



# ~ 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, Lord I ask that You bring people across our path, that we may bless as Your hands and feet; by time, doing for, encouragement, however You tell us. Give each person peace. Flood each one with kindness. Bless and keep them. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen...

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## Scripture

15 The voice spoke to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not consider ritually unclean!" Matt 15:11; Rom 14:17; Rom 14:20; 1Tim 4:4; Titus 1:15;  
**Acts 10: 15**

19 While Peter was still thinking seriously about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look! Three men are looking for you. 20 But get up, go down, and accompany them without hesitation, because I have sent them." Acts 15:7;  
**Acts 10 :19-20**

28 He said to them, "You know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, yet God has shown me that I should call no person defiled or ritually unclean. Exod 23:32; Exod 34:15; Deut 7:2; John 4:9; John 18:28; Acts 11:3; Acts 15:8; Eph 3:6; 29 Therefore when you sent for me, I came without any objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"  
**Acts 10: 28-29**

34 Then Peter started speaking: "I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, Deut 10:17; 2Chr 19:7; Job 34:19; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25; 1Pet 1:17; 35 but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him. Isa 56:6; **Acts 10: 34-35**

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the message. Acts 8:17; 45 The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were greatly astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 47 "No one can withhold the water for these people to be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" Acts 8:36; Acts 11:17; 48 So he gave orders to have them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for several days. **Acts 10: 44-48**

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**Cornelius was the first gentile Christian. Until now the Gospel had been preached only to Jews, Jewish proselytes, and Samaritans, all of whom observed the Law of Moses.**

**The apostles must have understood from Jesus' great commission ( Matthew 28:19) that they were to preach the Gospel to all nations, but it had not yet been revealed to them that Gentiles were to be received as Gentiles. They seem to have thought that before Gentiles could be accepted into the household of God as Christians, they first had to become Jewish proselytes by being circumcised and by keeping the Law of Moses.**

**There were Jews scattered among all nations, and the apostles may have thought their mission was to these Jews in the Diaspora. For a while they preached only to Jews (11:19), but then God showed them otherwise. Judea, Samaria, and Galilee had been evangelized, and the time had come to offer the Gospel to Gentiles.**

**Cornelius was an officer of the Roman army in Caesarea, the Roman capital of Palestine, the residence of the Roman governor, and the military headquarters of the province. Cornelius was the officer in charge of what appears to have been an elite regiment known as the Italian Regiment. It may have been the governor's bodyguard. Cornelius must have been one of the most important and best known men in the whole region. Cornelius was a good and devout man. He must have known something of the God of the Jews and of the Christians, possibly because Caesarea was Philip's home, but though Cornelius prayed to the God of the Jews, he was still a Gentile.**

**It took a special vision from God to induce Peter to go, but he went (vv. 9-23). God put His own seal of approval on the reception of Cornelius into the church (vv. 44-48) the first fruits of the gentile world, after this Peter baptized Cornelius and the other Gentiles in the group. This probably happened about five to ten years after the founding of the church in Jerusalem, perhaps around A.D. 40. Knowledge of what had happened in Caesarea no doubt gave impetus to the founding of the gentile church in Antioch (11:20) but it was hard for some Jews to accept. It was from Joppa that God sent Jewish Peter to gentile Cornelius. In this same Joppa, eight hundred years before, God had to use a little extra persuasion on Jewish Jonah to get him to go to gentile Nineveh (Jonah 1:3). (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; pages 736-737)**

**"God had taken note of the prayers and offerings Cornelius had made. God was beginning to break down the walls of prejudice in Peter. The Jews would not eat or lodge with Gentiles. The "fear" of the Lord is to hate and depart from evil and to do righteousness. Jesus is the Judge and the standard of righteousness by which all are to be judged. The Holy Spirit fell on the people before they were baptized in water. God demonstrated that He doesn't follow any set pattern. The Jews were amazed that God poured out His Spirit on the Gentiles too." (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; page 60; commentary)**

