



~ 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, bless each person this day and shine Your face upon them, and give them peace. Lord, we ask only for Your will in our lives and Your plans. Lead us and guide us, and teach us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Scripture

1 “I have told you all these things so that you will not fall away.¹ 2 They will put you out of¹ the synagogue,² yet a time³ is coming when the one who kills you will think he is offering service to God.⁴ John 9:22; John 9:34; John 12:42; 3 They¹ will do these things because they have not known the Father or me.² John 15:21; 1Cor 2:8; 4 But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them.

“I did not tell you these things from the beginning because I was with you.^{note} John 13:19; John 14:29; 5 But now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 Instead your hearts are filled with sadness because I have said these things to you. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I am going away. For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. Luke 24:49; John 14:26; John 15:26; 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong concerning sin and righteousness and judgment – 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. John 12:31; John 14:30; Eph 2:2; Col 2:15;

John 16: 1-11

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In John 16:7, 8 Jesus told the disciples that when the Holy Spirit came, He would have close fellowship with them and would convict them of sin. The Holy Spirit guides believers into all truth, and He is the agent in the process of sanctification in their lives. This is partially accomplished by His convicting work. Every time we get off track or go in a wrong direction, the Holy Spirit convicts us that our behavior or decision is wrong. This is accomplished by a knowing in our spirit that what we are doing is not right.

When we are convicted we should repent and change our direction. No more and no less is required or acceptable. If we are willing to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, we can move on to spiritual maturity and release all the planned blessings of God in our lives, if however we ignore the Holy Spirit's conviction and go our own way, we will find it very difficult, our lives will not be blessed and as a result, we will not bear fruit.

John 16:7-11 tells us that the Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience to convict us of sin and convince us of righteousness. His conviction is intended to convince us to repent, which means to turn and go in the right direction rather than the wrong one in which we are currently headed. Learning that conviction is different from condemnation sometimes takes a long time for people, we feel condemned each time the Holy Spirit convicts us of something in our life that was not God's will. Conviction is meant to lift us out of something, to help us move up higher in God's will and plan for our lives. Condemnation presses us down and puts us under a burden of guilt. Condemnation does not come from God, only conviction. Satan does not want us to be convicted by the Holy Spirit, nor does he even want us to understand that we are under conviction. He always has a counterfeit for all the good things that God offers something that appears to be similar to what God offers, but which if received, brings destruction instead of blessing. God, sent Jesus to set us free and to give us righteousness, peace and joy. Our spirits should be light and carefree, not oppressed and heavy with burdens we are unable to bear. We cannot bear our sins; Jesus came to bear them. He alone is able to do so, and we must receive His ministry.

Truth is one of the most powerful weapons a believer has against the kingdom of darkness. Truth is light, and the Bible says that the darkness has never overpowered the light, and it never will. (John 1:5). Jesus said that truth will set us free (John 8:32) Truth is revealed by the Spirit of Truth. Jesus could have showed His disciples all the truth, but John 16:12, 13 reveals that He knew they were not ready for it. He told them that they needed to wait until the Holy Spirit came down from heaven to abide with them, and to dwell in them (Luke 24:49) When Jesus ascended into heaven, He did indeed send the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-18). The Holy Spirit in order to work in our lives, we have to face the truth. He is called "The Spirit of Truth" (John 16:13). He helps us to face the truth, because only the truth will set us free.

In John 16:12,13, Jesus told His disciples that He had many things to say to them, that they were unable to bear, but He promised that the Holy Spirit would come and lead them into all truth and continue to teach them (John 14:26). When Jesus spoke those words, He was talking to men with whom He had spent the previous three years. They were with Him day and night, yet He indicated that He had more to teach them. Jesus said to expect more because He will always have things to teach us and something to say to us about new situations we are facing. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do. It is written in [the book of] the Prophets, and they shall be taught of God [have Him in person for their Teacher]. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me" (John 6:45).

God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in each of us as Christians. He is our Guide, our Teacher of truth, our Counselor, and our Helper, He is also our Comforter. Jesus went away because if He did not go, then the Holy Spirit would not come to us (John 16:7). Jesus was in a body just as we are, and could only be in one place at a time, just as we do. The Holy Spirit can be in each of us everywhere we go, all the time, individually leading and guiding us, if we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and follow His lead, we can live the abundant life God wants us to have. God is omnipotent and can be everywhere, whereas we still can only be in one place as humans.

"I came out from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father." John 16:28

But take notice, the hour is coming, and it has arrived, when you will all be dispersed and scattered, every man to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. John 16:32

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.] John 16:33

We as Christians are in travail now, but we'll have complete joy when we enter into heaven. We should be praying to God in the name of Jesus. Joy is related to our prayer life (James 4:3). We can ask the Father ourselves, because He loves us. The disciples were going through their most severe trials. Jesus wants us to have peace.

The source of the Great Tribulation at the end of the world is from God who will send judgment against the Christ-rejecting world. (Amplified Bible; 2005; JMM, notes and commentaries) (New Testament Study Guide; 2005' Chuck Smith)

Psalm 110

1 Apsalm of David.

Here is the LORD's proclamation² to my lord:³

"Sit down at my right hand⁴ until I make your enemies your footstool!"⁵

2 The LORD¹ extends² your dominion³ from Zion.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3 Your people willingly follow you¹ when you go into battle.²

On the holy hills³ at sunrise⁴ the dew of your youth⁵ belongs to you.⁶

4 The LORD makes this promise on oath and will not revoke it:

"You are an eternal priest after the pattern of Melchizedek."

Heb 5:6; Heb 6:20; Heb 7:17;

5 O sovereign LORD, at your right hand

he strikes down kings in the day he unleashes his anger.

6 He executes judgment against the nations;

he fills the valleys with corpses;

he shatters their heads over the vast battlefield.

Rev 14:14; Rev 16:14; Rev 20:8;

7 From the stream along the road he drinks;

then he lifts up his head.

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto

**my feet, and a light
unto my path.**



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