



~ 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, I pray that You comfort and encourage our hearts and strengthen our heart in every good work and Word. Thank You, Lord, that You are faithful, and that You strengthen us, set us on a firm foundation and guard us from the evil one. I pray that You grant us Your peace at all times and under all circumstances, whatever comes. Keep us Lord and I ask that our daily bread is supplied and our needs. Fill each of us with God's will for us and plans, and the way to go daily, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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Scripture 2 Thessalonians 2 (KJV; 2005)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 (KJV)

- ¹ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,
- ² That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- ⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- ⁶ And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.
- ⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- ⁹ *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- ¹³ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
- ¹⁴ Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- ¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- ¹⁷ Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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The Rebellion: The express purpose of this letter was to caution the Thessalonians that the Lord's coming was not immediately at hand, it would not be until after the "rebellion" (falling away, apostasy). What is the rebellion, or apostasy? It is the "falling away," in which a person called the "man of lawlessness" will, sitting in the temple of God, proclaim that he is God and will exalt himself over everything that is called God" (vv. 3-4). A false church headed by an impostor? This "man of lawlessness" is better known to us as the Antichrist (1 John 2:18). The early fathers unanimously looked for a personal Antichrist, who would be manifested after the fall of the Roman Empire. The Protestant Reformers, seeing the corruption of the church in the Middle Ages, believed that the papacy embodied the Antichrist. In our own day, after 2000 years of church history, there is still wide difference of opinion as to the identity of the "man of lawlessness" and the form the apostasy will take. There are many who think that the Antichrist will reveal himself in the last days in conjunction with the Great Tribulation period and the Lord's second coming (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 7:14). The spirit of the apostasy was already at work in Paul's day (v. 7) and in many ways has continued even to this day. What is holding him back? (v.6) was generally interpreted by the early fathers to have been the Roman Empire. Today most scholars believe it to mean the Holy Spirit or the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Christian church. Paul's ideas on the Second Coming. It is quite common among a certain class of critics to say that Paul had to revise his ideas about the Lord's second coming, that his earlier and cruder view contradicts his later view. This is absolutely not true. Paul's earlier view was his only view; first, last, and always. Paul specifically states in the earlier writings we have of him, the Thessalonian epistles that he did not expect the immediate appearance of the Lord, and that it would not be until after the rebellion, a postasy, or falling away, which in his day was only beginning to work. It may not have been revealed to Paul specifically what the apostasy would be. But whatever his understanding of it, it did not preclude the possibility that the Lord would come in his own lifetime, as evidenced by the expression "we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:15; compare also 1 Corinthians 15:52). First and last, Paul looked for the Lord's coming as a glorious consummation, but at the same time he also anticipated the possibility that he would die before it happened (to depart and be with Christ, Philippians 1:23). It did not matter a great deal to him whether he was alive or "asleep" (1 Thessalonians 4:15) at the time of Christ's coming. In his last written word (2 Timothy 4:6,8), close before his death, his mind was on the appearing of the Lord.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; Henry Halley; history, notes, commentaries; pages 833-834)

V. 4 The Day of Judgment won't come until the Antichrist has set himself upon a throne in the rebuilt temple to Jerusalem (Matthew 24: 15-20; Revelation 13:14; Isaiah 16). **V. 7** "Letteth" means hinders. The Holy Spirit in the believers is hindering the Antichrist from revealing himself. Once the Holy Spirit's restraining power through the Church is removed, the Antichrist will make his move. **B. 8** "Wicked" means lawless. **V. 13** Acts 13:48.(Acts 13:48 (KJV)

⁴⁸And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. **V. 15** The traditions Paul wanted the Thessalonians to adhere to were the teachings he gave them in person and by letter.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes & commentaries for study; page 128)

Hebrews 11:1-40 (KJV)

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

² For by it the elders obtained a good report.

³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

- ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- ¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
- ¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
- ¹⁶ But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.
- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,
- ¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
- ¹⁹ Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.
- ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.
- ²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.
- ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- ²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- ²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.
- ²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- ²⁸ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.
- ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
- ³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
- ³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
- ³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- ³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
- ³⁶ And others had trial of *crue*l mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
- ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
- ³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.
- ³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
- ⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

I decided to include this Scripture as I believe it goes along with what Paul taught.....though we have not seen we believe.....by faith.....it is LOVE.....just believe Him.....stay in the Word...I know that to-day....many things are going on....remain in faith and study the Word.....

Psalm 91:5-8 (KJV)

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; ⁶ *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday. ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Psa 119:105

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



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