



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

Lord, help me know exactly what to say and what to do when I see fellow brothers or sisters who are headed in a wrong spiritual direction. Give me Your heart, Your wisdom, and Your boldness to speak the words I need to speak. Help me love them enough to speak the truth to them. I realize the consequences of sin are great, so please help me do everything within my ability to see them rescued as soon as possible, in Jesus' name.

Amen

## Worship Music

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## Scripture

Genesis 50:1-26 (AMP)

1 THEN JOSEPH fell upon his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. 2 And Joseph ordered his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Then forty days were devoted [to this purpose] for him, for that is the customary number of days required for those who are embalmed. And the Egyptians wept and bemoaned him [as they would for royalty] for seventy days. 4 And when the days of his weeping and deep grief were past, Joseph said to [the nobles of] the house of Pharaoh, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, to Pharaoh [for Joseph was dressed in mourning and could not do so himself], saying, 5 My father made me swear, saying, I am about to die; in my tomb which I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me. So now let me go up, I pray you, and bury my father, and I will come again. 6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear. 7 And Joseph went up [to Canaan] to bury his father; and with him went all the officials of Pharaoh—the nobles of his court, and the elders of his house and all the nobles and elders of the land of Egypt— 8 And all the household of Joseph and his brethren and his father's household. Only their little ones and their flocks and herds they left in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went with [Joseph] both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company. 10 And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond [west of] the Jordan, and there they mourned with a great lamentation and extreme demonstrations of sorrow [according to Egyptian custom]; and [Joseph] made a mourning for his father seven days. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians. Therefore the place was called Abel-mizraim [mourning of Egypt]; it is west of the Jordan. 12 Thus [Jacob's] sons did for him as he had commanded them. 13 For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, east of Mamre, which Abraham bought, along with the field, for a possession as a burying place from Ephron the Hittite. 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brethren and all who had gone up with him. 15 When Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Perhaps now Joseph will hate us and will pay us back for all the evil we did to him. 16 And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father commanded before he died, saying, 17 So shall you say to Joseph: Forgive (take up and away all resentment and all claim to requital concerning), I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you. Now, we pray you, forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God. And Joseph wept when they spoke thus to him. 18 Then his brothers went and fell down before him, saying, See, we are your servants (your slaves)! 19 And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.] 20 As for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are this day. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for and support you and your little ones. And he comforted them [imparting cheer, hope, strength] and spoke to their hearts [kindly]. 22 Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived 110 years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children also of Machir son of Manasseh were brought up on Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said to his brethren, I am going to die. But God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land to the land He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob [to give you]. 25 And Joseph took an oath from the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you will carry up my bones from here. 26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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**Genesis 50. The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph**

Jacob's body was taken back to Hebron for burial. And Joseph exacted an oath of his brothers that when Israel returned to Canaan, they would carry his bones. This belief that Canaan would be their homeland was not forgotten; and 400 years later, when they set out for Canaan, the Israelites took Joseph's bones along ( Exodus 13:19 ).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 128)

A Burial and a Death; VV 2-3 Perhaps Jacob's body is well preserved even now since the Egyptian physicians embalmed him. V 11 " Abelmizraim " means the mourning of the Egyptians. V 19 Joseph realized that God does not want us to retaliate for wrongs done to us. When He is our shield and defender, no weapon that is formed against us shall prosper. V 20 The providence of God caused the plots of his brothers and Potiphar's wife to turn out to be good for Joseph and his family. Their motives did not matter, for God still brought good out of it. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

( Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; Commentaries; pages 21-22)

Joseph's brothers were afraid he would never forgive them for wanting him dead and for selling him into slavery. In Genesis 50:20, we see that Joseph had a good and loving attitude as he gave his brothers the assurance that he had forgiven their wrongdoing. They may have meant to do evil against him, but God meant it for good.

It is amazing how many times Satan will set a trap for us, meaning it for our harm and destruction. But when God gets involved, He takes what Satan meant to destroy us and turns it so that it works for our good instead. Nobody else can make things work out that way, but God can. He can take any negative situation, and through His miracle-working power use it to make us stronger and more dangerous to the enemy than we would have been without it.

My own situation bears this out. I was sexually, mentally, and emotionally abused for many years during my childhood. This was certainly a terrible thing to happen to a child, and it was definitely a work of Satan, but God has worked it out for good. My mess has become my message; my misery has become my ministry, and I am using the experience I gained from my pain to help multitudes of others who are hurting.

