



~ 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, as we learn more as we meditate on Your Word, fill us with wisdom and understanding. Give us a clear guiding in God's will for us and plans. Help us to be good stewards of what God has given us. Lead and guide us and bless us and keep us, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

1 Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived.¹ 2 (Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil¹ and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)² Matt 26:6; Mark 14:3; Luke 7:37; John 12:3; 3 So the sisters sent a message¹ to Jesus,² "Lord, look, the one you love is sick." 4 When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not lead to death, but to God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it John 11:40; John 9:13; 5 (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he remained in the place where he was for two more days. 7 Then after this, he said to his disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were just now trying to stone you to death! Are you going there again?" John 8:59; John 10:31; 9 Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks around in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks around at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 After he said this, he added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. But I am going there to awaken him." Matt 9:24; Mark 5:39; Luke 8:52; 12 Then the disciples replied, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 (Now Jesus had been talking about his death, but they thought he had been talking about real sleep.)

14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

John 11 : 1-15

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This was probably about a month before His own death. It was His third raising of the dead; Jairus daughter (Mark 5: 21-43), the widow of Nain's son (Luke 7 : 11-17); and Lazarus climaxed by His own never more to die. The miracle brought the Sanhedrin to a final decision to kill Jesus (53). Jesus therefore retired to the wilderness of Ephraim, about 12 miles north of Jerusalem, to await, in quiet the Twelve, the Passover.

Mary and Martha, the same Mary whom sat at Jesus' feet to be taught, and also the same Mary whom anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped, His feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was [now] sick. Jesus received the message of Lazarus sickness and said; this sickness is not to end in death, but [on the contrary] it is to honor God and to promote His glory, that the Son of God may be glorified through (by) it. Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [They were dear friends and He held them in loving esteem.] When He heard that Lazarus was sick, He still stayed two days longer in the same place where He was, then after that interval He said to His disciples, Let us go back again to Judea. The disciples said Rabbi, the Jews only recently were intending and trying to stone You, and are You [thinking of] going back there again? Jesus said; Are there not twelve hours in the day? Anyone who walks about in the daytime does not stumble, because he sees [by] the light of this world, but if anyone walks about in the night he does stumble, because there is no light in him [the light is lacking to him]. Jesus than added, our friend Lazarus is at rest and sleeping [dead] but I am going there that I may awaken him out of his sleep. The disciples did not understand that Lazarus was already dead and Jesus knew it, they thought he was just asleep. So Jesus said to them that he was dead, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, it will help you to believe (to trust and rely on Me; however, let us go to him. Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days, which means the decay was already set in, and note he was in burial clothes so he had been embalmed (this is an old practice not a new one). Jesus told Martha her brother, Lazarus would rise, she said yes, in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus than explained that He is the resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, although he may die, yet he shall live, and whoever continues to live and believes in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this? She said yes. She than called Mary she dropped down at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews also sobbing....He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled and He said, where have you laid him?....Jesus wept.....The Jews said, see how He loved him? They than wondered some of them why if He could heal a blind man's eyes that He could not have prevented him from dying. Jesus asked for the stone to be removed from the tomb. Martha reminded Him that... by this time he [is decaying and] throws off a odor, for he has been dead four days...Jesus reminded her, did I not tell you and promise you that if you would believe and rely on Me, you would see the glory of God/ Jesus lifted up His eyes and said; Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. (...so Jesus had obviously prayed) Yes, I know You always hear and listen to Me, but I have said this on account of and for the benefit of the people standing around, so that they may believe that You, did send Me. He than shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! (Jesus was speaking of praying to God, our God hears all prayers.) (I don't know about you but I think that would have shook people up, in grave clothes and a body walks out, sort of like the mummy movies, it would have been interesting to see the people's faces when this happened).

The two sisters had different personalities, as is the case in our families no two people are the same. Mary showed her love by devotionally sitting and visiting with Jesus. Martha showed her love by actions and being busy (Luke 10: 38-42) The word lovest in Greek is phileo, to be fond of, to admire.

In the Jewish culture, the depth of the love for the deceased was demonstrated by the amount of mourning, even to the point of hiring professional mourners. Death seems to be an opportunity for natural man to blame God. Death is the result of man's sin. The moment a Christian dies, he moves out of his earthly body and into his incorruptible body. Weeping in the Greek is wailing. The Greek word for groaned in the spirit, signifies wrath or anger, Jesus was angry over the issue of sin which had caused man such death and sorrow. He wept here means that tears began to pour down His cheeks. Jesus was groaning in Himself because He was angry at sin. To prepare for worshipping God during the Holy feast days, the Jews had to perform certain rites of purification. The chief priests and Pharisees had probably issued a warrant for Jesus' arrest, they took counsel and plotted together how they might put Him to death.

We can know that Jesus has defeated the power of death. Although your body will one day die, your spirit will live forever with God.

