ordained, unique, the personal plan for our life has indeed been one of the most valuable and precious freedoms the Lord has granted us. We are assured that we do not need to compare our self, or our ministry, to anyone. We are always encouraged that there is hope for us when we look at Jesus' disciples and realize that they struggled with many of the same things we do, in Luke 22:24 we find the disciples arguing over which of them was the greatest. Jesus responded to them by saying that the greatest was actually the one who was willing to be considered the least or the one who was willing to be a servant. Our Lord spent a great deal of His time trying to teach His disciples that life in the kingdom of God is usually the direct opposite of the way of the world or the flesh. Jesus taught His disciples great principles like these. Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first (Mark 10:31), rejoice with the lost who have been found (Luke 15: 6, 32); love your enemies and pray for people who persecute you (Matthew 5:44); it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). The world says this is foolishness, but Jesus says it is true power. Be a disciple and determine to live your life by Jesus' kingdom principles.

Jesus struggled when faced with the reality of going to the cross, yet He chose God's will over His own (Luke 22: 39-42). How will you respond when God asks you to choose His will over what you want to do? You may never be asked to sacrifice your life for your faith, yet in every sacrifice whether great or small, ask God for the strength to do His will, His way. (Amplified Bible; JMM;2006; pages 1663-1667; commentaries)

Gethsemane was a garden near the foot of the western slope of the Mount of Olives. The traditional site cannot be far from the actual site. The human race started in a garden. Jesus suffered His agony in a garden. He was crucified in a garden, and buried in a garden (John 19:41). Paradise will be a garden.

We wonder why He dreaded His death. We read of martyrs being burned at the stake with songs of joy on their lips, but Jesus whom we think of as stronger than ordinary men, when He was brought face to face with His death, acted as if He just could not go through with it, and cried out in anguish that, if possible, it might not be. We wonder why, it must be that Jesus knew that He was going to suffer something that men do not ordinarily suffer in death, or at least they do not know beforehand that they are to suffer. Jesus died for the sins of the world. Whatever theory of the atonement we may hold, Jesus, in some sense or other, died to save us from being lost. He must, therefore, have suffered something of what we will suffer if we are lost. Else how could His death save us from being lost? Jesus had come out of eternity knowing that the cross was at the end, for He knew that He was coming as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. (see John 1: 1-5). As a man, He left Galilee, and set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem, waling with steady, tread, never wavering, never faltering, knowing that the cross was the end of the road. Jesus temporarily entertained the thought of turning back. The language of His three prayers shows that the possibility of not going to the cross was in His mind. As the two or three or four hours of wavering passed and He put out of His mind all thought of escape, and set His face like steel to go to it, what it meant to Him made Him sweat great drops of blood, and so weak that God sent an angel to strengthen Him. We can never understand the awful mystery of the atonement, why it had to be. Only this it was to save us.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965; page 522; commentary)

Than.....Jesus was arrested, than Peter's denial, than the trial..than the walk....than Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross.....than the cross..

1 Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? John 12:38; Rom 10:16; 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Ps 22:6-7; Isa 49:7; Isa 52:14; Mark 9:12; 4 Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Matt 8:17; 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was on him; and with his stripes we are healed. Rom 4:25; 1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pet 2:24; 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. Matt 26:63; Matt 27:12; Matt 27:14; Mark 14:61; Mark 15:5; Acts 8:32; 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 1 Pet 2:22; 1 John 3:5; 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37; Luke 23:34;

Isaiah 53

Psa 119:105

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



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The Nativity Story

(about one hour video)

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Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa (video player; live cast)

Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th,
at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve service on Friday, December 31st,
from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Communion will be served at the New Year's Eve service

Christmas Eve...all West Coast times noted;

Central Time; 8:00 pm;

East Coast; 9:00 pm for Friday

New Year's EveWest Coast; 9:00 pm ; Central Time; 11:00 pm

East Coast; 12:00 pm (midnight)