I encourage you not to waste your pain. God will use it if you give it to Him. He has given me beauty for ashes, just as He promised in Isaiah 61:3, but I had to let go of the ashes. I had to learn to have a good attitude, as Joseph did. I had to learn to let go of the bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness I felt toward the people who hurt me.

When we have been hurt, it is important not to let the pain go on and on by having a bitter attitude. We hurt only ourselves when we hate people. We would not waste our time hating people if we realized that they are probably enjoying their lives and are not the least concerned with how we feel about them. Remember, God is our Vindicator, and He will bring good out of what the enemy intended for evil.

So often in our lives, Satan thinks he is doing some terrible thing to bring about our destruction, and yet God has another plan entirely (see Genesis 50:20). He intends to take what Satan means for our harm and work it out not only for our good, but for the good of the many to whom we will minister. The Everyday Life Bible.

**Romans 8:28 (AMP)**

28 We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (AMP)**

8 And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

**It's Time for You To Act Fast!****Jude 1:23**

Have you ever known fellow believers who got caught up in sinful lifestyles that had the power to destroy their lives? How did it affect you when you saw them making those harmful decisions? I don't know about you, but I find it heartbreaking when I see someone I love doing things that are self-destructive and harmful to his or her walk with God. Doesn't it affect you this same way?

Jude tells us what our attitude should be toward fellow believers who get caught up in the world again. We must realize that these fellow believers are in grave danger of reaping the consequences of sin and that those consequences are very serious. Therefore, we must act decisively when we see this happen to someone we love. In Jude 1:23, Jude tells us, "And others save with fear...." That word "save" is taken from the Greek word *sodzo*. In this particular verse, it is used in the present imperative tense, which means the Greek calls for immediate, fast, and continuous action. This is not a mild suggestion that Jude is making to his readers. This is a strong command to take action and to do it as fast as possible. The word "fear" is from the Greek word *phobos*. In this particular case,

it evokes a fear or a strong dose of respect for something that is life-threatening, dangerous, or alarming. Jude uses this word "fear" to let us know that believers who continue in sin place themselves in a very precarious, dangerous, and alarming situation. This is no game. Sin in the life of a believer is extremely serious. Therefore, Jude commands us to act immediately when we see a fellow brother or sister compromising his or her walk with the Lord.

With the full meaning of these Greek words, Jude 1:23 could be translated:

"Because of the alarmingly dangerous state that some believers are in, I urge you to take immediate and fast-acting measures to see them delivered and rescued. And if they don't quickly respond, don't stop! You need to keep up your sense of urgency until you are convinced that they are rescued from this precarious situation...."

There is no doubt about it! This verse places a heavy responsibility on us to do whatever we can to bring this deceived person back to a place of safety. Jude speaks in a commanding tone of voice to let us know that we don't have a choice in this matter. We must act fast, act deliberately, and be continuous and unending in our efforts until we are certain that these straying brothers and sisters are back in safe territory again.

So if you know a friend or loved one who is allowing serious sin to continue in his life, pray for him. Then go to him and express your concerns in love. Love that person enough to speak the truth to him. Act fast on his behalf, and do what you can to save him. Otherwise, he may eventually make mistakes that will bring disaster and destruction upon his life.

That's why Jude commands us to take action right now. The possible consequences are too serious to ignore. We must do everything within our power to save and rescue believers caught in the snare of sin as quickly as possible.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Are there people in your life who are headed in a wrong spiritual direction? Who are those people? Have you spent time in prayer asking God for a real "turnaround" in their lives?

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Have you taken the time to go to them so you can express your concerns? Or have you asked the Lord to give you ideas of how you can approach them in a non-threatening way so they will listen to you instead of tuning you out?

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If you were in their situation, wouldn't you want someone to care enough that they would come to you to express their concerns? If this is what you would hope others would do for you, don't you think it is the least that you can do for someone else?

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#### STUDY QUESTIONS FOR GENESIS:

1. The first chapter of Genesis covers the creation. According to verses 26 & 27, what did God say when He created man?  
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2. After Adam and Eve disobeyed by eating the forbidden fruit, how did God take care of their sin according to Genesis 3:21? What does this act introduce to us?  
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3. What was God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3? What else did this promise include?  
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4. In chapter 32, we read that Jacob wrestled with the Angel all night. When Jacob ultimately surrendered, the Angel gave him a new name. What was this name, and what does it mean? (Genesis 32:28).  
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5. After all that Joseph had been through, he did not blame his brothers. Compare Genesis 45:8 and Romans 8:28. What do you see?  
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