Pharisees——

Separatists (Hebrews persahin, from parash, "to separate"). They were probably the successors of the Assideans (i.e., the "pious"), a party that originated in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes in revolt against his heathenizing policy. The first mention of them is in a description by Josephus of the three sects or schools into which the Jews were divided (B.C. 145). The other two sects were the Essenes and the Sadducees. In the time of our Lord they were the popular party (John 7:48). They were extremely accurate and minute in all matters appertaining to the law of Moses (Matthew 9:14; 23:15; Luke 11:39; 18:12). Paul, when brought before the council of Jerusalem, professed himself a Pharisee (Acts 23:6-8; 26:4, 5).

There was much that was sound in their creed, yet their system of religion was a form and nothing more. Theirs was a very lax morality (Matthew 5:20; 15:4, 8; 23:3, 14, 23, 25; John 8:7). On the first notice of them in the New Testament (Matthew 3:7), they are ranked by our Lord with the Sadducees as a "generation of vipers." They were noted for their self-righteousness and their pride (Matthew 9:11; Luke 7:39; 18:11, 12). They were frequently rebuked by our Lord (Matthew 12:39; 16:1-4).

From the very beginning of his ministry the Pharisees showed themselves bitter and persistent enemies of our Lord. They could not bear his doctrines, and they sought by every means to destroy his influence among the people.

DOCTRINES OF THE PHARISEES

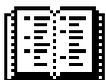
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Psa 119:105

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



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“Here is my servant whom I support,
my chosen one in whom I take pleasure.
I have placed my spirit on him;
he will make just decrees² for the nations.³ Matt 3:17; Matt 17:5; Eph 1:6; Isa 11:2; John 3:34;

2 He will not cry out or shout;
he will not publicize himself in the streets.¹

3 A crushed reed he will not break,
a dim wick he will not extinguish;¹
he will faithfully make just decrees.²

4 He will not grow dim or be crushed
before establishing justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait in anticipation for his decrees.”

5 This is what the true God, the LORD, says –
the one who created the sky and stretched it out,
the one who fashioned the earth and everything that lives on it,
the one who gives breath to the people on it,
and life to those who live on it:

6 “I, the LORD, officially commission you;
I take hold of your hand.

I protect you and make you a covenant mediator for people,
and a light to the nations,

7 to open blind eyes,
to release prisoners from dungeons,
those who live in darkness from prisons.

8 I am the LORD! That is my name!
I will not share my glory with anyone else,
or the praise due me with idols. Isa 48:11;

9 Look, my earlier predictive oracles have come to pass;
now I announce new events.

Before they begin to occur,
I reveal them to you.”

10 Sing to the LORD a brand new song!
Praise him from the horizon of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and everything that lives in it,
you coastlands and those who live there! Ps 33:3;

11 Let the desert and its cities shout out,
the towns where the nomads of Kedar live!
Let the residents of Sela shout joyfully;
let them shout loudly from the mountaintops.

12 Let them give the LORD the honor he deserves;
let them praise his deeds in the coastlands.

13 The LORD emerges like a hero,
like a warrior he inspires himself for battle;
he shouts, yes, he yells,
he shows his enemies his power.

14 "I have been inactive for a long time;

I kept quiet and held back

Like a woman in labor I groan;

I pant and gasp.

15 I will make the trees on the mountains and hills wither up;

I will dry up all their vegetation.

I will turn streams into islands,

and dry up pools of water.

16 I will lead the blind along an unfamiliar way;

I will guide them down paths they have never traveled.

I will turn the darkness in front of them into light,

and level out the rough ground.

This is what I will do for them.

I will not abandon them. Isa 40:3-4;

17 Those who trust in idols

will turn back and be utterly humiliated,

those who say to metal images, "You are our gods." Ps 97:7; Isa 1:29; Isa 44:11; Isa 45:16;

18 "Listen, you deaf ones!

Take notice, you blind ones!

19 My servant is truly blind,

my messenger is truly deaf.

My covenant partner, the servant of the LORD, is truly blind.

20 You see many things, but don't comprehend;

their ears are open, but do not hear." Rom 2:2;

21 The LORD wanted to exhibit his justice

by magnifying his law and displaying it.

22 But these people are looted and plundered;

all of them are trapped in pits

and held captive in prisons.

They were carried away as loot with no one to rescue them;

they were carried away as plunder, and no one says, "Bring that back!"

23 Who among you will pay attention to this?

Who will listen attentively in the future?

24 Who handed Jacob over to the robber?

Who handed Israel over to the looters?

Was it not the LORD, against whom we sinned?

They refused to follow his commands;

they disobeyed his law.

25 So he poured out his fierce anger on them,

along with the devastation of war.

Its flames encircled them, but they did not realize it;

it burned against them, but they did notice.