



# ~ 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 know that Your Word has the power to defeat every adversary in my life. As I take it into my heart and get it deep into my soul, I know it will empower me to speak Your Word with mighty strength and authority. Forgive me for the times I have just skimmed over Your Word rather than planting it deep in my heart. I realize that the answers I seek are in Your Word—and that Your Word, when spoken from my mouth, releases authority against the devices the devil tries to use against me. So today, Lord, I make the decision to plant Your Word deep in my spirit man and then to speak it and release its power in my life. Lord give me peace today and lead and guide me in God’s will for me and plans, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Scripture

Exodus 31: 1-18 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses, 2 See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and ability, in understanding and intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, 4 To devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, 5 And in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of craftsmanship. 6 And behold, I have appointed with him Aholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and to all who are wise hearted I have given wisdom and ability to make all that I have commanded you: 7 The Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony, the mercy seat that is on it, all the furnishings of the tent— 8 The table [of the showbread] and its utensils, the pure lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, 9 The altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, the laver and its base— 10 The finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the [high] priest and for his sons to minister as priests, 11 And the anointing oil and incense of sweet spices for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you shall they do. 12 And the Lord said to Moses, 13 Say to the Israelites, Truly you shall keep My Sabbaths, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you [set you apart for Myself]. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it is holy to you; everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does work on the Sabbath shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days may work be done, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, sacred to the Lord; whoever does work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the Israelites shall keep the Sabbath to observe it throughout their generations, a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the Israelites forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and earth, and on the seventh day He ceased and was refreshed. 18 And He gave to Moses, when He had ceased communing with him on Mount Sinai, the two tables of the Testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

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We all need regular Sabbaths in our lives (see Exodus 31:14)—times of rest, relaxation, refreshing, and renewal. Do you incorporate such times of refreshing in your life? If so, keep it up! If not, what changes can you make in your schedule so that you can have regular times of rest and renewal? The Everyday Life Bible.

The Sabbath: VV 1-8 God gave these fellows abilities and wisdom. VV 12-18 The Sabbath day was a covenant between God and the nation of Israel, signifying that God wanted His people to rest in Him. They never did rest in Him, even though they did nothing on the Sabbath day. Today Christ is the fulfillment of the Sabbath day, for Christ is our rest. We who are in Christ have entered into His rest, so we have a perpetual Sabbath. I have ceased from my own labors; I have entered into the finished work of Jesus Christ. And even as God is now resting in the finished work of Jesus Christ, as far as my salvation, I must rest and realize that there is no work that I can offer to God of my hands that can save me.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; page 39)

#### Study In Scriptures.....

It also requires to be pointed out that the Pentateuch contains a narration of many events which took place in the actual lifetime, yea, before the eyes of the very people who were called upon to receive those books as authentic. Thus, there was no opportunity for Moses, or any one else, to palm off upon the Hebrews a lot of fictions, for each one of them would know at once whether the records of their cruel bondage in Egypt, the judgments which Jehovah is said to have executed there, and the miraculous deliverance of His people at the Red Sea, were true or not. Had those events been of a commonplace character, few perhaps had been sufficiently interested to scrutinize the narratives of them; still less have taken the trouble to refute them were they untrue. But in view of their extraordinary nature—and especially since those miracles were designed to authenticate a new religion upon which their future hopes were to be based, and by which their present deportment was to be regulated—it is unthinkable that a whole nation gave a mechanical assent; and still more so that they unitedly endorsed evidence which they knew to be false, especially when those same narratives inculcated a code of conduct which they certainly had never designed of their own accord. But more. Not only were many of the Mosaic institutions radically different from those practised by all other nations and from what the Hebrews had themselves observed in Egypt, but they also involved numerous rites which required constant attention and which must have been most irksome and unpleasant. Moreover, those ceremonies subjected the Israelites to considerable expense by the costly sacrifices they were frequently required to offer and the tithes they were commanded to pay the priests. Furthermore, some of the laws bound upon them were of such a character that it is altogether unaccountable—on the principles of political wisdom—that any legislator should have proposed, or that a whole nation should meekly have submitted to them. Such was the law of the Sabbatic year, which forbade them tilling or sowing the ground for a whole twelve months (Exo 23:10-11), such was the law ordering all the males to journey from every part of the land to the tabernacle (Deu 16:16)—leaving their homes unprotected; the law which prohibited their king multiplying horses (Deu 17:16); and more especially the law of jubilee, when all mortgaged property had to be restored to the original owners and all slaves freed (Lev 25:10). Now we submit that it is utterly incredible to suppose that any sane legislator would, on his own authority, have imposed enactments which interfered so seriously with both private and public liberty, and which involved such hazards as the people dying of starvation while their fields lay fallow, and their wives and children being murdered by invaders when all their men-folk were far removed from them. Still more inconceivable is it that, instead of bitterly resenting and openly revolting against such unpopular statutes, the whole nation should quietly acquiesce therein. It is quite pointless to say that Israel was imposed upon by Moses, that he deceived them into believing those laws were of divine authority. No such deception was possible, for the simple reason that the entire nation was assembled at Sinai and had witnessed the supernatural and awe-inspiring phenomena when the Lord had descended and given those laws audibly—they had with their own ears heard a portion of it published. Israel's reception of such a Law can only be accounted for on the basis that they were fully assured it proceeded from God Himself. Having demonstrated that the Scriptures could not have been manufactured by either wicked impostors or deluded fanatics, that they were not invented by the Christian Church or the ancient Jews, we are shut up to the only remaining alternative—namely, that they are a revelation from God, His own inspired and infallible Word. No other choice is left; no other explanation is credible. Every other attempt to explain their origin is found, upon critical examination, to be not only altogether inadequate, but utterly absurd. If a thinking man finds it difficult, nay, impossible, to explain a created universe apart from a divine Creator, it is no less so for him to account for the Book of books without a divine Author. This is a matter which admits of no compromise: if the Bible has come to us from God, then it has claims upon us which infinitely transcend those of all other writings; if it is not, then it is an impious fraud, unworthy of our attention. There is no middle ground! Moreover, if the Bible be not what it claims to be, then we are left without any revelation which, with any reliability or authority, can impart to us the knowledge of God, or warrant its reception by mankind!