**God has no favorites and He is impartial. If we want to love as God loves, then we must not show partiality either. Our love walk with God is readily seen by how we treat people who cannot do us any good. If we truly want to love as God loves, we will treat everyone impartially with equal honor and respect.....So my question to you is are you prejudice? Are you?? You see most of the time it does not involve only race, it can be your neighbor whom really bugs you, or your spouse, family member, or friend, or co-worker. Did you know most people have been prejudice at sometime in their life? There are no exceptions. Even from child's play, ignoring a friend whom would not give us a toy, than calling them a name or throwing dirt/sand in their face, and I know that you are thinking of someone right now; as a child or as an adult, so why not pray for them at this very minute?? We are also silent witnesses, how we act, treat people and live....is a witness to other people, they really do watch. Some to discredit you; will say, yeah one of those Christians and you know what we have heard in the news lately, and than the other one's that will say to you when you start a conversation and you start talking about Jesus or you say may God bless you, they will say...."Wow" I knew there was something different about you. Sometimes situations are really trying like in a store behind a person whom has 20 items and the sign says quick checkout 10 items or less. It used to really try me, so now when I see it and a person tapping a foot waiting in line in back of me and looking at their watch I say "hey" why don't you go ahead of me....then they look at me like I am nuts and say you kidding...I go NO I am not, go ahead.....and be blessed.....one time I stood in line 30 mins. And kept letting people go ahead of me, the line was long, I blessed some people with a mini blessing.....but you know what it is a seed, they will think of it maybe a few seconds or a hour later, and maybe pick up a paper someone dropped, it is planting a seed of kindness. It works to I don't get upset about standing in line anymore, I keep thinking, it really just not matter getting bent out of shape.....and the other approach feels better to.**

**The Jews were some what prejudice, as we see from this passage and later in the book we will see some whom disagree with this passage., apostles. The Jews thought God and Jesus were solely for them, they thought Jesus**

Was only sent for them. By law they were not supposed to talk to Gentiles and other people. They also were prejudice about Jesus; He was teaching different than they had been taught, the people were under legalism . Jesus quoted the Old Testament several times in teaching, and they were amazed at the man that had been a neighbor, brother whom had so much knowledge, wisdom....and in His home town, He could not do much there. So when we come across someone at church, at work or out and about.....sitting by themselves we should make them feel welcome, know one likes prejudice or rejection....yeah it is hard sometimes to talk to a teen with piercing in every place strange and I think , wonder if that hurts, or they have shocking pink, red, green, blue hair and I think about all the teens at high school that got expelled for Mohawks when I went to high school.....times have changed huh? Anyway when most of them go to church they are seeking something they have been missing in their life and they have not quite figured it out yet....they need love of course and kindness, it takes awhile for them to realize they were programmed to love God, and that is the missing link...

When I worked on the prayer line I was so surprised what some of the people were asking prayer for, and it was for people in their church, one's that were rejecting them, and they were at the point they wanted to leave church and not go back the way they were treated. So than I thought about some people that went were I went, and how they reminded me of stiff prunes...sour faced and quite rude....it goes something like this.....

Sunshine...the new Christian

Sucking Lemon....other Christian

Sunshine "HeIIIIIIloo isn't it a beautiful SON blessed day?" Sucking Lemon " What's so good about it, and why are you smiling? What did you do now?" Sunshine "A, a, a....." Sucking Lemon " did I studder? What is that awful outfit you have on.....don't you know you are in church....weeeeeeeee don't dress like that" Sunshine " well, a , a I am just so thankful to be here today" Sucking Lemon " hum, than why don't you show it by looking and acting right and dressing for church" Sunshine " well I am sorry if I displese you, I live on a limited income" Sucking Lemons " ohhhhhhhhh.....so your on welfare.....that figures...I support you to....well I never" Sunshine " no I am not on welfare, I am in college and I am on a budget and I am a single mother" Sucking Lemons" oh, divorced...well I never.....where are they finding all you people, on the street?" Sunshine" Well I am sorry you are having a bad day.....I just love the Lord...and want to fellowship with Him today and other people, I am a knew Christian and I just want to learn so much about a love walk with the Lord, I just need someone to help me with some questions about the Bible and scripture..." Sucking Lemon " well humph it not's me, I just don't have time for that".....Sunshine " oh, well you have a blessed day, time for church to start and I don't want to miss one word" Sucking Lemon; under her breath " yeah right.".....

