



~ 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, thank You, Lord, that You love us and that You have chosen and selected us. Lord, I pray that You make us increase and overflow in love for our fellow believers and for all people and that You strengthen, confirm, and establish our hearts faultlessly pure and blameless in holiness in Your sight. Thank You, God, that You have given us salvation through Jesus Christ, Who died for us so that we might live with Him and share His life. That we go forth and share the witness, the Word as your servants. I ask that You guide us this week in Your will for us and plans. Bless us with our daily bread, supply our needs, and protect us and our families. Lord I pray that whatever You have us to set our hands to, that we do it as unto the Lord, and that it bears fruit to Your glory and honor in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

I Thessalonians Introduction (AMP; 2005)

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (AMP)

¹² And may the Lord make you to increase and excel *and* overflow in love for one another and for all people, just as we also do for you,

¹³ So that He may strengthen *and* confirm *and* establish your hearts faultlessly pure *and* unblamable in holiness in the sight of our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (*the Messiah*) with all His saints (the holy and glorified people of God)! Amen, (so be it)!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (AMP)

¹⁶ Be happy [in your faith] *and* rejoice *and* be glad-hearted continually (always);

¹⁷ Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly];

¹⁸ Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].

¹⁹ Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;

²⁰ Do not spurn the gifts *and* utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning].

²¹ But test *and* prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast.

²² Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form *or* whatever kind it may be.

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The first letter to the Thessalonian church is probably Paul's earliest surviving letter and is generally dated around 51 A.D. The letter was intended to encourage the Christian growth of new believers in the Thessalonians church and to settle questions they had primarily about the Lord's second coming.

The Church in Thessalonica :

Paul founded the church in Thessalonica on his second missionary journey in about A.D. 51 (Acts 17:1-9). Acts 17:2 gives the impression that Paul spent only three weeks there, but Philippians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:9; and 2 Thessalonians 3:8 seem to imply that he was there longer. It may be that he preached in the synagogue three Sabbaths in a row than later in some other place. In any case, he wasn't there long enough to fully instruct the church. The church likely included some Jews, since Paul began his ministry in the synagogue. However, 1: 9-10 and Acts 17:4 suggest that church membership was predominantly gentile.

Why Paul Wrote This Letter;

Although he was there only a short time. Paul created a great stir in Thessalonica. His enemies accused him of turning " the world upside down" (Acts 17:6 KJV). A large number of Greeks and prominent women believe (Acts 17:4). It was talked about all over Greece (1 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Driven out of Thessalonica, Paul went to Berea, about 50 miles to the west. But soon he was also driven from Berea, leaving Silas and Timothy there. When he got to Athens, 200 miles to the south, he was lonesome and sent word back to Berea for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all possible speed (Acts 17:14-15). When they reached Athens, Paul, filled with anxiety about the young church in Thessalonica, immediately sent Timothy back. By the time Timothy returned from Thessalonica, Paul had gone from Athens to Corinth. Timothy brought word that the Thessalonian Christians were enduring their persecutions courageously (1:6; 2:14; and Acts 17:5-14). But some Christians had died, and the others were puzzled as to how those who had died would benefit from the Lord's coming, a doctrine that Paul evidently had especially stressed in Thessalonica. Then Paul wrote this letter, mainly to tell them that those who had died would not be at any disadvantage when the Lord comes. He also instructed them regarding godly living (4:1-8) and urged them not to neglect their daily work (4:11-12).

Thessalonica:

The modern city of Saloniki in northern Greece on the north end of the Gulf of Salonika. In Paul's day it was the largest city and chief harbor town of Macedonia, with a population of approximately 200,000. Thessalonica was located on rich and well watered plain, on the Egnatian Way, the great military highway from Rome to the east. It was within sight of Mount Olympus, the home of the gods in Greek mythology. It is still a prosperous city today. The city attracted sufficient Jewish merchants of the Diaspora (dispersion) to account for the presence of a well established synagogue (Acts 17:1). Prolific coinage suggests a high level of prosperity. Paul visited Thessalonica after Philippi and appears to have worked among a composite group that included the Jews of the synagogue and Greek Proselytes. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, commentaries, notes; pages 825-826)

As you wait for His return, honor Jesus and represent Him well in your everyday life. When you suffer persecution, do so with courage and steadfast faith. Take a look at the instructions in 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 and incorporate them into your daily activities.

