



# ~ 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, **Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup>After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

<sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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## Scripture

### 2 Timothy 1 ( 2005)

#### 2 Timothy 1:1-18 (AMP)

<sup>1</sup>PAUL, AN apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, [my] beloved child: Grace (favor and spiritual blessing), mercy, and [heart] peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

<sup>3</sup>I thank God Whom I worship with a pure conscience, in the spirit of my fathers, when without ceasing I remember you night and day in my prayers,

<sup>4</sup>And when, as I recall your tears, I yearn to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup>I am calling up memories of your sincere *and* unqualified faith (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.

<sup>6</sup>That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination].

<sup>7</sup>For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm *and* well-balanced mind *and* discipline *and* self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Do not blush *or* be ashamed then, to testify to *and* for our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for His sake, but [with me] take your share of the suffering [to which the preaching] of the Gospel [may expose you, and do it] in the power of God.

<sup>9</sup>[For it is He] Who delivered *and* saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy *and* leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of *and* to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].

<sup>10</sup>[It is that purpose and grace] which He now has made known *and* has fully disclosed *and* made real [to us] through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who annulled death *and* made it of no effect and brought life and immortality (immunity from eternal death) to light through the Gospel.

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<sup>11</sup> For [the proclaiming of] this [Gospel] I was appointed a herald (preacher) and an apostle (special messenger) and a teacher *of the Gentiles*.

<sup>12</sup> And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard *and* keep that which has been entrusted to me *and* which I have committed [to Him] until that day.

<sup>13</sup> Hold fast *and* follow the pattern of wholesome *and* sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> Guard *and* keep [with the greatest care] the precious *and* excellently adapted [Truth] which has been entrusted [to you], by the [help of the] Holy Spirit Who makes His home in us.

<sup>15</sup> You already know that all who are in Asia turned away *and* forsook me, Phygelus and Hermogenes among them.

<sup>16</sup> May the Lord grant [His] mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, for he often showed me kindness *and* ministered to my needs [comforting and reviving and bracing me like fresh air]! He was not ashamed of my chains *and* imprisonment [for Christ's sake].

<sup>17</sup> No, rather when he reached Rome, he searched diligently *and* eagerly for me and found me.

<sup>18</sup> May the Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord on that [great] day! And you know how many things he did for me *and* what a help he was at Ephesus [you know better than I can tell you].



His Prayers for Timothy (vv. 3-5). Paul opens almost every one of his letters with prayers and thanksgiving (Romans 1:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:3; Philippians 1:3, 9-11; Colossians 1:3-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3). "Your tears" (v. 4): probably at their separation at Troas (4:13). When Paul wrote 1 Timothy, he was in Macedonia and Timothy was in Ephesus. They may have met later at Troas, and possibly it was here that Roman soldiers seized Paul and took him to Rome on the humiliating charge of setting fire to the city. Paul's certainty (vv. 6-14). He had seen Christ. He had suffered for Him. Christ, through unseen, was the one unquestioned reality of Paul's life. He was Paul's intimate companion, and Paul knew Him (v. 12) as one knows his best friend. "Herald...apostle...teacher" (v. 11): herald a proclaimer of the Gospel to those who never heard it, a "foreign missionary"; apostle...with direct personal authority from Christ; teacher... an instructor of settled Christian communities, our pastor. The disaffection at Ephesus (vv. 5-18). This was one of the saddest things in Paul's life. In Ephesus, where Paul had done his greatest work, and where almost the whole city turned to Christ, the false teachers had so gotten the upper hand that they were able to make capital out of Paul's arrest and turn the church against him at the time when he needed their love and sympathy more than ever.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history and commentaries; page 843)

Paul again adds "mercy" to grace and peace in the salutation. Paul had great power in prayer. Timothy had been in tears at the thought of Paul's approaching execution. Timothy's gift was declared by the word of prophecy, when hands were laid on him in prayer. Timothy had probably become fearful about the exercise of his gift. God has saved and called us, not because of our worthiness, but because of His grace. A preacher proclaims the truth to those who don't know it. Preaching is for sinners. Teaching is for those who already know the truth of the Gospel, who need information on doctrine and how to walk the Christian life in the Spirit. "Asia" refers to the peninsula we know as Asia Minor (Turkey), that area around Ephesus. False teachers had led the young Christians into the bondage of legalism and away from Paul's teachings of grace.

