



~ 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, God we are trusting in, leaning on, and relying on You; trusting You at all times. You are a fortress and a high tower for us. Lord, because You have not rejected our prayers or removed Your mercy and loving kindness from us, Your will is done always. Thank You, God, for bearing our burdens and carrying us day by day. To us, You are a God of deliverance and salvation. God, we are seeking You, inquiring of You, requiring You as our vital need and rejoicing in You. We love Your salvation and we will say continually, "Let God be magnified!" Led us this day in Your will for us and plans; protect us and keep us, in Jesus' name.

Amen..

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Scripture

I Timothy I (2005)

I Timothy 1:1-20 (AMP)

¹ PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by appointment *and* command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), our Hope,

² To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace (spiritual blessing and favor), mercy, and [heart] peace [be yours] from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ As I urged you when I was on my way to Macedonia, stay on where you are at Ephesus in order that you may warn *and* admonish *and* charge certain individuals not to teach any different doctrine,

⁴ Nor to give importance to *or* occupy themselves with legends (fables, myths) and endless genealogies, which foster *and* promote useless speculations *and* questionings rather than acceptance in faith of God's administration *and* the divine training that is in faith (in that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence)—

⁵ Whereas the object *and* purpose of our instruction *and* charge is love, which springs from a pure heart and a good (clear) conscience and sincere (unfeigned) faith.

⁶ But certain individuals have missed the mark on this very matter [and] have wandered away into vain arguments *and* discussions *and* purposeless talk.

⁷ They are ambitious to be doctors of the Law (teachers of the Mosaic ritual), but they have no understanding either of the words *and* terms they use or of the subjects about which they make [such] dogmatic assertions.

⁸ Now we recognize *and* know that the Law is good if anyone uses it lawfully [for the purpose for which it was designed],

⁹ Knowing *and* understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike *and* beat *and* [even] murder fathers *and* strike *and* beat *and* [even] murder mothers, for man-slayers,

¹⁰ [For] impure *and* immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers—and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching *and* sound doctrine

¹¹ As laid down by the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.

¹² I give thanks to Him Who has granted me [the needed] strength *and* made me able [for this], Christ Jesus our Lord, because He has judged *and* counted me faithful *and* trustworthy, appointing me to [this stewardship of] the ministry.

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1 Timothy 1:13-20 (AMP)

¹³ Though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and was shamefully *and* outrageously *and* aggressively insulting [to Him], nevertheless, I obtained mercy because I had acted out of ignorance in unbelief.

¹⁴ And the grace (unmerited favor and blessing) of our Lord [actually] flowed out superabundantly *and* beyond measure for me, accompanied by faith and love that are [to be realized] in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ The saying is sure *and* true and worthy of full *and* universal acceptance, that Christ Jesus (the Messiah) came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.

¹⁶ But I obtained mercy for the reason that in me, as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might show forth *and* display all His perfect long-suffering *and* patience for an example to [encourage] those who would thereafter believe on Him for [the gaining of] eternal life.

¹⁷ Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible *and* immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever (to the ages of ages). Amen (so be it).

¹⁸ This charge *and* admonition I commit in trust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with prophetic intimations which I formerly received concerning you, so that inspired *and* aided by them you may wage the good warfare,

¹⁹ Holding fast to faith (that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence) and having a good (clear) conscience. By rejecting *and* thrusting from them [their conscience], some individuals have made shipwreck of their faith.

²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan in order that they may be disciplined [by punishment and learn] not to blaspheme.



False Teachers: The false teachers (vv. 3-11). When Paul left Ephesus seven years before, he had warned that savage wolves would ravage the Ephesian church (Acts 20:29-30). Now they had appeared in full force and constituted Timothy's main problem. They appear to have been the same brand of false teachers as those whom Titus had to deal with in Crete, who based strange teachings on apocryphal Jewish legends connected with Old Testament genealogies. Paul's sinfulness: (vv. 12-17). The man who had perhaps done more for Christ than all others combined, bowed to the depths with feelings of unworthiness. The closer the walk with Christ, the deeper the sense of humility. Paul thought of his conversion as intended by God to be an everlasting example of God's patience with sinners. Hymenaeus and Alexander (vv. 19-20) were two ringleaders of the false teachers from whom, in his apostolic authority, Paul had withdrawn church membership (handed, over to Satan, v. 20). This is probably the same Alexander who later went to Rome to testify against Paul, and possibly the one who earlier had been Paul's devoted friend (2 Timothy 4:14). (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; history and commentaries; pages 837-838; 2000)

Paul indicates that God commanded him to be an apostle. Timothy had been a comfort and joy to Paul and a companion on many of his journeys, so Paul thought of him as a son. Paul usually invoked grace and peace in his epistles, but here he added "mercy." Justice is getting what we deserve; mercy is not getting what we deserve; grace is getting the blessings we don't deserve. (eleos=mercy, compassion). Paul wanted Timothy to keep the Ephesian church from getting mixed up in false doctrines. The Law actually deals with a man's heart more than with his actions, but people didn't understand when Jesus taught this. Our righteousness is dependent on our faith in Christ, not on keeping the Law. Some Christians were tempted to cling to the traditions of the Law because it provided a sense of security. "Men stealers" were kidnappers who sold men into slavery. When God calls. He also enables. If He calls us to do something, He gives us the ability to do it. When we sin willfully, God chastises us. Unbelievers are dealt with differently, because they're ignorant of God's will for them. When a well known sinner comes to God, it gives other sinners hope that God will forgive and accept them, too. There had been some prophecies concerning Timothy's ministry when he first began to serve the Lord.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005, Chuck Smith, commentaries, pages 131-132).

