



~ 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, Lord when we think on other people let us not be legalistic, let us do things your way, and help us not to be tale bearers, rumor pass on persons; remind us to have the proof, and to examine the pole in our own eye first. Always remind us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; we are to forgive as You forgave us. Remind us to pray in season and out of season for all. Give us the will to meditate on Your Word day and night, thus learning and refreshing our spirits in You. Well up in us and flood us with love, that it overflows so that we can spill it out onto others, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

19 Then answered Jesus and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for what things so ever he does, these also does the Son likewise. John 5:30; John 8:38; John 9:4; Isa 54:5; John 10:30; John 14:9; John 17:5; 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that himself does: and he will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel. John 1:2; John 3:35; John 7:16; John 8:28; John 14:24; 21 For as the Father raises up the dead, and vivifies them; even so the Son vivifies whom he will. 22 For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son: Matt 11:27; John 3:35; 23 That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent him. John 2:23; 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life. John 3:18; John 6:40; John 6:47; John 8:51; Luke 23:43; 25 Truly, truly, I say to you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Eph 2:1; Eph 2:5; 1Tim 5:6; 26 For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And has given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 1Thess 4:16; 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation. Dan 12:2; Matt 25:34; Matt 25:46; 30 I can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me. John 6:38;

John 5: 19-30

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A year before Jesus had cleansed the Temple, as an introduction a sign that He was the Messiah. This time He works a miracle on the Sabbath, for the purpose of violating their ideas of the Sabbath, in order to get attention of the rulers, so as to give His claims of Deity the fullest possible publicity in the nation's capital. It gave Him a hearing for a detailed explanation of His claims, and resulted in the Sanhedrin's determination to kill him (18), which it took them two years to bring about. (under Jewish law all adult Jewish males were required to go to Jerusalem three times a year to participate in the following feasts: Feast of Passover; Feast of Pentecost; and Feast of Tabernacles.) The Sabbath Miracle was during a Feast, it is not stated which Feast. Jesus had returned to Galilee in December, about the time of the Feast of Dedication. The Feast next following would be Purim, next, was Passover, which is quite generally accepted as the time of this visit.

The Pool of Bethesda, traditionally, was located just north of the Temple. Stepping into the water was a point of contact, as faith in God was released to make the person whole. For an angel of the Lord went down at appointed seasons into the pool and moved and stirred up the water; whoever then first after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was cured of whatever disease with which he was afflicted. (4-7) There was a certain man there who had suffered with a deep seated and lingering disorder for thirty-eight years. When Jesus noticed him lying there knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition. He said to him; do you want to become well? The invalid answered; Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool, but while I am trying to come [into it] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me.....Note that the man says **I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool.....BUT....WHILE I AM TRYING TO COME [INTO IT] MYSELF** (and we are not putting down any person developmentally disabled) but this man could move or he would not have said.....while I am trying to come [into it] myself...so he could move...but instead of depending on God....he was either depending on himself or another person, instead of God...so his faith was not in place and seems to have been in doubt....of the ability to be healed. Sometimes God also wants us to go through, as Paul did. God does provide a way out...and it is His timing never ours. God also uses other ways to bring about His desire to heal...such as doctors, treatments and sometimes medication they would not be here unless He willed it (Luke was doctor and midwives are talked about all through the Bible)but again sometimes He has us go through, and as we are going through there are other people usually whom we can help along the way, going through what we are going through.....we are His hands and feet and sometimes it is by example....this was not the case with this man, he had quit, given up...he was making excuses....if only...why me....I can't I have to ?? He laid by the pool for thirty eight years....in that time...he had to eat, be bathed and of course would have had to have shelter because of his condition. So he obviously was taken care of.....and I only say that because of having to work with patients for thirty years. Not only was he sick in his body, he was also sick in his mind. Sickneses of the soul are much worse, and sometimes harder to deal with than sicknesses of the body. The condition of his body and soul stole his confidence and caused him to give up in passive kind of way. Jesus asked him.....do you want to become well? The man stated he had no one to help him, but than contradicted his self and said move himself.....Jesus than said...."Get up! Pick up your bed and walk!" Jesus was not being harsh or mean, He was setting the man free. Jesus had compassion on him. Self pity is a problem, it affects you, your family and the plan of God for your life. You can be pitiful or powerful a victim or a victor.....sometimes when we lack confidence and are filled with shame, than when good things come into our life, we are stuck in the emotional torment and despair so we fail to see the good things, accept them and receive them and go forth in them. When we refuse to live in self pity (whatever the circumstance at the time) than we grow, and we have a turning point. Some people are in a pit.....when a break through, healing of a circumstance or the ability to go through...are next.....Look to God and do what He instructs you to do....don't give up...He is seldom early but never late, always just in time. Luke 18:27...what is impossible with man, is possible with God.....if He chooses for you to go through He is also there with you, going through it with you....my great niece with Cerebral Palsy ...whom only uses two fingers, she does not walk, has to be carried, she can roll somewhat on the floor....talking to her grandmaone time said..." Do you know why I am here, and this way....grandma?? Grandma said; "No, why?" She said at five... so that when people see me, they feel better about themselves, their lives...I am a gift, a blessing....note she had never been to church than, they had no lift on their car/van...so whom do you suppose told her that?? She also attends a public school, has many friends and is a A student, she runs a computer to do her school work with her mouth and two fingers, she also runs her electric wheelchair with two fingers.....she is right she is a gift a blessing...little miss sunshine....and she is always happy....against all odds..she shines....only God can do that...