( New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; pages 135-136; notes and commentaries)

*As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a Shield to all those who trust and take refuge in Him.*

2 SAMUEL 22:31

Nehemiah 8:10 says, "Be not grieved *and* depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength *and* stronghold." Being happy and joyful makes you strong, and being mad or sad makes you weak. But the Lord is a Shield, and the Lifter of your head (see Psalms 3:3).

Satan isn't after your joy; he is after your strength. The devil wants you too weak to pray. He wants you worn out and burned out. But the Lord will lift your head and shield you from the devil's plot against you, if you put your trust in Him.

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*If thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it." Exodus 20:25*

God'S altar was to be built of unhewn stones, that no trace of human skill or labour might be seen upon it. Human wisdom delights to trim and arrange the doctrines of the cross into a system more artificial and more congenial with the depraved tastes of fallen nature; instead, however, of improving the gospel carnal wisdom pollutes it, until it becomes another gospel, and not the truth of God at all. All alterations and amendments of the Lord's own Word are defilements and pollutions. The proud heart of man is very anxious to have a hand in the justification of the soul before God; preparations for Christ are dreamed of, humblings and repentings are trusted in, good works are cried up, natural ability is much vaunted, and by all means the attempt is made to lift up human tools upon the divine altar. It were well if sinners would remember that so far from perfecting the Saviour's work, their carnal confidences only pollute and dishonour it. The Lord alone must be exalted in the work of atonement, and not a single mark of man's chisel or hammer will be endured. There is an inherent blasphemy in seeking to add to what Christ Jesus in His dying moments declared to be finished, or to improve that in which the Lord Jehovah finds perfect satisfaction. Trembling sinner, away with thy tools, and fall upon thy knees in humble supplication; and accept the Lord Jesus to be the altar of thine atonement, and rest in Him alone.

Many professors may take warning from this morning's text as to the doctrines which they believe. There is among Christians far too much inclination to square and reconcile the truths of revelation; this is a form of irreverence and unbelief, let us strive against it, and receive truth as we find it; rejoicing that the doctrines of the Word are unhewn stones, and so are all the more fit to build an altar for the Lord.

Evening Verse

*"As it began to dawn, came Magdalene, to see the sepulchre." Matthew 28:1*

Let us learn from Mary Magdalene how to obtain fellowship with the Lord Jesus. Notice how she sought. She sought the Saviour *very early* in the morning. If thou canst wait for Christ, and be patient in the hope of having fellowship with Him at some distant season, thou wilt never have fellowship at all; for the heart that is fitted for communion is a hungry and a thirsting heart. She sought Him also with *very great boldness*. Other disciples fled from the sepulchre, for they trembled and were amazed; but Mary, it is said, "stood" at the sepulchre. If you would have Christ with you, seek Him boldly. Let nothing hold you back. Defy the world. Press on where others flee. She sought Christ *faithfully*—she stood *at the sepulchre*. Some find it hard to stand by a living Saviour, but she stood by a dead one. Let us seek Christ after this mode, cleaving to the very least thing that has to do with Him, remaining faithful though all others should forsake Him. Note further, she sought Jesus *earnestly*—she stood "*weeping*." Those tear-droppings were as spells that led the Saviour captive, and made Him come forth and show Himself to her. If you desire Jesus' presence, weep after it! If you cannot be happy unless He come and say to you, "Thou art My beloved," you will soon hear His voice. Lastly, she sought the Saviour *only*. What cared she for angels, she turned herself back from them; her search was only for her Lord. If Christ be your one and only love, if your heart has cast out all rivals, you will not long lack the comfort of His presence. Mary Magdalene sought thus *because she loved much*. Let us arouse ourselves to the same intensity of affection; let our heart, like Mary's, be full of Christ, and our love, like hers, will be satisfied with nothing short of Himself. O Lord, reveal Thyself to us this evening!

Morning and Evening

Charles Spurgeon

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005; page 2007 -2008)

**Psa 119:105**  
**Thy word [is] a lamp unto**  
**my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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