All disobedience is sin and is the root cause of unhappiness. Our sin and disobedience grieve the Holy Spirit, especially when we know that our behavior is going against God's commands. There are times in our lives when we disobey God, but we do it ignorantly. The apostle Paul is an example of a person who did not know he was disobeying God before his conversion to Christ. Paul once persecuted Christians zealously and thought he was doing God a favor. He was a very religious man who sincerely believed that Christians were evil. The Lord confronted him, and Paul immediately converted to Christ and was baptized (see Acts 9:1-22). He writes in 1 Timothy 1:13 that he received mercy from God because he acted in ignorance and unbelief. Notice that he says God bestowed superabundant grace upon him, a chief sinner, and that he received God's mercy so that Jesus Christ might be seen in him as an example to those who believe (see 1 Timothy 1:14-16). All of our sin, whether known or unknown, must be dealt with at the cross of Jesus Christ. We do receive great mercy when we sin unintentionally, and we stand in need of God's mercy all the time. Anyone who wishes to live a life filled with the peace and joy of God's grace needs to be obedient to God.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scriptures, Notes, commentaries; pages 1993-1994)

Psalm 58:1-11 (AMP)

- ¹ **DO YOU** indeed in silence speak righteousness, O you mighty ones? [Or is the righteousness, rightness, and justice you should speak quite dumb?] Do you judge fairly *and* uprightly, O you sons of men?
- ² **No**, in your heart you devise wickedness; you deal out in the land the violence of your hands.
- ³ **The ungodly** are perverse *and* estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
- ⁴ **Their poison** is like the venom of a serpent; they are like the deaf adder *or* asp that stops its ear,
- ⁵ **Which** listens not to the voice of charmers *or* of the enchanter never casting spells so cunningly.
- ⁶ **Break** their teeth, O God, in their mouths; break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord.
- ⁷ **Let** them melt away as water which runs on apace; when he aims his arrows, let them be as if they were headless *or* split apart.
- ⁸ **Let** them be as a snail dissolving slime as it passes on *or* as a festering sore which wastes away, like [the child to which] a woman gives untimely birth that has not seen the sun.
- ⁹ **Before** your pots can feel the thorns [that are placed under them for fuel], He will take them away as with a whirlwind, the green and the burning ones alike.
- ¹⁰ **The [unyieldingly] righteous** shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- ¹¹ **Men** will say, Surely there is a reward for the [uncompromisingly] righteous; surely there is a God Who judges on the earth.

Psalm 59:1-17 (AMP)

- ¹ **DELIVER ME** from my enemies, O my God; defend *and* protect me from those who rise up against me.
- ² **Deliver** me from *and* lift me above those who work evil and save me from bloodthirsty men.
- ³ **For**, behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce *and* mighty men are banding together against me, not for my transgression nor for any sin of mine, O Lord.
- ⁴ **They** run and prepare themselves, though there is no fault in me; rouse Yourself [O Lord] to meet *and* help me, and see!
- ⁵ **You**, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise to visit all the nations; spare none *and* be not merciful to any who treacherously plot evil. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
- ⁶ **They** return at evening, they howl *and* snarl like dogs, and go [prowling] about the city.
- ⁷ **Behold**, they belch out [insults] with their mouths; swords [of sarcasm, ridicule, slander, and lies] are in their lips, for who, they think, hears us?
- ⁸ **But** You, O Lord, will laugh at them [in scorn]; You will hold all the nations in derision.
- ⁹ **O my Strength**, I will watch *and* give heed to You *and* sing praises; for God is my Defense (my Protector and High Tower).
- ¹⁰ **My God** in His mercy *and* steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look [triumphantly] on my enemies (those who lie in wait for me).
- ¹¹ **Slay** them not, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power *and* make them wander to and fro, and bring them down, O Lord our Shield!
- ¹² **For** the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips, let them even be trapped *and* taken in their pride, and for the cursing and lying which they utter.
- ¹³ **Consume** them in wrath, consume them so that they shall be no more; and let them know unto the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob (Israel). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!
- ¹⁴ **And** at evening let them return; let them howl *and* snarl like dogs, and go prowling about the city.
- ¹⁵ **Let** them wander up and down for food and tarry all night if they are not satisfied (not getting their fill).
- ¹⁶ **But** I will sing of Your mighty strength *and* power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy *and* loving-kindness in the morning; for You have been to me a defense (a fortress and a high tower) and a refuge in the day of my distress.
- ¹⁷ **Unto** You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my Defense, my Fortress, *and* High Tower, the God Who shows me mercy *and* steadfast love.

Psa 119:105

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



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