



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, it is clear that You want me to be filled with Your power and strength today Your Holy Spirit, so I open my heart right now and ask You to fill me with Your Spirit. Thank You for creating me to be the receptacle for this wonderful power—and by faith, I receive a fresh infilling of Your Spirit right now. Lord fill with whom to pray for today, whom may I bless and how. Led me Lord, only You can. Fill me with Your will today and plans, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Exodus 2: 1-25 (AMP)

1 NOW [Amram] a man of the house of Levi [the priestly tribe] went and took as his wife [Jochebed] a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman became pregnant and bore a son; and when she saw that he was [exceedingly] beautiful, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark or basket made of bulrushes or papyrus [making it watertight by] daubing it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and laid it among the rushes by the brink of the river [Nile]. 4 And his sister [Miriam] stood some distance away to learn what would be done to him. 5 Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked along the bank; she saw the ark among the rushes and sent her maid to fetch it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child; and behold, the baby cried. And she took pity on him and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children! 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a nurse of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you? 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she called him Moses, for she said, Because I drew him out of the water. 11 One day, after Moses was grown, it happened that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of [Moses'] brethren. 12 He looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 He went out the second day and saw two Hebrew men quarreling and fighting; and he said to the unjust aggressor, Why are you striking your comrade? 14 And the man said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? Then Moses was afraid and thought, Surely this thing is known. 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh's presence and took refuge in the land of Midian, where he sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock. 18 And when they came to Reuel [Jethro] their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today? 19 They said, An Egyptian delivered us from the shepherds; also he drew water for us and watered the flock. 20 He said to his daughters, Where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread. 21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. 22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom [expulsion, or a stranger there]; for he said, I have been a stranger and a sojourner in a foreign land. 23 However, after a long time [nearly forty years] the king of Egypt died; and the Israelites were sighing and groaning because of the bondage. They kept crying, and their cry because of slavery ascended to God. 24 And God heard their sighing and groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the Israelites and took knowledge of them and concerned Himself about them [knowing all, understanding, remembering all].

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Exodus 2. Moses

Exodus begins the story of Moses. His life and work are the subject matter of not only the book of Exodus, but also of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Moses stands out as one of the greatest—perhaps the greatest—man of the pre-Christian world. He took a race of slaves and, under inconceivably trying circumstances, molded them into a powerful nation that has altered the whole course of history.

Moses was a Levite—he was of the tribe of Levi (v. 1). The sister who engineered his rescue was Miriam (15:20). His father may have been Amram, his mother Jochebed (6:20), although they may have been more distant ancestors. And what a mother! She so thoroughly instilled the traditions of his people in him in childhood that all the splendor and temptations of the heathen palace never eradicated those early impressions. He had the finest education Egypt could offer, but it did not turn his head or cause him to lose his childhood faith.

His 40 Years in the Palace

Moses, as he grew to manhood, is thought to have been appointed to high office in the government of Egypt. Josephus says he commanded an army in the south. He must have attained considerable power, reputation, and skill; otherwise it is not likely that he would have undertaken so gigantic a task as the deliverance of Israel, which (according to Acts 7:25) he had in mind when he intervened in the Egyptian's beating of a Hebrew slave (Exodus 2:11–15). But though conscious of his power, he failed, because the people were not ready for his leadership—and neither was Moses himself.

His 40 Years in the Desert

These 40 years, in God's providence, were part of Moses' training. The loneliness and roughness of the wilderness developed sturdy qualities he could hardly have acquired in the softness of the palace. It familiarized him with the region in which he later led Israel for 40 years.

The center of Midian (v. 15), the country where Moses went, was on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Akaba, although the Midianites controlled the regions west of the gulf and to the north as well. In Moses' day they controlled the rich pasture lands around Sinai.

