



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, I ask that You give us strength for all things. That we are ready for anything and equal to anything through You. Fill us with and cause Your grace to well up in us to do Your will for us and Your plans, remind us that even if we think we cannot do something that through God's grace the enabling is already there. Lord bless us with favor, and I ask supply our needs, protect us, keep us and our families. Whisper behind us go in this way, walk this way. Charge the angels concerning us and send them out before us, to clear our path of anything or anyone that means us evil or harm. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Philippians 3 (KJV; 2005)

Philippians 3:1-21 (KJV)

¹ Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe.

² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

³ For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

⁴ Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

⁵ Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

⁷ But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

⁹ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

¹¹ If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

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¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

¹⁷ Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

¹⁸ (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

¹⁹ Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

²⁰ For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The background of the picture in this chapter seems to have been the appearance in Philippi of the Judaizers. They apparently had not made much headway with their emphasis on the observance of the Law and their quarreling over unessential matters, like dogs worrying a bone (v. 2). Paul himself had possessed the righteousness of the Law, which the Judaizers were preaching, to a marked degree (vv. 4-6). But he now counts it as refuse or rubbish (v. 8). His whole dependence was on Christ. His one aim was to know Him. Paul pictures himself as in a race, straining every nerve and muscle and exerting every ounce of strength, like a runner, with bulging veins, lest he fail short of the goal. That goal was that he might attain unto the resurrection from the dead (v. 11). This was the secret of Paul's life. He had had a glimpse of the glory of heaven (2 Corinthians 12:4) and was determined that he would, by the grace of Christ, get there, with as many others as he could possibly persuade to come along. This chapter is one of the fullest statements of Paul's own, personal hope of heaven, where our citizenship is (v. 20). We are strangers here our homeland is there. Our walk is here, our hearts are there.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries and notes; page 814)

We should rejoice in the Lord even when we can't rejoice over the circumstances. We don't need to praise and thank Him for sin or its effects, but we do need to have the right attitude toward Him in all things. Paul was warning the Philippians about the false teachers who'd try to lead them into Judaism. The Jews called the Gentiles "dogs," so Paul turned it around and called the Judaizers "dogs." "Circumcision" refers to mutilators of the flesh or those who enforced circumcision. Paul states that circumcision is actually a spiritual matter of the heart and not of the flesh. Paul had reason to glory in the flesh according to the Law, for he had been a Hebrew of the Hebrews. Paul was writing the letter some 30 years after his conversion on the Damascus road. He still had no regrets about giving up all that he had attained under the Law. The righteousness of Christ is so much better than the righteousness we earn by keeping the Law. We have to share in the sufferings of Christ as well as in the power of Christ. As Christians we must ; forget the past and not allow ourselves to rest in our past works; push ourselves ahead. "Press" means persecute or give it everything we've got. "Conversation" again means manner of life. Our change will be a metamorphosis just as a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. (1 John 3:2).

(New Testament Bible Study; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes & commentaries; pages 116-117)

We are not to put confidence in the flesh (see Philippians 3:3)—ours or anybody else's. Where does God want our confidence to be placed? In Him alone.

God despises independence. He wants us to be totally reliant upon Him. He wants us to be as dependent upon Him as a branch is on a vine; the branch withers quickly if it is detached from the vine (see John 15:5). He wants us to lean on Him for everything in our lives and be confident in His love and provision.

In Philippians 3:9 Paul says he wants to achieve one thing in life—to be found and known in Christ.

This needs to be our attitude also. We cannot always manifest perfect *behavior*, but with God's help we can keep pressing toward the goal.

Do you know why God never lets us achieve perfect behavior? If we ever did, we would derive our sense of worth from our perfection and performance rather than from His love and grace.

If you and I behaved perfectly all the time, we would think God owed us an answer to our prayers because of our obedience to all the rules and regulations. So do you know what God does? He leaves us some weaknesses so we will have to go to Him constantly to ask for His help. Our weaknesses keep us dependent on Him, whether we like it or not.

God is not going to let us work our way into a sense of peace and fulfillment. But He will allow us to work ourselves into a fit and frenzy. Why? So we realize that works of the flesh produce nothing but misery and frustration (see Romans 3:20).

If that is so, what are we supposed to do? Trust God, relax, and enjoy life. We need to learn to enjoy God more. That will not only help us, it will also take the pressure off the people around us. We need to quit demanding perfection from ourselves and everyone around us. We need to start enjoying people just as they are. In essence Paul said he wanted to stand before God and say, "Well, here I am, Lord, and though I do not have a perfect record, I do believe in Jesus. My righteousness is in Him, not in my ability to perform." Make that your goal. Do you know your purpose in life? Paul says in Philippians 3:12 that there is a specific, unique purpose in life for which Christ took hold of you. Ask God to continue revealing to you what your unique purpose is so you can lay hold of all that God has for you!

The devil wants each of us to concentrate on how far we have fallen, rather than how far we have risen. Satan wants us to focus on our pasts instead of our futures and on how far we still have to go, rather than how far we have come. He wants us to think about how many times we fail, rather than how many times we succeed. But *God* wants us to focus on our strengths and not our weaknesses, our victories and not our losses, our joys and not our problems. Philippians 3:13, 14 tells us that God wants us to press forward and respond to His upward call and forget what lies behind us. Pay attention to what you focus on and magnify the works of the Lord. Do not believe the lies of the devil. (Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Myers Ministry; Scripture; notes and commentaries; pages 1954-1957)

Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (KJV)

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

¹⁴ And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Psalms 112:1-5 (KJV)

¹ Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

⁵ A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Psa 119:105

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



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