



# ~ 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 thank You that I don't ever have to be stalked and hounded by bitter attitudes and wrong thinking for the rest of my life. In Your name Jesus and authority You can change me, those bad attitudes You can change in me and teach me the attitudes I am to have. You can speak to my flesh, and correct me when necessary. Rather than be conquered by my flesh, my negative emotions, and my wrong attitudes, I am asking You to help me, I open my heart to You and give You all that I am. Change me, mold me, shape me into exactly what you want me to be, in Your precious name I ask, Jesus. Amen.

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## Scripture

Genesis 44:1-(AMP)

1 AND HE commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. 2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, with his grain money. And [the steward] did according to what Joseph had said. 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. 4 When they had left the city and were not yet far away, Joseph said to his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good? [Why have you stolen the silver cup?] 5 Is it not my master's drinking cup with which he divines [the future]? You have done wrong in doing this. 6 And the steward overtook them, and he said to them these same words. 7 They said to him, Why does my lord say these things? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! 8 Note that the money which we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. Is it likely then that we would steal from your master's house silver or gold? 9 With whomever of your servants [your master's cup] is found, not only let that one die, but the rest of us will be my lord's slaves. 10 And the steward said, Now let it be as you say: he with whom [the cup] is found shall be my slave, but [the rest of] you shall be blameless. 11 Then quickly every man lowered his sack to the ground and every man opened his sack. 12 And [the steward] searched, beginning with the eldest and stopping with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they rent their clothes; and after each man had loaded his donkey again, they returned to the city. 14 Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house, for he was still there; and they fell prostrate before him. 15 Joseph said to them, What is this thing that you have done? Do you not realize that such a man as I can certainly detect and know by divination [everything you do without other knowledge of it]? 16 And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? What shall we reply? Or how shall we clear ourselves, since God has found out and exposed the iniquity of your servants? Behold, we are my lord's slaves, the rest of us as well as he with whom the cup is found. 17 But [Joseph] said, God forbid that I should do that; but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for [the rest of] you, arise and go in peace to your father. 18 Then Judah came close to [Joseph] and said, O my lord, let your servant, I pray you, speak a word to you in private, and let not your anger blaze against your servant, for you are as Pharaoh [so I will speak as if directly to him]. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father or a brother? 20 And we said to my lord, We have a father—an old man—and a young [brother, the] child of his old age; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's [offspring], and his father loves him. 21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. 22 And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should do so, his father would die. 23 And you told your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes with you, you shall not see my face again. 24 And when we went back to your servant my father, we told him what my lord had said. 25 And our father said, Go again and buy us a little food. 26 But we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face except our youngest brother is with us. 27 And your servant my father said to us, You know that [Rachel] my wife bore me two sons: 28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn to pieces, and I have never seen him since. 29 And if you take this son also from me, and harm or accident should befall him, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow and evil to Sheol (the place of the dead). 30 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life and his soul knit with the lad's soul, 31 When he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die; and your servants will be responsible for his death and will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32 For your servant became security for the lad to my father, saying,

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If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the blame to my father forever. 33 Now therefore, I pray you, let your servant remain instead of the youth [to be] a slave to my lord, and let the young man go home with his [half] brothers. 34 For how can I go up to my father if the lad is not with me?—lest I witness the woe and the evil that will come upon my father.

**Judah's Plea:** V 15 Joseph pretended that he had powers of divination that could tell him when people were trying to steal from him. V 33 Judah had led the attack on Joseph years before. He had changed enough to be willing to take Benjamin's place as a servant in Egypt. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; Commentaries; page 19)

### Your Flesh Will Obey Your Commands!

Luke 17:6

Jesus said that when you finally decide to deal with the wrong attitudes that have stalked and hounded your life for so long, you must order them to "... be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea..." (Luke 17:6).

The words "plucked up by the root" are from the Greek word *ekridzo*, which is a compound of the words *ek* and *ridzo*. The word *ek* means out, and the word *ridzo* is the Greek word for a root, like the roots of a plant. When joined into one word, the compound word means to rip out by the roots.

This is not a person who hopes the plant will be removed but does nothing to make it happen. Quite the contrary! This is the picture of a person who wraps his hands around the base of that plant, pulls with all his might, and rips the roots of that plant right out of the ground. He has made the determination that he is not going to stop until the ground he stands on is totally free from the roots of that nasty plant so that it will never produce life there again!

That's the way you have to deal with wrong attitudes that have been deeply rooted in your soul for a long time. I guarantee you that if those attitudes have been at work in you for a long time, they are now deeply rooted in the way you think and behave. At this point, the only way they are going to be ripped out of your soul is by your determined choice to do whatever is necessary to rip them out. There can be no accidental deliverance from these attitudes. If your heart is to be liberated, it will only happen as you choose to be liberated and then do something about it!

Once you've ripped those attitudes out of the soil of your soul, the Lord Jesus said that we need to command them to "be planted in the sea." The word "planted" is from the Greek word *phuteuo*, which would normally describe the planting of a plant. However, plants are not normally planted in the sea, so Jesus must have had something else in mind by using this word. The word *phuteuo* in this verse means to be permanently relocated to the "sea."

Isn't it interesting that Jesus said you have to command wrong attitudes to be planted in the sea? Why didn't He tell us to throw them into the garbage pile? Why did Jesus say to permanently relocate those wrong attitudes in the sea?

