



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I intend to raise my voice to tell these attitudes in me that they will no longer hound and dominate me! Bitterness, Unforgiveness, Offense, I will not be held hostage by you any longer, and in Jesus' name I ask for healing of all this and I ask for me to instead be filled with a tender, kind, softened heart a blessing, giving heart a heart seeking Jesus. The Lord has redeemed me, and I in Jesus' name ask that all bitterness, unforgiveness and offense is removed from me that I am healed, it is in the past and I let go of it, Lord I forgive any and all offenses I may have toward anyone, any bitterness from any of the circumstances in my life that may have caused it, and I forgive those whom have hurt me or abused or used me. Lord I only seek to do Your will, Your way and I ask my prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 43:1-34(AMP)

1 BUT THE hunger and destitution and starvation were very severe and extremely distressing in the land [Canaan]. 2 And when [the families of Jacob's sons] had eaten up the grain which the men had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, Go again; buy us a little food. 3 But Judah said to him, The man solemnly and sternly warned us, saying, You shall not see my face again unless your brother is with you. 4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down [to Egypt] and buy you food; 5 But if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you. 6 And Israel said, Why did you do me such a wrong and suffer this evil to come upon me by telling the man that you had another brother? 7 And they said, The man asked us straightforward questions about ourselves and our relatives. He said, Is your father still alive? Have you another brother? And we answered him accordingly. How could we know that he would say, Bring your brother down here? 8 And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. 9 I will be security for him; you shall require him of me [personally]; if I do not bring him back to you and put him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. 10 For if we had not lingered like this, surely by now we would have returned the second time. 11 And their father Israel said to them, If it must be so, now do this; take of the choicest products in the land in your sacks and carry down a present to the man, a little balm (balsam) and a little honey, aromatic spices and gum (of rock rose) or ladanum, pistachio nuts, and almonds. 12 And take double the [grain] money with you; and the money that was put back in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again with you; there is a possibility that [its being in your sacks] was an oversight. 13 Take your brother and arise and return to the man; 14 May God Almighty give you mercy and favor before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved [of my sons], I am bereaved. 15 Then the men took the present, and they took double the [grain] money with them, and Benjamin; and they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph. 16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house and kill an animal and make ready, for the men will dine with me at noon. 17 And the man did as Joseph ordered and brought the men to Joseph's house. 18 The men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time we came, so that he may find occasion to accuse and assail us, take us for slaves, and seize our donkeys. 19 So they came near to the steward of Joseph's house and talked with him at the door of the house, 20 And said, O sir, we came down truly the first time to buy food; 21 And when we came to the inn, we opened our sacks and there was each man's money, full weight, returned in the mouth of his sack. Now we have brought it back again. 22 And we have brought down with us other money to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks. 23 But [the steward] said, Peace be to you, fear not; your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your money. And he brought Simeon out to them. 24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys provender. 25 And they made ready the present they had brought for Joseph before his coming at noon, for they heard that they were to dine there. 26 And when Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which they had with them, and bowed themselves to him to the ground. 27 He asked them of their welfare and said, Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive? 28 And they answered, Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive. And they bowed down their heads and made obeisance. 29 And he looked up and saw his [full] brother Benjamin, his mother's [only other] son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to you, my son!

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30 And Joseph hurried from the room, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought privacy to weep; so he entered his chamber and wept there. 31 And he washed his face and went out, and, restraining himself, said, Let dinner be served. 32 And [the servants] set out [the food] for [Joseph] by himself, and for [his brothers] by themselves, and for those Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, according to the Egyptian custom not to eat food with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. 33 And [Joseph's brothers] were given seats before him—the eldest according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked at one another amazed [that so much was known about them]. 34 [Joseph] took and sent helpings to them from before him, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank freely and were merry with him.

Benjamin Goes To Egypt: VV 11-12 Jacob was scheming again to help his sons to find favor in the Egyptian ruler's (Joseph's) eyes. V 14 "If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." Jacob had been put in circumstances where his own resources were so limited that he had to make a total commitment to God. Sometimes God puts us in a place that He knows will cause us to rely on Him. V 33 Joseph had his brothers seated around the table according to age, from the eldest to the youngest. They were amazed that he could do this. V 34 "Mess" means portion of food.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 19)

It's Time for You To Speak to Yourself!

