



~ 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, Lord bless each person and keep them. Grant each favor. Lord help each person to draw closer to you in their love walk. Refresh discernment, wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, understanding in You my Lord. I ask for healing of those whom need healing; if it be physical, spiritual, or something going on in their life, touch each situation my Lord I ask for healing of each, and I only ask for Your will Lord. .Protect each person and their loved ones, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Titus I (2005)

Titus 1:1-16 (KJV)

- ¹ Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;
- ² In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
- ³ But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;
- ⁴ To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- ⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- ⁶ If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- ⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- ⁸ But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- ⁹ Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.
- ¹⁰ For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:
- ¹¹ Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
- ¹² One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.
- ¹³ This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;
- ¹⁴ Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.
- ¹⁵ Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
- ¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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The hope of eternal life (v. 2). As he neared the end of his life. Paul, like Peter (1 Peter 1:3-5), kept his eyes steadfastly fixed on heaven. It had been the unceasing burden of his preaching and the one grand motivation of his life.

1. The glories of existence when the body shall have been redeemed (Romans 8:18,23); the ecstasy of the day when "the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:51-55).
2. His longing for the house "not built by human hands" (2 Corinthians 5:1-2).
3. His citizenship in heaven, which will be complete when he has received a body like the Savior's (Philippians 3:20-21).
4. His joy at the thought of being caught up to be forever with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
5. The crown of righteousness which he would receive in that day (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Qualifications of an elder (vv. 5-9). "Elder" (v. 5), and "overseer" (v. 7; KJV bishop) are here used as identical terms for the same office. The qualifications listed here are practically the same as those Paul gave to Timothy (1 Timothy 3:1-7). The false teachers (vv. 10-16). The Cretan churches were beset with false teachers who, like those spoken of in 2 Peter 2 and in Jude, while professing to be Christian teachers, were in fact "detestable" and "unfit for doing anything good" (v. 16). The false teachers had to be silenced, not by force but by vigorous proclamation of the truth (v. 11). "Whole households" probably means whole congregations, for churches then met in family homes. The Cretan "prophet" (v. 12) is the poet Epimenides, who lived around 600 B.C. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 848-849)

Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study.

D. L. Moody

A quickening that is to last must come through the Word of God. A man stood up in one of our meetings, and said he hoped for enough out of the series of meetings to last him all his life. I told him he might as well try to eat enough breakfast at one sitting to last him his lifetime. That is a mistake that people are making; they are running to religious meetings, and they think the meetings are going to do the work. But if these do not bring you into closer contact with the Word of God, the whole impression will be gone in three months. The more you love the Scriptures, the firmer will be your faith. There is little back-sliding when people love the Scriptures. If you come into closer contact with the Word, you will gain something that will last; because the Word of God is going to endure. In Psalm 119 the writer prayed nine times that God would quicken him—according to his word, his law, his judgment, his precepts, etc. If I could say something that would induce Christians to have a deeper love for the Word of God, I should feel this to be the most important service that could be rendered to them. Do you ask: How can I get in love with the Bible? If you will only arouse yourself to the study of it, and ask God's assistance, He will assuredly help you. Word and Work make healthy Christians. If it be all Word and no work, people will suffer from what I may call religious gout. On the other hand, if it be all work and no Word, it will not be long before they will fall into all kinds of sin and error; so that they will do more harm than good. But if we first study the Word, and then go to work, we shall be healthy, useful Christians. I never saw a fruit-bearing Christian who was not a student of the Bible. If a man neglects his Bible, he may pray and ask God to use him in his work, but God cannot make use of him; for there is not much for the Holy Ghost to work upon. We must have the Word itself, which is sharper than any two-edged sword. We have a great many prayer-meetings, but there is something just as important as prayer, and that is that we read our Bibles; that we have Bible study, and Bible lectures, and Bible classes, so that we may get hold of the Word of God. When I pray, I talk to God; but when I read the Bible, God is talking to me: and it is really more important that God should speak to me than that I should speak to Him. I believe we would know better how to pray if we knew our Bibles better. What is an army good for, if the soldiers do not know how to use their weapons? What is a young man starting out in the Christian work good for, if he does not know how to use his Bible? A man is not worth much in battle if he has any doubt about his weapon; and I have never found a man having doubts about the Bible who has amounted to much in Christian work. I have seen work after work wrecked because men lost confidence in this Old Book. If young converts want to be used of God, they must feed on his Word. Their experience may be very good and very profitable at the outset, and they may help others by telling it; but if they keep on doing nothing else but telling their experience, it will soon become stale and unprofitable, and people will weary of hearing the same thing over and over again. When they have told how they have been converted, the next thing is to feed on the Word. We are not fountains ourselves; but the Word of God is the true fountain. If we feed on the Word, it will be so easy then to speak to others; and not only that, but we shall be growing in grace all the while, and others will take notice of our walk and conversation. So few grow, because so few study. I would advise all young converts to keep as much as they can in the company of more experienced Christians. I like to keep in the society of those who know more than I do; and I never lose a chance of getting all the good I can out of them. Study the Bible carefully and prayerfully; ask of others what this passage means, and what that passage means; and when you have become practically acquainted with the great truths it contains, you will have less to fear from the world, the flesh, and the devil. You will not be disappointed in your Christian life. People are constantly saying: We want something new—some new doctrine, some new idea. Depend upon it, if you get tired of the Word of God, and it becomes wearisome to you, you are out of communion with Him. When I was in Baltimore last, my window looked out on an Episcopal church. The stained glass windows were dull and uninviting by day; but when the lights shone through at night, how beautiful they were! So when the Holy Spirit touches the eyes of your understanding, and you see Christ shining through the pages of the Bible, it becomes a new book to you. A young lady once took up a novel to read, but found it dull and uninteresting. Some months afterwards she was introduced to the author, and in the course of time became his wife. She then found that there *was* something in the book, and her opinion of it changed. The change, however, was not in the book, but in herself. She had come to know and love the writer. Some Christians read the Bible as a duty, if they read it at all; but as soon as a man or