Moses married a Midianite woman, Zipporah (v. 21), a daughter of Jethro (who is also called Reuel; 2:18 ; 3:1). Jethro, as priest of Midian, must have been a ruler. The Midianites were also descendants of Abraham, through Keturah (Genesis 25:2), and must have had traditions of Abraham's God. Moses had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer (18:3–4).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History and Commentaries; pages 137-138)

Moses: V 2 The word "goodly " is beautiful. V 3 She was fulfilling Pharaoh's command to cast the child in the river, putting him in a waterproof basket. VV 4-6 We see the beautiful story of God's preservation. V 7 Wet nursing was common in those days. VV 8-9 During his formative years. Moses received the strong inculcating of the Hebrew traditions, and was endowed with a sense of a nation of destiny. It's a tremendous example of what Proverbs 22:6 declares, "Train up a child in the way to go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." V 10 " Moses" means to be taken out of the water. V 12 He looked this way and that way, but he didn't look up. We make that mistake so often. We look this way and that way, and then we act, not realizing that God sees us. Moses go ahead of God. He tried to fulfill God's will in the ability and power of his flesh. The work of the Spirit can never be accomplished in the ability of our flesh. To do the work of the Spirit, I must be anointed, empowered, and directed by the Spirit of God. V 22 "Gershom " means stranger. VV 22-23 Between verses 22 and 23 is a period of about 40 years. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 23-24)

A Unique Receptacle Specially Made for the Power of God!**Ephesians 6:10**

Could you use some extra strength today? I want to draw your attention to the word "strong" in Ephesians 6:10. It is the Greek word endunamao, a compound of the words en and dunamis. The word en means in. The word dunamis means explosive strength, ability, and power. It's where we get the word dynamite.

Thus, this word endunamao presents the picture of an explosive power that is being deposited into some type of container, vessel, or other form of receptacle. The very nature of this word endunamao means that there necessarily must be some type of receiver for this power to be deposited into.

This is where we come into the picture! We are specially designed by God to be the receptacles of divine power. When Paul tells us to be strong in the Lord, he is essentially saying, "Receive a supernatural, strengthening, internal deposit of power into your inner man." God is the Giver, and we are the receptacles into which this power is to be deposited.

Paul knew you and I would desperately need supernatural power in order to successfully combat the attacks the enemy would bring against us. That's why he urges us to open our spirits, souls, and bodies to God so we can receive this supernatural strength.

Ephesians 6:10 could be translated to mean:

"... Be infused with supernatural strength and ability...."(which means the Holy Spirit)

"... Be empowered with this special touch of God's strength...."

"... Receive this inner strengthening...."

God wants you and me to have this supernatural strength and ability! We are the special receptacles or containers He created His kids. Think of how wonderful it is that God specially fashioned you and me to be the containers for the power of God, (filled with the Holy Spirit)....!

So if you're feeling a need for extra strength today, open your heart right now and allow God to give you a fresh infilling of His explosive, Holy Spirit power!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do you feel a need for more strength and power in your life today?

Have you asked the Lord to refill you with the power of the Holy Spirit? Why don't you take a few minutes right now to open your heart and let the Lord fill you with a new surge of divine power?

What steps can you take today to avail yourself to a special touch of the Holy Spirit's strength?

We are the special receptacles or containers God created to possess this phenomenal power. Just think of it! He specially fashioned you and me to be the containers for His divine power.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Ex 4:31 — And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the Israelites, and that He had looked [in compassion] upon their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

1Sa 1:11 — She vowed, saying, O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your handmaid and [earnestly] remember, and not forget Your handmaid but will give me a son, I will give him to the Lord all his life; no razor shall touch his head. **2Sa 16:12** — It may be that the Lord will look on the iniquity done me and will recompense me with good for his cursing this day.

Job 33:27 — He looks upon other men or sings out to them, I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it did not profit me, or He did not requite me [according to my iniquity]!

Lk 1:25 — Because thus the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He deigned to look on me to take away my reproach among men.

Ex 1:8 — Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. **Ex 3:7** — And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters and oppressors; for I know their sorrows and sufferings and trials. **Ex 3:8** — And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]—to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Ps 1:6 — For the Lord knows and is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly [those living outside God's will] shall perish (end in ruin and come to nought).

Ps 55:22 — Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).

Mt 7:23 — And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands].