



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

**Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing**



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## Prayer

Lord, thank You for teaching me that Satan often attacks right when I'm on the verge of a major breakthrough. This knowledge helps me so much because it causes me to recognize that Satan loves to make all hell break loose in my life just before a big victory. Now that I know this, please help me keep this in mind when a turbulent wind blows into my life. Help me to look at that storm and say, "I know that the devil must be upset; otherwise, he wouldn't be messing with me right now. I must be right on track with God!" With this understanding, I will keep pressing ahead, regardless of what I see, feel, or hear. I know that You are in control, and choose to let go and let God. I trust You God with the outcome, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

## Scripture

Exodus 24: 1-18 (AMP)

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1 GOD SAID to Moses, Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu [Aaron's sons], and seventy of Israel's elders, and worship at a distance. 2 Moses alone shall come near the Lord; the others shall not come near, and neither shall the people come up with him. 3 Moses came and told the people all that the Lord had said and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. 4 Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. He rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve pillars representing Israel's twelve tribes. 5 And he sent young Israelite men, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that the Lord has said we will do, and we will be obedient. 8 And Moses took the [remaining half of the] blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words. 9 Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up [the mountainside]. 10 And they saw the God of Israel [that is, a convincing manifestation of His presence], and under His feet it was like pavement of bright sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the Israelites He laid not His hand [to conceal Himself from them, to rebuke their daring, or to harm them]; but they saw [the manifestation of the presence of] God, and ate and drank. 12 And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them. 13 So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, Tarry here for us until we come back to you; remember, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them. 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day [God] called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 And the glory of the Lord appeared to the Israelites like devouring fire on the top of the mountain. 18 Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain, and Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights.

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**Exodus 21–24. The Book of the Covenant**

After the Ten Commandments, this was the first installment of the Law for the Hebrew nation. These laws were written in a book. Then the covenant that pledged to obey the Law was sealed with blood ( 24:4 , 7–8 ).

The laws cover every aspect of daily life, from kindness toward widows and orphans to the death penalty for murder to hospitality toward strangers. Although many of the specific, individual laws no longer apply to us, the principles behind them most certainly do. Fairness, justice, and mercy are the foundation of Israel's Law—which becomes very clear when we compare them with the laws of the nations around Israel.

Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk ( 23:19 ): A number of explanations have been suggested for this unusual command; it may be a warning against adopting a pagan, Canaanite ritual. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History and Commentaries; page 148-149)

God's Glory Revealed; VV 9-10 What does this verse mean, " They saw God" ?? In the gospel of John, he declares, " No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. (John 1:18). We have to compare Scripture with Scripture; Exodus 33:20 also declares that you cannot see God and live. Therefore, I must conclude that "they saw the God of Israel" in a vision, much as Isaiah, Ezekiel, and others saw Him. But they did not actually see God Himself; because Scripture says it is impossible. " And there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness." These men saw the glassy sea before the throne of God. John describes it, " And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal" (Revelation 4:6). V 11 Fellowship with God. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; 36)

**He's Still the Lord Of the Wind and the Waves!**

Mark 4:37, 39

Anytime you are on the front lines of battle doing something significant for the Kingdom of God, the enemy's attacks against your life will escalate. I'm not telling you this to scare you, but to mentally equip you. That way when the attacks come, you won't be taken by surprise!

Being mentally prepared for a spiritual attack is very important. If you are familiar with the devil's tactics, his assaults won't take you off guard or by surprise when they intensify against you. You'll be able to recognize and resist every demonic attack, rejoicing in the Lord because you know what's happening.

Jesus came under this kind of intense attack when He was crossing the Sea of Galilee with His disciples on His way to cast a legion of demons out of the demoniac of Gadara. This demon-possessed man was an important weapon in Satan's arsenal. Through the actions of the demoniac of Gadara, the devil had held the countryside hostage with fear for a very long time. The demoniac was so legendary that people throughout the entire coastland region knew of him.

The devil knew that if Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee that night and reached the other side, He would cast the demons out of that man. When that happened, Satan would lose the weapon he had long used to terrorize the whole countryside.

So as Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee that night, violent and destructive winds seemed to come from out of nowhere to capsize Jesus' boat and drown Him and His disciples in the middle of the sea. Mark 4:37 says, "And there arose a great storm of wind...."