The sea is made of salt water. Salt water won't allow a plant to grow because the salt would kill the roots. So once a plant or tree is thrown into the seawater, it becomes a dead issue. No matter how hard you try, that plant will never grow again. Its life is gone forever! If you planted it in the garbage pile, it could reestablish its roots and grow again. But by throwing it into the sea, you have plunged those wrong attitudes into a place where they will never grow, never re-root, and never produce life again. Once in the sea, they are dead forever!

This is so very important in the context of this verse, for it tells us that Jesus doesn't want us to be just temporarily relieved of these destructive attitudes; He wants us to be permanently freed of them. He wants them to become dead issues that never stalk or hound us again.

This is precisely how you have to look at the dead issues. Once you've prayed that bitterness and unforgiveness is to leave, in Jesus' name power and authority, don't ever allow them to take root in your life again! Even if your flesh would like to dwell on those old hurts again, don't allow that bitter tree to come back to life! Bury it in the sea of forgetfulness so its roots can never regain a foothold in your soul.

Jesus told us to say to the sycamine tree, "Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." Notice the last phrase, "... and it should obey you." The word "obey" is the Greek word *hupakouo*, which means to submit and to obey.

Your out-of-control emotions are just like an out-of-control child. That child will rant, rave, and carry on all day long until you finally stand up and tell him to straighten up and act right! In the same way, the flesh will pout, throw a temper tantrum, and carry on to a ridiculous extent—until you finally decide that enough is enough! When you make that choice to rise up, speak to your emotions, and exert your authority in Jesus Christ, your flesh WILL obey your commands!

If you don't take authority over your flesh and emotions, they will continue to dominate and hound you.

If you'll stand up to your emotions and plant them in the sea forever, they will obey you!

So today I must ask, "Isn't it time for you to rise up and take charge of the situation in your soul?" Never forget that it is your soul, so you are responsible for what happens there. Even if others have wronged you, it is simply a fact that you are the only one who has the power to allow such a foul tree of bitterness to grow inside your soul. It is your responsibility to remove those bitter roots and be freed of that inner mess through Jesus, in His name.

The Holy Spirit is present right now to help you make the choice to forgive, forget, and permanently walk free of the past wrongs that others have committed against you—or the wrongs you think they committed against you. Right now it doesn't matter who is right or wrong. What matters is that you uproot that tree of bitterness before it begins producing deadly fruit in your life.

So by faith, reach out and grab hold of the base of that ugly growth. Grip it tightly; pull with all your might; and rip those roots right out of your heart. Then dump that gnarly tree of bitterness and unforgiveness permanently in the sea where it will never bother you again!

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do you have a wrong attitude that has been deeply rooted in your soul for a long time?

If the answer is yes, are you ready and willing to rip that foul growth out of your soul today with the power of your spoken, faith-filled words in and by Jesus' ?

There will be no accidental deliverance from these attitudes, so what steps do you plan to take to see that your heart is fully liberated once and for all?

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

#### Isaiah 3:1-26 (AMP)

1 FOR BEHOLD, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff [every kind of prop], the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water, 2 The mighty man and the man of war, the judge and the [professional] prophet, the one who foretells by divination and the old man, 3 The captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor and the expert craftsman and the skillful enchanter. 4 And I will make boys their princes, and with childishness shall they rule over them [with outrage instead of justice]. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; the child shall behave himself proudly and with insolence against the old man, and the lowborn against the honorable [person of rank]. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, You have a robe, you shall be our judge and ruler, and this heap of ruins shall be under your control— 7 In that day he will answer, saying, I will not be a healer and one who binds up; I am not a physician. For in my house is neither bread nor clothing; you shall not make me judge and ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory and defy His glorious presence. 9 Their respecting of persons and showing of partiality witnesses against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil [as a reward upon themselves]. 10 Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with them, for what their hands have done shall be done to them. 12 As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O My people, your leaders cause you to err, and they confuse (destroy and swallow up) the course of your paths. 13 The Lord stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples and His people. 14 The Lord enters into judgment with the elders of His people and their princes: For [by your exactions and oppressions you have robbed the people and ruined the country] you have devoured the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 What do you mean by crushing My people and grinding the faces of the poor? says the Lord God of hosts. 16 Moreover, the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks and with undisciplined (flirtatious and alluring) eyes, tripping along with mincing and affected gait, and making a tinkling noise with [the anklets on] their feet, 17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the heads of the daughters of Zion [making them bald], and the Lord will cause them to be [taken as captives and to suffer the indignity of being] stripped naked. 18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery of their tinkling anklets, the caps of network, the crescent head ornaments, 19 The pendants, the bracelets or chains, and the spangled face veils and scarfs, 20 The headbands, the short ankle chains [attached from one foot to the other to insure a measured gait], the sashes, the perfume boxes, the amulets or charms [suspended from the ears or neck], 21 The signet rings and nose rings, 22 The festal robes, the cloaks, the stoles and shawls, and the handbags, 23 The hand mirrors, the fine linen [undergarments], the turbans, and the [whole body-enveloping] veils. 24 And it shall come to pass that instead of the sweet odor of spices there shall be the stench of rotteness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; and searing [of captives by the scorching heat] instead of beauty. 25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty men in battle. 26 And [Jerusalem's] gates shall lament and mourn [as those who wail for the dead]; and she, being ruined and desolate, shall sit upon the ground.

(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 76-77)