



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

**Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing**



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## Prayer

Lord, forgive me for the times I get so busy that I neglect my prayer life. I really want this inconsistency in my life to be broken; I want my prayer life to get stronger and more stable. I realize that when I don't spend time alone with You, I make it difficult for You to tell me what You want me to know. Inconsistency is a work of the flesh, so I am asking You to help me break this pattern and learn how to make prayer one of the most important pillars of my life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Scripture

Exodus 34: 1-35 (AMP)

1 THE LORD said to Moses, Cut two tables of stone like the first, and I will write upon these tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke. 2 Be ready and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain. 3 And no man shall come up with you, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mountain; neither let flocks or herds feed before that mountain. 4 So Moses cut two tables of stone like the first, and he rose up early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. 5 And the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord! the Lord! a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth and worshiped. 9 And he said, If now I have found favor and loving-kindness in Your sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray You, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance. 10 And the Lord said, Behold, I lay down [afresh the terms of the mutual agreement between Israel and Me] a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels (wonders, miracles) such as have not been wrought or created in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing [fearful and full of awe] that I will do with you. 11 Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I drive out before you the Amorite, Canaanite, Hittite, Perizzite, Hivite, and Jebusite. 12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant or mutual agreement with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you. 13 But you shall destroy their altars, dash in pieces their pillars (obelisks, images), and cut down their Asherim [symbols of the goddess Asherah]; 14 For you shall worship no other god; for the Lord, Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous (impassioned) God, 15 Lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they play the harlot after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and one invites you, you eat of his food sacrificed to idols, 16 And you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods and make your sons play the harlot after their gods. 17 You shall make for yourselves no molten gods. 18 The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt. 19 All the males that first open the womb among your livestock are Mine, whether ox or sheep. 20 But the firstling of a donkey [an unclean beast] you shall redeem with a lamb or kid, and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none of you shall appear before Me empty-handed. 21 Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest [on the Sabbath]. 22 You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. 23 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire [and molest] your land when you go up to appear before the Lord your God three times in the year. 25 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning. 26 The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in his mother's milk. 27 And the Lord said to Moses, Write these words, for after the purpose and character of these words I have made a covenant with you and with

Israel. 28 Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. 29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of the Testimony in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face shone and sent forth beams by reason of his speaking with the Lord. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they feared to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and [he] talked with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all the Lord had said to him in Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and told the Israelites what he was commanded. 35 The Israelites saw the face of Moses, how the skin of it shone; and Moses put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with God.

#### Exodus 34. Moses Again on the Mountain

The first time, Moses had been on the mountain for 40 days and nights ( 24:18 ). He now went back for another 40 days and nights ( vv. 2 , 18 ). The first time, he had received the two tablets and the specifications for the tabernacle. Now he went to receive two new tablets to replace the originals he had broken earlier ( 32:19 ). Moses' "face was radiant" ( 34:29 , 35 ) because he had been in the presence of God. So Jesus' face "did shine as the sun" when he was transfigured ( Matthew 17:2 ).

1KI 2:28-32 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. 31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. 32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

Amos 3:14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to ground.

"Altar"



#### Four-horned altar.

This is a replica of an altar found at Beersheba. The symbolism of the horns is not clear. However, fugitives (except those guilty of intentional murder, 1 Kings 2:28–32 ) could find asylum by grasping the horns of the altar in an appeal to God's mercy. Cutting off the horns of an altar made it useless for religious purposes ( Amos 3:14 ).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan, Bible History and Commentaries; page 151)

