



# ~ 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, bless each person and their families, bless their jobs; bless their coming in and going out. Even in disasters, wars, storms, economic woes bless us with our needs met, more than enough so that we may bless whomever You tell us to bless, enable us to be Your hands and feet, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen..

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## Scripture

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. 6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said to them, Men and brothers, you know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Acts 10:20; Acts 11:12; 8 And God, which knows the hearts, bore them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did to us; 1 Chr 28:9; 1 Chr 29:17; Ps 7:9; Jer 11:20; Jer 17:10; Jer 20:12; 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Acts 10:43-44; 10 Now therefore why tempt you God, to put a yoke on the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? Matt 23:4; 11 But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Eph 2:8; Titus 3:4; 12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles by them. 13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brothers, listen to me: 14 Simeon has declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

**Acts 15 : 5-14**

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In about A.D. 50 some 20 years after the founding of the church and probably 10 years after Gentiles were first received into the church, a key question needed to be settled once and for all. Although God had expressly revealed to Peter that Gentiles should be received without circumcision, and the apostles and elders were convinced (11:18), yet a sect of believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees persisted in teaching that circumcision was necessary and the church was torn by disagreement on the issue. At the Council of Jerusalem, God led the apostles to make a unanimous and formal decision; circumcision is not necessary for gentile believers. They sent a low-key letter to that effect to Antioch, insisting that gentile Christians must abstain from idolatry and from immorality, which was so commonly practiced among Gentiles. They also required abstention from eating blood, a regulation that preceded the Law of Moses (Genesis 9:4). This is the last mention of Peter in the book of Acts (v. 7). Up to chapter 12. Peter had been the leading figure; now the focus is on Paul. (Circumcision symbolized the cutting away of the flesh dominated life in order to lead a spirit dominated life. The Jews felt very strongly about circumcision. Many believed that to be a Christian one had to convert to the practices of Judaism (such people were known as Judaizers). Christianity might have become another Jewish sect if the Judaizers had prevailed.) Peter said; (v. 11) we believe that we are saved through the grace (the undeserved favor and mercy) of the Lord Jesus, just as they [are]. (Halley's Bible Handbook; history and commentaries; 2000; page 743)

(v. 13) This again is James, the half brother of Jesus, also known as James the Just and the leader of the church in Jerusalem.

(vv. 14-15) What Peter had said about the work of God among the Gentiles was confirmed by Scriptures ( Luke 21:24, Romans 11:25).

(v. 18) God is omniscient—Neither the noun "omnipresence" nor adjective "omnipresent" occurs in Scripture, but the idea that God is everywhere present is throughout presupposed and sometimes explicitly formulated. God's omnipresence is closely related to His omnipotence and omniscience: that He is everywhere enables Him to act everywhere and to know all things, and, conversely, through omnipotent action and omniscient knowledge He has access to all places and all secrets (compare [Psalm 139](#)). Thus conceived, the attribute is but the correlate of the monotheistic conception of God as the Infinite Creator, Preserver and Governor of the universe, immanent in His works as well as transcendent above them.

(vv. 19-20) Therefore it is my opinion that we should not put obstacles in the way of and annoy and disturb those of the Gentiles who turn to God. This decision is an excellent example of the word of wisdom being spoken through James.

(v. 28) For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to lay upon you any greater burden than these indispensable requirements. (This verse confirms the fact that the Holy Spirit was operating in James to bring for the word of wisdom.

(v. 29) That you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from [tasting] blood and from [ eating the meat of animals] that have been strangled and from sexual impurity. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell [ be strong ]! ( The eating of blood was the eating of meat from animals that had been strangled and left with blood in them, rather than being butchered and bled. The Jews were meticulous about eating only kosher meat. This rule would make it easier for the Christian Jews and Gentiles to eat together. The elders didn't need to cover all the Law because much of it would naturally be obeyed by those who loved God. They sought to settle the questions that could bring the Jews and Gentiles into a closer fellowship in Christ.

(vv. 39-41) The contention between Paul and Barnabas resulted in two missionary teams going out.

(New Testament Study Guide; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 62)

## Isaiah 45

1 Thus said the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; 2 I will go before you, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: 3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, which call you by your name, am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my elect, I have even called you by your name: I have surnamed you, though you have not known me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded you, though you have not known me: Deut 4:35; Deut 4:39; Deut 32:39; Isa 44:8; 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Lam 3:38; Amos 3:6;

8 Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe to him that strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashions it, What make you? or your work, He has no hands? Jer 18:6; Rom 9:20; 10 Woe to him that said to his father, What beget you? or to the woman, What have you brought forth?

11 Thus said the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command you me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man on it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, said the LORD of hosts. 2Chr 36:22; Ezra 1:1; Isa 44:28;

14 Thus said the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to you, they shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no God. Isa 45:5;

15 Truly you are a God that hide yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols. Isa 44:11;

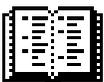
17 But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. 18 For thus said the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. Isa 42:5; Isa 45:5; Isa 45:14; 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not to the seed of Jacob, Seek you me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Deut 30:11;

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray to a god that cannot save. Isa 44:18-19; 21 Tell you, and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together: who has declared this from ancient time? who has told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me. Isa 41:22; Isa 41:26-27; Isa 43:9-10; Isa 45:5; Isa 45:14; Isa 45:18;

22 Look to me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Rom 4:11; Phil 2:10; 24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. Isa 41:11; 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

### **Psa 119:105**

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



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Son,

I need you to

Build  
a Bridge,

here are all the  
tools you will need.  
See you soon -

Love,

Dad