The phrase "there arose" is taken from the Greek word *ginomai*, which in this case describes something that happens unexpectedly or something that catches one off-guard. This plainly tells us that Jesus and His disciples did not expect bad weather that night. The Greek word *ginomai* emphatically means that this event completely took the disciples by surprise.

To let us know the size of this storm, Mark uses the Greek word *mega*, which denotes something of massive proportions. It is where we get the idea of mega-bills, mega-work, and megaphone. Because Mark uses the word *mega*, it alerts us to the fact that this was a mega-storm with mega-winds!

The word "wind" is the Greek word *lalaipsi*, which means this was a turbulent or terribly violent wind. This word can also be translated hurricane, cyclone, tempest, gale, windstorm, a furious tempest, or a fierce squall. Therefore, we know the storm that came against Jesus that night was no small breeze. It was a formidable, crushing, overpowering type of storm.

One very important fact must be pointed out: This was a windstorm. There is no mention of rain at all because this was a storm of wind. Jesus and His disciples could feel its effects as the wind blew against them and their boat. They could see the raging waves that were tossed to and fro by this violent wind. However, the windstorm that had come to overturn their boat in the middle of Sea of Galilee and to kill them before they reached the other side was invisible.

**The Greek words in Mark 4:37 gives this idea:**

**"And suddenly and unexpectedly—as if it came from out of nowhere—there arose a gale of wind. It was a ferocious tempest with winds that were terribly violent, turbulent, and overpowering...."**

**Here was Jesus—on the brink of one of the greatest miracles of His ministry. At the same time, there was the devil, fearing that he was about to lose one of his most highly prized weapons of terrorism. It was at this exact moment that this violent, destructive turbulence came down upon Jesus and His disciples.**

**The occurrence of the storm at this exact moment was no accident. The devil didn't want Jesus to reclaim one of his most prized captives. This was a preemptive strike of the devil to undo the work of God.**

**But that night in the midst of the storm, Jesus arose and took authority over the situation. The Bible says that when He exercised His authority over this unseen turbulence, "... the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39). In doing this, Jesus demonstrated that He was the Lord of the wind and the waves. This potentially deadly situation provided a great opportunity for the disciples to learn that Jesus Christ is truly Lord over all!**

**Rest assured—Satan will certainly try to attack you with unexpected turbulence from time to time. His attacks against you will probably escalate whenever you're right on the edge of a breakthrough, as was the case with Jesus that night. But just as that event provided an opportunity for Jesus to demonstrate His power and authority, you need to see each demonic attack against you as an opportunity to rise up, take authority, and demonstrate who you are in Jesus Christ!**

**Mentally and spiritually prepare yourself to deal with the devil's attacks. Put on the whole armor of God. Rise up and take authority in Jesus' name over the wind and the waves that come against you and your family.(Pray always in Jesus' name and power and authority, we don't do it He does) Never forget that this is your golden opportunity to see a demonstration of God's power in your life!**

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER**

**Do you recall some storms in your past that you had to stand against until the victory finally came?**

**How did you react to the last storm in your life? Did you rise up and take authority over the situation?**

**In what ways are you mentally and spiritually preparing yourself for future attacks?**

**You can be quite certain that Satan will try to attack you with unexpected turbulence from time to time. His attacks against you will probably escalate whenever you're right on the edge of a major breakthrough. You therefore need to see each demonic attack against you as an opportunity to rise up, take authority, and demonstrate who you are in Jesus Christ!**

**Sparkling Gems from the Greek.**

**"Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)----**

**"The Only Man-Made Thing In Heaven Are The Scars On Jesus' Hands"**

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**Not even Heaven is untouched by our hands**

**Thank God the only man-made thing in Heaven**

**Are the scars On Jesus' hands**

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**Man's hands And his plans; Have made this land; What it is today**

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**We build sky high; Shining towers; And fill our hours; With idle ways**

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**Lord you find me; Moving mountains; Not with faith; But with machines**

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**And we're always; Looking for ways; To fulfill; Our earthly dreams**

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**Not even Heaven is untouched by our hands;**

**Thank God the only man-made thing in Heaven;**

**Are the scars On Jesus' hands**

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**In the great plan; The life of one man; Can save the whole world; From certain death**

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**Sweet salvation; For generations; Those who breathe in; His Holy breath**

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**Lord tomorrow; All the sorrow; Of this world; Will pass away**

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**Take my hand Lord; Take the man Lord; Lead me in your; Righteous way**

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**Not even Heaven is untouched by our hands**

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**(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pgs 125-127)  
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devotionals; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)**