In every chapter of 1 Thessalonians, Paul mentions the second coming of Jesus Christ. This is a topic that has sparked interest, speculation, excitement, and controversy for years. I do not believe that trying to figure out when Jesus will return is a good use of time or energy. Instead, I believe we need to live with an awareness of His return and to conduct our everyday lives in ways that honor Him and represent Him well—treating other people as we want to be treated, keeping God first in our lives, obeying Him, and seeking to do good—while we wait. Also in this book, Paul commends the Thessalonians' courage and steadfast faith in the midst of persecution. Their conduct serves as an example and an encouragement to us today when we are persecuted or ridiculed. As you read 1 Thessalonians, I hope you will pay attention to all of the important insights in this book, especially to 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22, which is a wonderful list of instructions for everyday life. I want to encourage you, as Paul did the Thessalonians, to always remember that "Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you]" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

(Amplified Bible; " The Everyday Life Bible"; 2005; Scriptures, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyer Ministries; pages 1974-1975)

Waiting on God: Patiently

*"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him,
Those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the land." (Psalm 37:7, 9)*

"In patience possess your souls." "Ye have need of patience." "Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire." Such words of the Holy Spirit show us what an important element in the Christian life and character patience is. And nowhere is there a better place for cultivating or displaying it than in Waiting on God. There we discover how impatient we are, and what our impatience means. We confess at times that we are impatient with men, and circumstances that hinder us, or with ourselves and our slow progress in the Christian life. If we truly set ourselves to wait upon God, we shall find that it is with Him we are impatient, because He does not at once, or as soon as we could wish, do our bidding. It is in waiting upon God that our eyes are opened to believe in His wise and sovereign will, and to see that the sooner and the more completely we yield absolutely to it, the more surely His blessing can come to us.

"It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." Rom 9:16. We have as little power to increase or strengthen our spiritual life, as we had to originate it. We "were born not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of the will of God." Even so, our willing and running, our desire and effort, avail nought; all is "of God that sheweth mercy."

All the exercises of the spiritual life, our reading and praying, our willing and doing, have their very great value. But they can go no farther than this, that they point the way and prepare us in humility to look to and to depend alone upon God Himself, and in patience to wait His good time and mercy. The waiting is to teach us our absolute dependence upon God's mighty working, and to make us in perfect patience place ourselves at His disposal. They that wait on the LORD shall inherit the land; the promised land and its blessing. The heirs must wait; they can afford to wait.

"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him." The margin gives for "Rest in the LORD," "Be silent to the LORD," or R. V., "Be still before the LORD." It is resting in the Lord, in His will, His promise, His faithfulness, and His love, that makes patience easy. And the resting in Him is nothing but being silent unto Him, still before Him. Having our thoughts and wishes, our fears and hopes, hushed into calm and quiet in that great peace of God which passeth all understanding. That peace keeps the heart and mind when we are anxious for anything, because we have made our request known to Him. The rest, the silence, the stillness, and the patient waiting, all find their strength and joy in God Himself.

The need for patience, and the reasonableness, and the blessedness of patience will be opened up to the waiting soul. Our patience will be seen to be the counterpart of God's patience. He longs far more to bless us fully than we can desire it. But, as the husbandman has long patience till the fruit be ripe, so God bows Himself to our slowness and bears long with us. Let us remember this, and wait patiently: of each promise and every answer to prayer the word is true: "I the LORD will hasten it in its time." Isaiah 60:22.

"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him." Yes, for HIM. Seek not only the help, the gift, thou needest seek: HIMSELF; wait for HIM. Give God His glory by resting in Him, by trusting him fully, by waiting patiently for Him. This patience honors Him greatly; it leaves Him, as God on the throne, to do His work; it yields self wholly into His hands. It lets God *be God*. If thy waiting be for some special request, wait patiently. If thy waiting be more the exercise of the spiritual life seeking to know and have more of God, wait patiently. Whether it be in the shorter specific periods of waiting, or as the continuous habit of the souls. Rest in the LORD, be still before the LORD, and wait patiently. "They that wait on the LORD shall inherit the land."

"My soul, wait thou only upon God!"

Waiting on God.

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(The Word; Word Search 9; Bible Software;2008; Amplified Bible, KJV, American Standard, Darby.....and many more)

Psa 119:105

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



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