



~ 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, touch each one Lord and fill them with Your will for them this day, refresh Your agape love in them. Refresh the gifts of the Spirit in each one. Bless and keep one and protect them in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

16 So Paul stood up, gestured with his hand and said,

“Men of Israel, and you Gentiles who fear God, listen: Acts 12:17; Acts 19:33; Acts 21:40; 17 The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay as foreigners in the country of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. Exod 1:1; 18 For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. Exod 16:35; Num 14:34; Ps 95:10; 19 After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave his people their land as an inheritance. Josh 14:2; 20 All this took about four hundred fifty years. After this he gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. Judg 2:16; Judg 3:9; 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. 1Sam 8:5; Hos 13:11; 1Sam 9:15; 1Sam 10:1; 22 After removing him, God raised up David their king. He testified about him: *‘I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man after my heart, who will accomplish everything I want him to do.’* 1Sam 16:12; 1Sam 13:14; Ps 89:20; Acts 7:45; 23 From the descendants of this man God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, just as he promised

Acts 13 : 16-23

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Antioch rapidly became the leading center of gentile Christianity. One of the teaches in the church in Antioch had been brought up with Herod, from which we can infer that the church had considerable prestige. It became Paul's headquarters for his missionary work. From Antioch he started on his three missionary journeys, and to Antioch he returned at the end of the first two to bring a report.

Paul had been a Christian now for some 12 or 14 years. He had become a leader in the church in Antioch. The time had come for him to move out to do the work of taking the name of Christ to the far reaches of the gentile world.

The region of Galatia to which he went was in central Asia Minor (modern Turkey), about 300 miles northwest from Antioch a long, and daunting journey, since it could only be made on foot, on the back of a donkey or camel, or by boat. The trip was made somewhat easier by the fact that the Romans had built a system of paved roads throughout the empire that made travel easier and more predictable than it had ever been.

The route would have been more direct by land, going through Tarsus, the southeastern gateway in Asia Minor. But Paul had already been in Tarsus for some seven or eight years. So he and his entourage went via the island of Cyprus, and from the western end of Cyprus they went north into central Asia Minor.

In Cyprus, the Roman governor became a convert. A miracle convinced him. The blinding of the sorcerer was an act of God, not of Paul. From here on out, as if to signal that he is officially on his mission to the Roman Empire at large, the apostle is no longer called by his Hebrew name. Saul, but rather by his Roman name, Paul possibly marking the beginning his ministry to the Gentiles.

Up to this point in the book, Barnabas is mentioned first, Paul second. From here on, Paul takes the lead.

In Pisidian Antioch (some 300 miles northwest of Syrian Antioch as the crow flies), Paul, as was his custom, started his work in the Jewish synagogue. Some Jews in the region believed, as did many Gentiles, but the unbelieving Jews stirred up a persecution and drove Paul and Barnabas out of the city. In Iconium, about 100 miles east of Pisidian Antioch, they stayed a considerable time. They performed miraculous signs and wonders and a large number of people believed. But again, a coalition of Gentiles and Jews drove them out of the city.



In Lystra, about 20 miles south of Iconium, Paul healed a cripple and the crowds thought he was a god. Later, they stoned him and left him for dead. Lystra was the home of Timothy. It is possible that Timothy witnessed the stoning (2 Timothy 3:11).

In Derbe, about 30 miles southeast of Lystra, they made many disciples. And then they returned via Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch.

Paul, received his thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:2,7) apparently 14 years before he wrote 2 Corinthians, which was about the time he entered Galatia (Galatians 4:13).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; pages 741-743; Bible history and commentaries Acts 13 & 14)

(v. 1) The prophets were itinerants, traveling from church to church. The teachers usually settled in one area. Manaen had been part of Herod's household. (v. 2) We minister to the Lord. The direction of the Holy Spirit probably came through the prophets who were there. (v. 5) John Mark went along as a servant to Paul and Barnabas. Rulers often had wizards to advise them. (v. 13) It upset Paul that John Mark left them to return home.

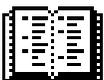
God called David a man after His won heart, because David sought to fulfill God's will.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central theme of the message. To suffer means to allow. The forgiveness of sins is necessary if we are to have fellowship with God. We are justified through Christ no matter what we have done. It is just as if wh had never committed a sin. It is not up to us to prove the truth of salvation to people. God ordains those whom He wants to save, so the pressure isn't on us to convince people. We are to present the love and truth of the Gospel to them, and the Holy Spirit does the work in their hearts. Joy is an accompanying emotion when God's Spirit is working.

Note also in the beginning of Chapter 13; that God provided Judges, until Samuel, than the people wanted a King, instead of God.....so he gave man exactly what he asked for, in my opinion that is where mankind made a error and where a lot of the problems started.....

Psa 119:105

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



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Psalm 2

1 Why² do the nations rebel?³
Why⁴ are the countries⁵ devising⁶ plots that will fail?⁷ Acts 4:25;

2 The kings of the earth¹ form a united front;²
the rulers collaborate³
against the LORD and his anointed king.⁴

3 They say,¹ "Let's tear off the shackles they've put on us!²
Let's free ourselves from³ their ropes!"

4 The one enthroned in heaven laughs in disgust;
the Lord taunts them.

5 Then he angrily speaks to them
and terrifies them in his rage, saying,

6 "I myself have installed my king
on Zion, my holy hill."

7 The king says, "I will announce the LORD'S decree. He said to me:
'You are my son! This very day I have become your father! Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; Heb 5:5;

8 Ask me,
and I will give you the nations as your inheritance,
the ends of the earth as your personal property. Ps 22:27; Ps 72:8;

9 You will break them with an iron scepter;
you will smash them like a potter's jar!" Rev 2:27; Rev 19:15;

10 So now, you kings, do what is wise;
you rulers of the earth, submit to correction!

11 Serve the LORD in fear!
Repent in terror!

12 Give sincere homage!
Otherwise he will be angry,
and you will die because of your behavior,
when his anger quickly ignites.

How blessed are all who take shelter in him! Ps 34:8; Prov 16:20; Isa 30:18; Jer 17:7; Rom 9:33; Rom
10:11; 1 Pet 2:6;