Sunshine sits in the pew tears forming in her spirit and mind....says to herself " why did I come here, maybe she is right, I need to get it right before I come here, she is right I am a sinner and I don't belong here, I don't think I will come .....back.....(10 years later she still hasn't come back)....

Sucking Lemon; sitting in a pew as far a way from Sunshine and those other people as she can get; " hum, well I took care of that one, I hope she never comes back, we don't need that kind here....after all I am saved."

Sunshine is a single mother, divorced, in college.....

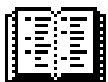
Sucking Lemon has been a Christian for about 5 years, used to drink a lot, was fired from some jobs....and her marriage is bad.....

Now, I know I have created a image in your mind, so what would you do and have done?? We are to love our neighbor as ourselves, this does not mean we have to agree with them, but we are to love them....I don't remember reading anywhere in the Bible that Jesus rejected anyone....and He is still very much alive....

Practice kindness, random acts, it is kind of fun, and even if they don't appreciate it, a seed is planted....than they do something for someone.....even if it puts them out.....they remember.....maybe not that second but it will flash across their mind....Example; I met a man and his wife that I have not seen in over 30 years...I asked them

**Psa 119:105**

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



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I was asking them about their lives.....he proceeded to tell me everything they have done; and he was telling me about how every year around the holidays that they invite people to come for dinner, whom have no place to go, no family.....they used to own some restaurants. The man used to be a employee of my first husband's in the night club. He was a bouncer. So, I thought wow, he remembered that...I go yeah my boss than would not have went for that dinner we did every year in the club, but I asked my husband if we could do it for the one's whom had no family and no place to go....I go I know a lot of them were drunks, but still they had no place to go.....I go did you know I even did that in Washington a base there, I was so homesick away from home, no family, and I asked a soldier that was stationed at the base there, hey if any of you guys have leave, and want to come to Christmas dinner, come over, the guy goes the whole base? I go sure, just one little thing each one has to help by bringing a vegetable or can of fruit. ( I ended up with 20-25 cans of corn. Lol) It was also the first turkey cooked by myself...but all I could think was if I am homesick bet them guys going to Viet Nam are to and wouldn't their moms/girlfriends/wives feel somewhat better knowing they had a home cooked meal?? .....Anyway my friend I go, you remembered that?....He was silent...than ...they told me that they are both born again believers, Christians. I go oh thanks for telling me I wondered if any of our friends made it out to.....You see you just never no that what you are doing today, a action, how it will impact a person later.....that is second person I have met here from my past that is saved by a action of kindness that the Lord used me to do for them.....the other one was 35 years ago and I saved her life and her son's when her abusive husband threw them out into a blizzard storm, no coat, no shoes and the baby was newborn..no one would do anything....so I pulled her into the car and I said; "I don't think so".....warmed her up and the baby asked her if she had any place to go, and later a week or so, I counseled her.....am I bragging? NO, just example about how if you listen God will use you.....and you just never know how it will affect their lives.....and I am so glad the Lord allowed me to hear about these two families....30 and 35 years later.....The Lord planted a seed through me into those people, than someone else comes along the Lord uses, plants a seed.....than the seed becomes a root.....and than a blooming flower.....

**28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female – for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. John 17:21** **Gal. 3: 28**

**Jesus replied: " Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."**

**Matthew 22:37**

**This is the first and great commandment.**

**Matthew 22:38**

**And the second is like it: " Love your neighbor as yourself."**

**Matthew 22:39**