The New Tables Of Stone; VV 6-7 There isn't one God of the Old Testament and a different God of the New Testament. He is revealed in both Testaments as gracious, loving, kind, merciful, and forgiving. He is also revealed in both Testaments as a God of judgment and wrath, that is, to those without repentance. V 7 People are troubled with the fact that the Bible declares, " visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children unto the third and to the fourth generation. That is clarified a little bit more in the commandments, adding " to those that continue in them." V 10 The word " terrible " is an old English word, and should be translated awesome. V 11 There's a difference between seeing and observing. When God says observe, it means see and live in harmony with it. V 18 This is a Feast of Passover. V19 The firstborn of everything belongs to God. V 22 The Feast of Weeks is similar to our Thanksgiving. V 25 Leaven is a type of sin. V 26 God demands the "first of the firstfruits" from you, not the leftovers. Cooking a lamb in his mother's milk was thought to increase fertility, and it was a part of the practice of the land. V 28 God was able to sustain him without food and water. Though physically it is impossible. God has miraculous power and He can set aside certain laws of nature. VV 29-35 In Corinthians we are told that the reason for the veil over his face was so that they would not see the shining go away, fading. The shine that faded indicated that the law given was to fade away when God established the new covenant with man through Jesus Christ. Paul goes on to say, " But even today their faces are still veiled when it comes to the Word of God " ( 2 Corinthians 3:15). They can't see the truth of God in Jesus Christ. They still have that veil over their face as God speaks to them today, and they deny that Jesus Christ is indeed the Messiah whom God had promised to the nation of Israel.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith, Commentaries; page 41)

**Take Advantage Of All Kinds of Prayer****Ephesians 6:18**

If you want to grow in your spiritual walk, you need to make prayer a central part of your life. But in order for prayer to be the great adventure God wants it to be in your life, you must understand that there are all kinds of ways to pray. Don't get stuck with just one form of prayer! The Bible tells us that there are several kinds of prayer, and you need to learn to use every kind of prayer that's available to you.

Ephesians 6:18 says, "Praying always with all prayer...." The first thing I want you to notice is that this verse commands us to pray "always." As noted "always" is taken from the Greek phrase *en panti kairo*. The word *en* would be better translated at. The word *panti* means each and every.

You could say that this word *panti* is an all-encompassing word that embraces everything, including the smallest and most minute of details. The last word in this Greek phrase is the word *kairo*, the Greek word for times or seasons. When all three of these words are used together in one phrase (*en panti kairo*) as in Ephesians 6:18, they could be more accurately translated at each and every occasion.

But I want you to notice that this verse goes on to say that you are to pray "with all prayer." This phrase is taken from the Greek phrase *dia pases proseuches* and would be better translated "with all kinds of prayer." To assist the Church in maintaining a victorious position in life, God has given His people various kinds of powerful prayer.

Other translations of Ephesians 6:18 include:

"Use every kind of prayer..." (Goodspeed)

"Pray... with all manner of prayer..." (amp)

"Pray... with all kinds of prayers...." (niv)

"Pray... with all kinds of prayers that are available for you to use...." (rev)

Most people don't realize there are different kinds of prayer. But according to this verse, God has actually made many forms of prayer available to us to use as needed, such as the prayer of faith, the prayer of intercession, the prayer of consecration, and the prayer of agreement.

Sometimes life can be difficult and challenging. For one thing, the devil doesn't want you to be blessed or successful in your endeavors. So in order to face the inevitable attacks that arise against your marriage, finances, body, job, and career, you must come to realize that prayer is indispensable. You cannot succeed as a Christian without an active and effective prayer life.

No matter how anointed, skilled, or gifted you may be or how bold and courageous you think you are, you simply cannot maintain a victorious position in life apart from prayer. Without prayer, you can be sure of absolute and total defeat. But as you develop a lifestyle of prayer, taking advantage of every form of prayer available to you, you will find that victory is yours in the midst of every challenge!

The various kinds of prayer have all been given to you for your benefit and spiritual growth. So take the time to study the Word and learn how to pray with "all kinds of prayer." Don't let this day go by without spending quality time in prayer with the Heavenly Father. There is victory waiting on the other side!

**QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER**

Do you find yourself praying "at each and every occasion" during the day? How can you remind yourself to pray throughout the day? In what types of situations would it be appropriate to pray the following kinds of prayers: the prayer of faith for your own life, the prayer of thanksgiving, the prayer of intercession, and the prayer of worship?

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

"Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her." (Proverbs 3:13)

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pgs 144-145)  
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devotionals; S Gems From The Greek)