



~ 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, that You allow each person to see and hear what God is doing throughout the world, let them be in awe, for you are God. Refresh in each one compassion and mercy, give each one peace. Lead them to Your will for them and future plans, and also give them Your will for them this day. Help us to know that we only are required to live one day at a time, and to do it as unto the Lord. Shine Your face upon them and bless each one and keep them all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus said to her, Woman, what have I to do with you? my hour is not yet come.

5 His mother said to the servants, Whatever he said to you, do it.

6 And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Mark 7:3; 7 Jesus said to them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, Draw out now, and bear to the governor of the feast. And they bore it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not from where it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And said to him, Every man at the beginning does set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but you have kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brothers, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

John 2: 1-12

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Has God ever asked you to do something that did not seem to make much sense? No doubt the servants wondered why Jesus asked them to fill pots with water when it was the wine that ran out. To their credit, they obeyed and they witnessed Jesus' first miracle. Even what you don't understand why God asks you to do something heed Mary's advice and do whatever God tells you to do. You will be blessed because of your obedience. (Amplified Bible, Joyce Meyers commentaries)

Have you ever had a situation like this happen to you? It may have been something small that maybe you never even thought of at the time. They are like mini trials....Here is one of mine. I have always been fascinated with doves, I had prayed and asked at one time some time ago for birds, specially birds to be where ever I lived. I remember one time on the national day of prayer, we were all praying and a flock of snow white doves....flew around the court yard and landed and stayed a while, I worked for a Catholic hospital and one of the Nuns goes; " Oh must be because the national day of prayer and everyone is praying".....

So I was going about my business later that week at home, had fellowshipped and prayed....and I heard a voice say, a small distant one....put doves in every window of your house. First I thought that is silly, did I really hear that, so I stalled than I got to thinking about another time of a mini trial on " Pennies".....so I obeyed. I could not find doves anywhere, so I printed some on copy paper, cut them out and hung a dove in each window. I kept thinking everyone is going to think I am nuts. Than I thought hum....the dove is used as a symbol for the Holy Spirit, and I thought is God marking the house as a signal that this is His house, that I am His servant? Sometimes we over think things and than our thoughts run wild. So than I thought well my artist name and nickname is Spirit Walker...I wonder is that why the doves??.....than suddenly.....they came....my oldest daughter was here and we were sitting in the back yard and she goes....shish....do you hear that? I go ...what? The doves, the turtle doves are cooing and I go what doves?? She goes listen Mom.....and sure enough I heard the doves talking...and I thought whoa, so that is why....He answered my prayer about the birds, doves where ever I lived. That was almost 7 years ago....every spring they come the doves, and nest about...and every fall they fly away. I still have doves in each window, I left them there, I have switched them out with different kinds as I finally found some small one's that I lay in the windows. When I am on line and my artist mark also includes a dove....

.....so think back have you had a mini trial of obedience....and just did not see it??

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Zechariah 4:10

John 2.....is the first miracle that Jesus did.....turning the water into wine, and He had not yet come into His power and authority.....

Cana was about 4 miles northeast of Nazareth. Nathanael was of Cana (21:2). He did not have a very high opinion of his neighbor town Nazareth (1:46). The marriage, evidently was in the home of some friend or relative of either Jesus or Nathanael.

Woman (4) was a title of respect in the usage of that day. Jesus used it again, on the cross, at a time when there could have been no possible savor of disrespect (19:26). The point of His remark seems to be " Suppose the wine is gone, what have I to do with it? It is not my affair. My time to work miracles has not yet come." Probably he had just told her of the new miraculous powers bestowed upon Him by the descent of the Holy Spirit at baptism. She (Mary) saw in the situation and opportunity for Him, while He did this miracle at her suggestion, his "hour" for the general use of His miraculous powers came about four months later, at the official beginning of His public ministry in Jerusalem at Passover time. Two or three firkins (6)..a firkin was about 8 gallons. The stone jars were about the size of half a barrel. The significance of this miracle is Jesus had just submitted Himself, for forty days, to every suggestion Satan was capable of offering, as to how He should use His miraculous powers, and had steadfastly refused to use them for His own personal need. Then from the wilderness directly to the wedding, and though his subsequent miracles were wrought largely to relieve suffering, this first miracle was done at a wedding feast, on a festive occasion, ministering to human joy, making people happy, as if Jesus wanted to announce, right at the start, that the religion which He was now introducing into the world was no religion of asceticism, but a religion of natural joy. It was Jesus' blessing on marriage.

The sojourn in Capernaum was a sort of family visit, including His mother and brother, probably to the home of John or Peter to lay plans for His future work. About a year later Capernaum became His main residence. He did no more miracles in Galilee till after His return from the Judean Ministry.

Jesus cleanses the Temple there were two cleansing, three years apart, this at the beginning of His public ministry; the other, at the close, during His last week (Matthew 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-46). In this

He called the Temple "a house of merchandise"; in the other, "a den of robbers." From His previous visits to Jerusalem, like Luther in Rome, He had, now doubt, already become appalled at the unspeakable godlessness of the hierarchy that ruled in the name of God. The formal opening act of His public work, which He intended as a sign to the nation that He was the Messiah, was in open and utter defiance of the ruling clique, whose antagonism was immediately aroused, and which Jesus seemed never to care to pacify. He began His ministry, and thus He closed it. What was it that was so displeasing to Jesus in the Temple? They were profiteering to such an extent that the whole service of God had been commercialized and scandalized, inside the sacred area which had been dedicated to other purposes.

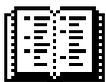
(Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965; pages 533-535)

Psalm 62

- 1 Truly my soul waits on God: from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.
- 3 How long will you imagine mischief against a man? you shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall you be, and as a tottering fence.
- 4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.
- 5 My soul, wait you only on God; for my expectation is from him.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved.
- 7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times; you people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.
- 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.
- 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- 11 God has spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongs to God.
- 12 Also to you, O Lord, belongs mercy: for you render to every man according to his work. Job 34:11; Prov 24:12; Jer 32:19; Ezek 7:27; Ezek 33:20; Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6; 2Cor 5:10; Eph 6:8; Col 3:25; 1Pet 1:17; Rev 22:12;

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)

New Year's Eve Service Times

Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa (video player; live cast)

**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**

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

East Coast; 12:00 pm (midnight)