Luke 17:6

When Jesus taught His disciples about the evil effects of bitterness, unforgiveness, and offense, He also told them how to uproot and remove offenses and unforgiveness from the heart. Praise God that Jesus didn't just identify the problem and then leave us to figure out our deliverance by ourselves! He took it one step further and gave us the secret weapon for jerking those roots clear out of the ground and sending them to a place where they will never again produce their wicked fruit in us.

Jesus said, "... If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you" (Luke 17:6). Notice Jesus said, "... Ye might say unto this sycamine tree...." In order to get rid of these destructive devices, you have to rise up and take authority over them!

Jesus specifically said that you must literally speak to the sycamine tree. The word "say" used in Luke 17:6 is the Greek word *lego*, which means to speak, but the tense that is used depicts a strong, stern, serious, deeply felt kind of speaking. In other words, this isn't a person who mutters thoughtless nonsense; this is a person who has made an inward resolution and now speaks authoritatively in Jesus' name.

Your voice represents your authority in Jesus' name; therefore, when you raise your voice, you release your authority in Jesus' name. That is why you must speak to these attitudes and not just think about them. You can think all you want about removing those poisonous roots in your life, but your thoughts will not remove them. But when you get so tired of living under the stress and strain of bitterness, unforgiveness, and offense that you lift your voice to Jesus pray, and in His name ask those foul forces to go and do as He leads you to do, and repent from what you need to repent of and forgive where you need to forgive!

I promise you, friend—if you wait until you feel like praying about those ugly attitudes, you'll never do it! If you depend on your feelings and emotions to motivate you, you'll never be free of offense and unforgiveness. Your feelings and emotions will tell you that you have a right and a reason to feel the way you do. Your flesh will talk you into hanging on to those unprofitable, harmful attitudes. So make the choice not to listen to your negative emotions anymore; then start exercising your God-given authority to pray and ask Jesus to intercede in the circumstance in your life, we always ask....in Jesus' name. Jesus will change in you what He wants to change, you have a choice though if you obey, the choice is yours He offers the choice, but you have to be willing. God gave us free will so if you obey or not, it is your choice and if you choose to not listen and obey His will than you will suffer the consequences for your actions.....you may have to take that test again and go around that mountain again, until you pass the test...there is no pass or fail on the test, you just keep doing it until.....you pass. This is not saying well I am saved, but I can still do what I wanna....if you feel that...time to repent and dig into the Word....and build those foundations.

It is time for you to accept personal responsibility for your inward condition. Stop blaming everyone else for all your bad attitudes, and acknowledge that there is something inside you that needs to be removed! Jesus said you must speak to that "sycamine tree" and tell it to go, pray and ask in Jesus' name!

If you don't speak to your emotions, they will speak to you. (find the Word pertaining to the situation and meditate on it)

If you don't take authority in Jesus' name over your emotions, they will take authority over you.

If you don't rise up and conquer your flesh, it will rise up and conquer you! (in Jesus power and authority we ask)

So quit letting your emotions tell you what to think, what to do, and how to react. (prayer is a first resort, not a last one)

It's time for YOU to do the talking (praying and reading/studying the Word) and to take command of your own thought life (through the Word and prayer)!

You have to treat bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness like they are enemies that have come to corrupt your soul. You must see them as bandits that have come to steal your joy, your peace, and your relationships. Would you throw open the door and allow a bandit to ravage your home? Of course not! In addition to using all the power available to you for removing that bandit, you'd probably command him to get out of your house! And I seriously doubt that you would whisper at him; most likely you would yell and scream as you ordered him out! (John 10:10)

Likewise, you must decide not to tolerate this spiritual pestilence any longer, not even for a second. It's time for you to raise your voice (in Jesus' name, always for we don't do it He does) and declare to these attitudes that they will no longer dominate you. You have to go for the roots! (Pray and dig into the Word find the Scriptures for what you are going through, what you have went through, again always in Jesus name, we don't do it He does) If you want to be free, it's going to take an attitude that says, "I'm going to get to the roots (with Jesus' help and His power and authority) of this beast and with Jesus in control it will be yanked clear out of my soul(I will ask Jesus to heal me and change me and convict me when necessary of anything I do wrong), and I'm not going to stop until I'm totally free!"(what is impossible with man, is possible with God....(paraphrase) Luke 18:27)

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Mat 5:44 — But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Mat 6:14 — For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Rom 12:20 — But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.

Rom 12:21 — Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.

1Thess 5:15 — See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody.

1Peter 3:9 — Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].

Matthew 22:36-40 (AMP)

36 Teacher, which kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light—which are heavy?]

37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).

38 This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.

40 These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 74-76)