God cannot rest when there is human need. A man in need supersedes the Law...

(26) For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self-existent. (27) And He has give Him authority and granted Him power to execute judgment because He is a Son of man [very man]. (30) I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself. My own aim. My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me. (31) If I alone testify in My behalf. My testimony is not valid and cannot be worth anything. (32) There is Another Who testifies concerning Me, and I know and am certain that His evidence on My behalf is true and valid. (34) But I do not receive [a mere] human witness [the evidence which I accept on My behalf is not from man], But I simply mention all these things in order that you may be saved (made and kept safe and sound). (36) But I have as My witness something greater (weightier, higher, better) than that of John, for the works that the Father has appointed Me to accomplish and finish, the very same works that I am now doing, are witness and proof that the Father has sent Me. (37) And the Father Who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me. Not one of you has ever given ear to His voice or seen His form (His face—what He is like). [You have always been deaf to His voice and blind to the vision of Him.] (38) And you have not His word (His thought) living in your hearts, because you do not believe and adhere to and trust in and rely on Him Whom He has sent. [That is why you do not keep His message living in you, because you do not believe in the Messenger Whom He has sent.]

(39) You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me! (Jesus is speaking about legalism here....) (40) And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life. (notice how Jesus witnessed to them, still?) (41) I receive not glory from men [I crave no human honor. I look for no mortal fame]...(Jesus, is commanding a man among men, but above men, but He is humble...even though He is Lord He is humble...what a example for those in ministry today.....Jesus never sought fame, money, or a position....He came to serve.....as He said....to be a leader you must serve.....be humble and do the job....) (42) But I know you and recognize and understand that you have not the love of God in you. (amazing....nothing we do or have done or will do will escape.....He always knows....and still He is willing and God loves us...do you not know how much God loves us??? He gave His Son for our sins....watched Himdie on a cross...and yes....He has His Son back....for He lives.....but did you also not know that our loved ones whom are gone.....are not in our past but in our future...when it is our time???)

These four bore witness of Jesus; John the Baptist; Jesus' own works are a witness, that the Father has sent Him (Acts 2:22, Matthew 5:16); The Father has borne witness of Him; The Scriptures. There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that refer to the first coming of Christ (Psalm 40:7; 2 Peter 1:19).

(46-47) The books of the Law testify of Jesus Christ.

We are to keep God's Word alive in our hearts. We are to trust God and cling to Him and His Word. Jesus said that if we really believe in Him, we will keep His Word alive in our hearts. This is accomplished by studying and meditating on it. God's Word is His thoughts and when we give His Word first place in our lives, His thoughts become our thoughts and we will experience the good plans He has for us.

