



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Prayer

Lord, help me to come to You when I find myself lacking answers about situations that need to be changed in my life. When I have done all I know to do and don't know what else to do, remind me that every answer I need resides with You. Your wisdom holds the answers I am looking for; therefore, I am making the decision to come to You now so You can start speaking to me, and led me and guide me in Your will for me and plans, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.....

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Scripture

Exodus 1: 1-22 (AMP)

1 THESE ARE the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the offspring of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the descendants of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, and the land was full of them. 8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, Behold, the Israelites are too many and too mighty for us [and they outnumber us both in people and in strength]. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply more and, should war befall us, they join our enemies, fight against us, and escape out of the land. 11 So they set over [the Israelites] taskmasters to afflict and oppress them with [increased] burdens. And [the Israelites] built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. 12 But the more [the Egyptians] oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, so that [the Egyptians] were vexed and alarmed because of the Israelites. 13 And the Egyptians reduced the Israelites to severe slavery. 14 They made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar, brick, and all kinds of work in the field. All their service was with harshness and severity. 15 Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, of whom one was named Shiprah and the other Puah, 16 When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded, but let the male babies live. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, Why have you done this thing and allowed the male children to live? 19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; they are vigorous and quickly delivered; their babies are born before the midwife comes to them. 20 So God dealt well with the midwives and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives revered and feared God, He made them households [of their own]. 22 Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son born [to the Hebrews] you shall cast into the river [Nile], but every daughter you shall allow to live.

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Exodus**The 400 Years in Egypt****The Exodus from Egypt****The Ten Commandments****The Tabernacle**

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 13:21–22

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on."

Exodus 14:13–15

The title of this book comes from the Septuagint, the ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament. The word means "exit" or "departure." Exodus is book two of the Pentateuch (see *In the Beginning* and *The Old Testament Canon*). The traditional view held by most Bible scholars is that Moses wrote the bulk of the Pentateuch after Israel's exodus from Egypt and during their 40 years of wandering in the desert.

Exodus gives us insight into God's nature, and it also provides a foundational theology as to who God is, how He is to be worshiped, His laws, His covenant with Israel, and His overall plan of redemption. Through the Exodus, His Ten Commandments, and the laws given in the Book of the Covenant, we see God's loving and just character and we obtain a greater understanding of the depth of His holiness.

Exodus 1. Israel in Egypt

A total of 430 years elapsed between Jacob's migration to Egypt and the Exodus (12:40–41). Genesis ended with the death of Joseph, and Exodus begins 300 years later with the birth of Moses. During these centuries the Israelites had become very numerous (1:7). At the time of the Exodus there were 600,000 men above age 20, besides women and children (Numbers 1:46), which would total about 3 million Israelites. For 70 persons to grow to this number in 430 years, they would have had to double about every 25 years, which is entirely possible. (The growth of the population in the United States in 400 years, from relatively few to more than a quarter billion, makes the statement about the growth of the Israelites credible—even allowing for the fact that the U.S. population grew in part because of immigration.)

After the death of Joseph, a change of dynasty made the Israelites a race of slaves. But the family records of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, no doubt, had been carried to Egypt, and through the long years of slavery the promise that Canaan would one day be their national home, and that they would be free, was steadfastly cherished.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 136-137)

Oppression In Egypt: V 7 There was a population explosion. Seventy originally came to Egypt; but 300 years after Joseph's death, when the Jews made the exodus out of Israel, there were 600,000 adult males. They were doubling their population every 25 years. **VV 11-12** Nations seem to become strong and grow under adversity. However, prosperity can often be the cause of a nation's decline. The same seems to be true of the church. Early in its history, the Roman government severely persecuted the church, but instead of weakening it, it grew by leaps and bounds.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; Commentaries; page 23)

Learning To 'Follow the Leader': Romans 8:14

When I was a small boy, my siblings and I used to play a game called "Follow the Leader." I always wanted to be the leader, but my older sister always claimed that coveted leadership role. As leader, she had the right to tell us what to do, what games we would or would not play, who would clean the house, who would take out the trash, who would vacuum the carpets, and so on. No wonder my older sister always wanted to be the leader! I always think of this when I read Romans 8:14. It says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." In Greek, the sentence structure is reversed so that it reads, "For as many as by the Spirit are being led, they are the sons of God." This version puts the Holy Spirit at the first of the verse, and we are placed behind Him—just as children stay behind the leader as they play "Follow the Leader"!

The Greek word for "led" is the word *ago*, which simply means to lead. It was often used to depict animals that were led by a rope tied around their necks. Once tied to that rope, these animals willfully followed wherever their owner led them.

How interesting that Paul used this word! It tells us that we should be willing to let the Holy Spirit lead us in every part of our lives. We should be so surrendered to Him that wherever He tells us to go or whatever He tells us to do, we should simply be obedient and follow.

However, it must also be pointed out that this word *ago* is also the root for the Greek word *agon*, which is where we get the word *agony*. Even in Greek, the word *agon* describes an intense conflict, such as a struggle in a wrestling match or a struggle of the human will. This illustrates the fact that although the Holy Spirit wants to lead us, our human will doesn't like the idea of being led. You see, it's the nature of the flesh to want to go its own way, so when we choose to walk in the Spirit and let Him dictate our lives, His leadership over us creates a struggle between our will and our flesh.

Just for a moment, think of how many times a child is tempted to rebel against his parents. Or consider the many times our flesh has rebelled against exercise or a diet that we've imposed on ourselves. There's no doubt about it—the human will and the flesh are strong. These parts of us have a very difficult time surrendering control to someone else—and that includes being led by the Holy Spirit!

When I was a child and we played "Follow the Leader," I didn't like being led by my sister and being told what to do. I wanted to be in charge myself so I could call the shots as I saw them! Maybe that's how you've been feeling about your own life. But as a child of God, you have to learn to stay in your place—behind the Holy Spirit, following His lead.

Romans 8:14 really means:

"Those who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, they are the sons of God."

However, because the word *agonidzo* is used, Romans 8:14 also carries this idea:

"Following the leadership of the Holy Spirit is one of the privileges of being a son of God, although it may be agonizing to learn how to defer to Him and to really let Him be your Leader."

If you want to learn to live a Spirit-led life, there is no way around it—you have to deal with your flesh. The flesh wants control, so you must mortify or defeat the flesh and allow the Holy Spirit to have His way. The struggle may seem great, but it's the only way to live a supernatural Christian life!

Make it your goal to learn how to discern the Holy Spirit's leading. Become His constant "tag-along," watching to see what He's doing, where He's going, and how He's leading. Stay sensitive to Him so you can pick up His "nudge" in your heart. Then once you know what He wants you to do, just fall in step behind Him and "follow the Leader"!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Can you recall times in the past when you emphatically knew that the Holy Spirit was supernaturally leading you to do something?

What were you doing at that time in your spiritual life that made it easier for you to recognize and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit?

In order for you to be consistently led by the Holy Spirit, what actions do you need to take to keep yourself sensitive enough to hear His voice and to discern His leading? Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion.

Psalm 65:1

To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. — All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. — By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. — Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God. I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Charles Spurgeon.

1 Corinthians 8:6. John 5:23. Hebrews 13:15. Psalm 50:23. Revelation 7:9,10,12. Daily Light on the Daily Path.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pages 89-90) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Maps, Devotionals)