



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Thank You, God, that You have not appointed us to wrath or condemnation, but to salvation through Jesus Christ, Who died for us so that we might live with Him and share His life. Lord help us to be ready, and always watchful, for that time and hour only God knows, You said there would be signs and I believe we are witnessing them. Have mercy Lord, forgive the people for they know not what they do. Lord led us and guide us in the right paths, keep us and protect us from all harm in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture I Thessalonians 5 (AMP; 2005)

I Thessalonians 5: 1-28 (KJV)

- ¹ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- ² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
- ³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- ⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- ⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.
- ⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- ⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- ⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- ¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- ¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- ¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
- ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.
- ¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
- ¹⁶ Rejoice evermore.
- ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.
- ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.
- ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings.
- ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁴ Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.
- ²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.
- ²⁶ Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
- ²⁷ I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
- ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

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Its suddenness (vv. 1-11). Christ's return is certain, but the day and the hour are not known, as Jesus said again and again (Matthew 24: 36; 42-43; 25:13; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 12:39, 46 21: 25-35). However, signs will precede His coming (Luke 21:25-35), so that patient believers may sense that it is near. But even those who are watching are warned to stay alert and self-controlled, lest they be caught off guard. To scoffing unbelievers, Christ's return will be sudden, as a thief in the night (v. 2) Their destruction will occur at a time when people are convinced that they are at peace and safe (v. 3). This most likely does not refer to complete annihilation, but perhaps rather to the unbelievers subsequent and complete separation from God. (2 Thessalonians 2 and 2 Peter 3).

Respect pastors (vv. 12=13). Since this was a very young church, the pastors must have been largely novices themselves. Yet the people are urged to love them and to hold their office of ministry in high esteem. When church members love their pastor and his position as minister of the Gospel, and are at peace among themselves, other things being equal, the church is sure to grow.

Fifteen exhortations (vv. 14-22). These beautiful exhortations are so characteristic of Paul. He closes most of his epistles, however abstract, argumentative, or abstruse, with exhortations to peace, longsuffering, joy, prayer, thankfulness, and every good.

Spirit, soul and body (v. 23). " Spirit" and "soul" are often used synonymously, but here there seems to be a distinction. The soul is the principle of life, the spirit, the organ of communion with God. Christ redeems the entire human personality. The language certainly indicates the resurrection of the body.

Holy kiss (v. 26). The kiss on the cheek, between persons of the same sex, was a common mode of greeting in many ancient countries, as it still is in some countries today. It became a custom in the churches, but when it ceased to be a common form of greeting in society at large, its use in the churches also ceased.

Have this letter read to all the brothers (v. 27). This shows that Paul intended his epistles to be read in the churches. That is what the New Testament books were written for (Colossians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:13; Revelation 1:3). As stated, the Thessalonian epistles are commonly regarded as the earliest written New Testament books. Both are about the Lord's coming again. The last of the New Testament books to have been written is Revelation; its final words (except for the benediction) are " Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20). Thus the New Testament begins and ends with the return of Jesus. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 830-831)

The Return of Jesus Christ

V. 2 If people aren't watching for Christ's coming, they'll suffer a loss as when a thief breaks into their home (Matthew 24: 42-51). **VV. 4-6** The coming of Christ shouldn't take the Christians by surprise, for we're supposed to be watching for Him (Matthew 24:42). **V. 9** God hasn't chosen us for the wrath which is coming on the earth. He's chosen us for salvation. **V. 11** We're to comfort and build up each other. **V. 18** God wants us to be thankful. **VV. 21-22** We're not to despise prophecies, but neither are we to accept every prophecy without testing it (1 Corinthians 14:29). **V. 22** Avoiding even the appearance of evil is a step beyond avoiding evil itself. We're not to give others the opportunity to doubt the sincerity of our faith by our actions, even if we know the actions to be innocent. **V. 23** We meet God in the realm of our spirit. **V. 24** Christ has called us to follow Him, and He'll present us to God as His sheep. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; page 125)

The King James Version of 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing." I used to read those words and wonder, "Lord, how can I ever get to the place that I am able to pray without ceasing?" To me, the phrase, "without ceasing" meant nonstop, without ever quitting. I could not see how that was possible. Now I have a better understanding of what Paul said. He meant that prayer should be like breathing, something we do continually but often unconsciously, without even being totally aware of it. You and I live by breathing. Our physical lives require that we inhale and exhale, and the air we breathe sustains our bodies. In the same way, our spiritual lives are designed to be nurtured and sustained by prayer. Religious thinking sometimes gives us the mistaken idea that if we do not keep up a certain schedule of prayer we miss the mark. We have become too "clock-oriented" concerning prayer. The Lord gave me the following example to illustrate the way we are to pray: Just as we breathe all day long but never spend time counting our breaths, so we are to pray all day long without keeping track of our prayers. I have never carried a clock around with me for reminding me to breathe every so many seconds. I have never come home from work at night and written in a journal how many times I breathed that day. I just breathe when I need to, continually, without even being aware that I am doing it. That is the way we are to be about our prayers.

Following the instruction in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 not to quench the Holy Spirit, we have an instruction not to despise prophesying (or, as *The Amplified Bible* says, not to "depreciate prophetic revelations"), in 1 Thessalonians 5:20. In both the Old and New Testaments, prophets were valuable vessels for God. In the Old Testament, God spoke to His people using prophets as His mouthpieces. Wise kings listened and obeyed these prophetic words; unwise kings who refused to listen brought themselves and their kingdoms into eventual ruin. In the New Testament, we see that among the gifts God gave to the church were people who functioned as prophets (see Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28). First Corinthians 14:3 describes the New Testament prophet as one who "interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching" and who speaks to people "for their up building and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation." There are, of course, modern-day prophets gifted by God to foretell future events, but not everyone who prophesies is called to stand in the office of a prophet. First Corinthians 12:10 states that prophecy is "the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose" of God. I believe anointed teachers of God's Word prophesy every time they teach. They interpret, or tell forth, the divine will and counsel of God. What does the Bible mean when it says if we despise prophesying we will quench the Holy Spirit? First, I believe it means we must love the preaching of God's Word, or we will quench the progress the Holy Spirit desires us to make. It is impossible to grow spiritually without God's Word. His Word is to the spirit what food is to the body; we must have it regularly to be healthy. Second, I believe it means we should not have a judgmental or otherwise bad attitude toward the gift of prophecy or any of the other gifts of the Spirit. We should have respect for all the ways God chooses to work through men and women. We should cherish the gifts and honor those through whom they flow. Their gifts were given to them by the Holy Spirit for our benefit, to help us grow and mature.

Many people do not understand that we are tri-part beings: spirit, soul and body. We *are* a spirit, we *have* a soul (composed of our mind, will and emotions), and we *live in* a body. Our new birth begins in our spirit, is carried out through our soul, and is finally visible to other people through a demonstration of God's glory in our physical lives.

Many Christians make the mistake of thinking that God cares only about the spirit. But He wants us to be whole in soul and body, too. Be blessed in the knowledge that God is faithful and will sanctify you in body, soul, and spirit.

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

(Amplified Bible; The Every Day Life Bible; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture, notes, commentaries; page 1979 -1984)

Psa 119:105

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



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