woman sees Christ as the chiefest among ten thousand, the Bible becomes the revelation of the Father's love, and becomes a never-ending charm. A gentleman asked another, "Do you often read the Bible?" "No," was the answer, "I frankly admit I do not love God." "No more did I," the first replied; "but God loved me." A great many people seem to think that the Bible is out of date, that it is an old book, and they think it has passed its day. They say it was very good for the dark ages, and that there is some very good history in it, but it was not intended for the present time; we are living in a very enlightened age, and men can get on very well without the old book—we have outgrown it. Now you might just as well say that the sun, which has shone so long, is now so old that it is out of date, and that whenever a man builds a house he need not put any windows in it, because we have a newer light and a better light: we have gaslight and electric light. These are some new things; and I would advise people that think the Bible is too old and worn out, when they build houses, not to put windows in them, but to light them with electric light; that is something new, and that is what they are anxious for! Bear in mind, there is no situation in life for which you cannot find some word of consolation in Scripture. If you are in affliction, if you are in adversity and trial, there is a promise for you. In joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in poverty and in riches, in every condition of life, God has a promise stored up in his Word for you. In one way or another, every case is met, and the truth is commended to every man's conscience. It is said that Richard Baxter, author of "The Saints' Everlasting Rest," felt the force of miracles chiefly in his youth; in maturer years he was more impressed by fulfilled prophecy; and towards the end of his life he felt the deepest satisfaction in his own ripe experience of the power of the Gospel.

"If you are impatient, sit down quietly and commune with Job. "If you are strong-headed, read of Moses and Peter. "If you are weak-kneed, look at Elijah. "If there is no song in your heart, listen to David. "If you are a politician, read Daniel. "If you are getting sordid, read Isaiah. "If you are chilly, read of the beloved disciple. "If your faith is low, read Paul. "If you are getting lazy, study James. "If you are losing sight of the future, read in Revelation of the promised land." In Psalm 119:165, we find these words:

"Great peace have they which love thy law;

And nothing shall offend them."

The study of God's Word will secure peace. Take those Christians who are rooted and grounded in the Word of God, and you will find they have great peace; but those who do not study their Bible, and do not know their Bible, are easily offended when some little trouble comes, or some little persecution, and their peace is all disturbed; just a little breath of opposition, and their peace is all gone. Sometimes I am amazed to see how little it takes to drive all peace and comfort from some people. A slandering tongue will readily blast it. But if we have the peace of God, the world cannot take that from us. It cannot give it; it cannot destroy it. We must get it from above the world, it is the peace which Christ gives. "Great peace have they which love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them." Christ says, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Now, you will notice that wherever there is a Bible-taught Christian, one who has his Bible well marked, and who daily feeds upon the Word with prayerful meditation, he will not be easily offended. Such are the people who are growing and working all the while. But it is the people who never open their Bibles, who never study the Scriptures, who become offended, and are wondering why they are having such a hard time. They are the persons who tell you that Christianity is not what it has been represented to them; that they have found it is not at all what we claim it to be. The real trouble is, they have not done as the Lord has told them to do. They have neglected the Word of God. If they had been studying the Word of God, they would not be in that condition; they would not have wandered these years away from God, living on the husks of the world. They have neglected to care for the new life, they have not fed it, and the poor soul, being starved sinks into weakness and decay, and is easily stumbled or offended. If a man is born of God, he cannot thrive without God. I met a man who confessed his soul had fed on nothing for forty years. "Well," said I, "that is pretty hard for the soul—giving it nothing to feed on!" That man is a type of thousands and tens of thousands to-day; their poor souls are starving. We take good care of this body that we inhabit for a day, and then leave; we feed it three times a day, and we clothe it, and deck it, and by-and-by it is going into the grave to rot; but the inner man, that is to live on and on for ever, is lean and starved. "Man shall not live by bread alone; but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." If a man is travelling and does not know where he is going to, or how he is going to get there, you know he has a good deal of trouble, and does not enjoy the trip as much as if he has a guide-book at hand. It is not safe travelling, and he does not know how to make through-connections. Now, the Bible is a guide-book in the journey of life, and the only one that points the way to Heaven. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Let us take heed then not to refuse the light and the help it gives.

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When thou goest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. Prov. 6:22.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2018-2019)
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