



# ~ 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, lead and guide us this day and give us peace. Supply our daily bread to nourish us and more than enough so that we may be enabled to bless. Give us a day of ease and a stress free day, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

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## Scripture

### One Minute Sermon (cool)

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. Matt 22:23; Mark 12:18; Luke 20:27; 9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God. Acts 25:25; Acts 26:31; 10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as you have testified of me in Jerusalem, so must you bear witness also at Rome. Acts 18:9;

**Acts 23 : 7-11**

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The same Sanhedrin that had crucified Jesus; the same Sanhedrin which Paul had been a member of; the same Sanhedrin that stoned Stephen and had made repeated efforts to crush the church. ( something like today, huh?) Paul instigated a great uproar, the cause of which was undoubtedly incomprehensible to the Roman commander, who ordered the soldiers to take Paul back to the barracks.....

Paul had a zeal for righteousness and the Law. He knew that it was unlawful for someone to order him to be slapped, yet they were judging him by the Law they did not keep? Paul apologized to the high priest because it was against the law to speak evil against him (v. 5) Paul perceived that one part of them were Sadducees and the other part Pharisees, cried out to the council (Sanhedrin). Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees, it is with regard to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am indicted and being judged. The Sadducees hold that there is no resurrection, nor angel nor spirit, but the Pharisees declare openly and speak out freely, acknowledging [their belief in] them both. A great uproar ensued, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees party stood up and thoroughly fought the case, [contending fiercely] and declaring. We find nothing evil or wrong in this man, but if a spirit or an angel [really] spoke to him—? Let us not fight against God? And when the strife became more and more tense and violent, the commandant, fearing that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, ordered the troops to go down and take him forcibly from among them and conduct him back into the barracks.

There is a hint here that perhaps Paul's "thorn in the flesh" that he referred to in his epistles was an eye disease. Certainly Paul should have recognized Ananias, for Paul had worked closely with him in the days when he was still prosecuting the Church.

And.....that same following night the Lord stood beside Paul and said; take courage, Paul, for as you have borne faithful witness concerning Me at Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome. The Lord assured him that Paul would testify about Jesus in Rome. Paul had often hoped to get to Rome (Romans 1:13). In Ephesus, the plan to go to Rome after visiting Jerusalem took definite shape (19:21), although he was not sure that he would get out of Jerusalem alive (Romans 15: 31-32). But from now on, Paul was sure he would get to Rome. The next day the Jews formed a conspiracy to kill Paul and vowed not to eat or drink until Paul was dead. But Paul's nephew got wind of the ambush and warned Paul. It took 70 horsemen, 200 soldiers, and 200 spearmen to get him out of the city, and that under cover of darkness. It is doubtful that the conspirators died of starvation.

Paul spent two years in Caesarea, from the summer of A.D. 58 until the fall of 60. Caesarea was the Roman capital of Judea, where the first Gentile had been received into the church some 20 years before—Cornelius, and officer of the Roman army. Here, in this most important Roman city of Palestine, Paul spent two years as a prisoner in the palace of the Roman governor (23:35), with the privilege of receiving visitors.

Paul could have easily become discouraged at this point since his great dream of preaching to the Jews had proved to be disastrous. Paul had been warned by the Lord about going to Jerusalem, and none of the Christians there stood by him. Still, Jesus told him to be cheerful, for a witness had been preached.

Our job is only to bear witness. The Holy Spirit convicts hearts and brings people to repentance. We don't have to worry about seeing results, as long as we have done our part. God often works in our lives in such a natural way that we don't realize something supernatural is happening. (Chuck Smith; 2005; New Testament Study Guide)

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### Good Discontentment

God has anointed David as king. However, Saul is still on the throne. And because Saul wants to hold onto that which is no longer his, and tries to kill David, David has become a fugitive. Those who gathered with David were a ragtag band of misfits—unlikely candidates to be David's mighty men. Yet God raised them up and used them with David to establish the kingdom of Israel. There is an interesting parallel here. God has ordained His Son, Jesus Christ, to reign as King over the earth; however, Satan is still on the throne. And Satan is doing his best to hold onto the kingdom. Jesus is gathering together men unto Himself—unlikely candidates, to be sure—but men through whom He plans to establish His kingdom and bring to pass His reign over the earth.

And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him. {1 Samuel 22:2}

Chuck Smith, Wisdom For Today

(Amplified Bible; 2005; JMM; pages 1787-1788; Scripture)

21 Have you not known? have you not heard? has it not been told you from the beginning? have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he that sits on the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in: Job 9:8; Ps 104:2; Isa 44:24; 23 That brings the princes to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as vanity. Job 12:21; Ps 107:40; 24 Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown: yes, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow on them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 To whom then will you liken me, or shall I be equal? said the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who has created these things, that brings out their host by number: he calls them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one fails.

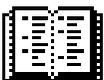
27 Why say you, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 Have you not known? have you not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. Ps 147:5; 29 He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Isaiah 40 : 21-31**

**Psa 119:105**

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



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