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**You Have a Two-Edged Sword!****Hebrews 4:12**

What is the significance of the "two-edged sword" referred to in Hebrews 4:12? If you start looking, you'll find out this phrase regarding a "two-edged sword" appears all over the New Testament, so it must be pretty important.

For instance, when the apostle John received his vision of Jesus on the isle of Patmos, he said, "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength" (Revelation 1:16). Notice that this "two-edged sword" came out of Jesus' mouth! Why would Jesus have a sword in His mouth? Shouldn't the sword have been in His hand?

The phrase "two-edged" is taken from the Greek word *distomos* and is unquestionably one of the oddest words in the entire New Testament. Why is it so odd? Because it is a compound of the word *di*, meaning two, and the word *stomos*, which is the Greek word for one's mouth. Thus, when these two words are compounded into one (*distomos*), they describe something that is two-mouthed! Don't you agree that this seems a little strange? So why would the Bible refer to the Word of God repeatedly as a "two-edged sword" or, literally, a "two-mouthed sword"?

The Word of God is like a sword that has two edges, cutting both ways and doing terrible damage to an aggressor. Ephesians 6:17 calls it "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God". As noted, the term "word" is taken from the Greek word *rhema*, which describes something that is spoken clearly, vividly, in unmistakable terms and undeniable language. In the New Testament, the word *rhema* carries the idea of a quickened word.

Here's an example of a *rhema* or a quickened word: You are praying about a situation, and suddenly a Bible verse rises up from inside your heart. At that moment, you are consciously aware that God has given you a verse to stand on and to claim for your situation. You've received a word that came right out of the mouth of God and dropped into your spirit! That word from God was so sharp that it cut right through your questions, intellect, and natural logic and lodged deep within your heart.

After you meditated on that *rhema*, or that quickened word from God, it suddenly began to release its power inside you. Soon you couldn't contain it any longer! Everything within you wanted to declare what God had said to you. You wanted to say it. You want to release it out of your mouth! And when you did, those powerful words were sent forth like a mighty blade to drive back the forces of hell that had been marshaled against you, your family, your business, your ministry, your finances, your relationship, or your body.

First, that word came out of the mouth of God. Next, it came out of your mouth! When it came out of your mouth, it became a sharp, "two-edged"—or literally, a "two-mouthed"—sword. One edge of this sword came into existence when the Word initially proceeded out of God's mouth. The second edge of this sword was added when the Word of God proceeded out of YOUR mouth!

The Word of God remains a one-bladed sword when it comes out of God's mouth and drops into your heart but is never released from your own mouth by faith. That supernatural word simply lies dormant in your heart, never becoming the two-edged sword God designed it to be.

But something happens in the realm of the Spirit when you finally rise up and begin to speak forth that word. The moment it comes out of your mouth, a second edge is added to the blade! Nothing is more powerful than a word that comes first from God's mouth and then from your mouth. You and God have come into agreement, and that agreement releases His mighty power into the situation at hand!

So begin to willfully take the Word into your spirit by meditating on it and giving it a place of top priority. This is how you take the first necessary step in giving the Word a "second edge" in your life. Then when you are confronted by a challenge from the demonic realm, the Holy Spirit will be able to reach down into the reservoir of God's Word you have stored up on the inside of you and pull up the exact scripture you need for that moment.

As that quickened *rhema* word from God begins to first fill your heart and mind and then come out of your mouth, it becomes that "two-mouthed sword" described in the Scriptures. That's when demons start to tremble in terror!

**QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER**

Can you remember a time when a specific scripture suddenly sprang up from down deep inside you, causing you to feel supercharged and empowered by God's Spirit?

When God speaks to you, do you first meditate on that *rhema* word and then let it come out of your mouth, or do you forget to speak that quickened word out loud and thus fail to release its power?

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pgs 138-139) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devotionals; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)