TRACE it down (Steve Mays)...is it true, do you have the scripture to back you up, did you witness it?? Trace it down.....don't practice legalism, tale bearing, false witness. Get the facts.....go talk to them face to face...get both sides and there is always the third side.....God's. Don't go tell it on the mountain, have the facts in hand, the scripture to back it up, make an appointment with the person....examine yourself is it you? Is it a rumor or lie, did someone tell it to you.....did they have the proof?? The Bible is clear.....we are not to curse anyone...if we know something that may be causing the person to stumble or fall, or if they are teaching inaccurate....or sin you witness..than you are to go to them (face to face) in love and quietly (no microphone or gossip circle) , if it is not resolved than you go with another person from the church or mediator and go again.....if that does not work than you take a third person....if it truly happened than they can be cast out till they repent...and correct them selves. Pray for them....we are to bless and not curse.....Don't bear false witness....if you did not witness it, do not have the facts....you are just as bad as the person you are talking about....go to them. So often lately and it happened twice today...one pastor witnessed it a well known evangelist spoken of and a pastor and it happened to me today to...a well known female pastor.....whom I have listened to teach..for 19 years....none of the things that she has been accused of, I have witnessed, but I know what I see....and personal conversations and the fruit she bears in ministry.....she claims no fame, does not use titles, publicly shows exactly where everything goes in the ministry, she does not take any ministry money...she is supported from her writing and public speaking...she used to teach prosperity but publicly said it is not correct...that God supplies our needs and true prosperity is only in His love....God corrected it.....my question is.....whom is sin free?? Only Jesus....for ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. She corrected herself....publicly and renounced it...unusual for pastors..... The other person spoke of was Billy Graham....yes, he has made a error....one with a president.....he also was corrected by God and publicly noted it.....he also is a mighty humble servant of God...and he bears much fruit....If a person or church is teaching in error.....go to them.....pray....and if nothing is accomplished the Bible is clear on it. Yes, we are to warn the flocks...just make sure you are correct ..before you spread the rumor.....tale bearers.....liars and tale bearers will not be in heaven either.....legalism is what Jesus is speaking of in part of this chapter.....the tongue can destroy a life and make it un-repairable...so go to them with the facts...face to face..... the flocks are easy to warn, we can give the circumstanceswe don't have to pass info on that we have no proof....so like Steve Mays said tonight.....TRACE IT DOWN.....get the facts not something someone has passed down from a night out, or semi-nary meeting....if you did not witness it have no proof than you are a tale bearer.....Whom did Steve Mays accuse that he learned this lesson?? Chuck Smith...so another pastor set up a meeting with Chuck.....and Steve learned what he had the info was not true.....so TRACE IT DOWN and pray for them and examine yourself. Yes, doctrine is important but it has to be God's doctrine not manmade, and not ours.....only God's..

Oh, Lord how quick we forget when we stumbled...there is only one Judge and that is You my Lord...let us bear witness in truth and honesty, facts in hand and do it in the right way.....Amen....

Psa 119:105

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



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Psalm 68



1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Num 10:35;
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yes, let them exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rides on the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.
6 God sets the solitary in families: he brings out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.
7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you did march through the wilderness; Selah:
8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Exod 19:1-25;
9 You, O God, did send a plentiful rain, whereby you did confirm your inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Your congregation has dwelled therein: you, O God, have prepared of your goodness for the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.
12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
13 Though you have lien among the pots, yet shall you be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.
15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan.
16 Why leap you, you high hills? this is the hill which God desires to dwell in; yes, the LORD will dwell in it for ever. Ps 87:1-2; Ps 132:13;
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
18 You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive: you have received gifts for men; yes, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. Eph 4:8;
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. 20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and to GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.
21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goes on still in his trespasses.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea: Num 21:33; Exod 14:29;
23 That your foot may be dipped in the blood of your enemies, and the tongue of your dogs in the same.
24 They have seen your goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with tambourines.
26 Bless you God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
28 Your God has commanded your strength: strengthen, O God, that which you have worked for us.
29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents to you. 1Kgs 10:10; 1Kgs 10:24-25; 2Chr 32:23; Ps 72:10; Ps 76:11;
30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter you the people that delight in war.
31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God.
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to the Lord; Selah:
33 To him that rides on the heavens of heavens, which were of old; see, he does send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe you strength to God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.
35 O God, you are terrible out of your holy places: the God of Israel is he that gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.

