



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I want to be the person You and others can depend on. Forgive me for any instability in my life, and help me overcome every weakness in my character. Just as I have looked for others to be "rocks" in my life, I want to be a "rock" to other people. I have a lot of room for development in my life, but I am willing to be changed. I want to be taught, corrected, and taken to a higher level. Today I ask You to do whatever is necessary to make me the strong and reliable kind of person You want me to be! Please do Your special work inside me, lead me and guide me, in Jesus' name. Amen...

Scripture

Leviticus 3: 1-17 (AMP)

1 IF A man's offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers an animal from the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord. 2 He shall lay [both] his hands upon the head of his offering and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting; and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw the blood against the altar round about. 3 And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, an offering made by fire to the Lord, he shall offer the fat that covers and is upon the entrails, 4 And the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver which he shall take away with the kidneys. 5 Aaron's sons shall burn it all on the altar upon the burnt offering which is on the wood on the fire, an offering made by fire, of a sweet and satisfying odor to the Lord. 6 If his peace offering to the Lord is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7 If he offers a lamb, then he shall offer it before the Lord. 8 He shall lay [both] his hands on the head of his offering and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and Aaron's sons shall throw its blood around against the altar. 9 And he shall offer from the peace offering as an offering made by fire to the Lord: the fat of it, the fat tail as a whole, taking it off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers and is upon the entrails, 10 And the two kidneys, and the fat on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver, which he shall take away with the kidneys. 11 The priest shall burn it upon the altar, a food offering made by fire to the Lord. 12 If [a man's] offering is a goat, he shall offer it before the Lord, 13 And lay his hands upon its head, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the altar round about. 14 Then he shall offer from it as his offering made by fire to the Lord: the fat that covers and is on the entrails, 15 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them at the loins, and the appendage of the liver which he shall take away with the kidneys. 16 The priest shall burn them on the altar as food, offered by fire, for a sweet and satisfying fragrance. All the fat is the Lord's. 17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

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The Peace Offering: VV 1-17 The final of the sweet savor offerings was the peace offering. This is the offering of communion and fellowship with God. In this offering, a part of it would be returned to the person to eat. Part of it is burned for God, but then part of it is given back so the person can sit down and eat, actually fellowshiping with God. God is eating part of it and I am eating part of it. I am becoming one with God. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; page 47)

You Are One Of God's Pillars!

1 Corinthians 15:58

Have you ever looked at someone and thought, **Wow**, that person is such a rock! What does it mean to you when you think of someone as a "rock"? That's a strong statement, so it would be well worth your time to think it through and decide what characteristic makes a person a "rock" to you, to someone else, or to a church, business, or organization. Even more importantly, would others call you a "rock"?

In **First Corinthians 15:58**, Paul writes, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...." I want you to look at the word "steadfast" in this verse, because it illustrates what kind of person God considers to be a "rock" in His family.

What does it mean to be steadfast! This word "steadfast" is the Greek word edraios, which has several meanings:

It means to be stationary, such as something that sits in one place for a long, long time.

It describes something that is firm and steady.

It was frequently used in connection with foundations or support structures in buildings.

It portrays something that is strong unbendable, unbreakable, and permanent, such as a well-built foundation for a large building or a strong column that holds up a roof.

So when Paul urges us to be "steadfast," he's calling on us to be totally reliable—not shaky or undependable. We should be stationary in the roles God has called us to fulfill in the Body of Christ. We shouldn't be quickly shaken or easily lured to some other place or some other task. We must be like pillars, foundations, or supports in the house of God.

When you take the Greek word edraios into consideration, it means First Corinthians 15:58 could be interpreted:

"... Be reliable; dependable; not easily excited, shaken, or affected...."

What is the purpose of a huge stone pillar in a building? Its purpose is to support the roof or some other important section of the building, correct? What would happen if you suddenly jerked that pillar out of its place? You'd find out very quickly that the pillar had been essential to holding up the place! Remove that pillar, and the entire building would collapse into a heap of rubble, creating a horrible, terrible mess!

When God tells you to be "steadfast," He is asking you to be a "rock" in His house—like a pillar that faithfully stands in its place and helps to hold things together. He wants you to be so dependable that people lean on you, counting on the fact that you'll always be there to help keep things together. And when events occur that shake up everyone's world a bit, God wants people to look to you as one who isn't easily excited, shaken, or affected.

Now that you know the kind of "rock" God needs you to be, would you say that you qualify to be called a "rock" today? Would others call you a "rock," or would they say you are up again, down again; easily excited; and not too dependable? If you got real honest with yourself, would you judge yourself to be steady, sturdy, and reliable—or unpredictable and undependable?

Don't view yourself as small, insignificant, or unimportant. God needs you, and other people are depending on you. It's time for you to realize that God meant for you to be a part of the foundation of the Body of Christ! You can be a "rock" in His family and a person on whom others can lean and depend.

If you're thinking differently than this, you need to change your thinking. Instead of focusing on how insignificant you are in God's great plan for these last days, start focusing on becoming steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work the Lord has assigned to you!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Can you think of five people who have been "rocks" in your life? Why not go out of your way to let those people know how much you appreciate them?

What strengths did those people exhibit that made you think so highly of them?

Is there anyone who needs your strength right now? What can you do to be a "rock" to that person in his time of need?

Don't view yourself as small, insignificant, or unimportant. God needs you, and other people are depending on you.
Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

"The last gift he gave them was, he breathed on them. His breath was the Spirit of God. This was the first drop of the shower of the Spirit which afterwards so plenteously at Pentecost. He breathed on them, and though they did not get the fullness of the Spirit thereby yet they obtained a measure of it, and they became qualified to fulfill their commission. Oh that he would breathe the Spirit upon us now! Nay, we need not ask for it, beloved, for our Lord has given the Spirit once for all to all his people. He has baptised his church into the Holy Ghost, and into fire, and the Spirit remaineth with us evermore, only ye must believe the might which that Spirit bestows upon you.

Oh brother, oh sister, I beseech thee do not estimate thyself according to thine ability, according to thine experience, thy learning, and the like, but according to that divine energy which rests upon thee, if thou be called of God to service. What are the powers within? they are feebleness itself, but the power from above is the power of God. Gird on this mystic belt, this divine omnipotence, and if thou knowest how to wear it by faith thou shalt break through a troop and leap over a wall. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

From a sermon by Charles Haddon Spurgeon entitled "Jesus In Our Midst," delivered September 12, 1875

Psalm 23:1-6 (AMP)

1 THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

3 He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

The last page gives a list of Scripture location, that are other areas in the Bible in reference to sacrifice, etc.

a sacrifice

Lev 7:11-21 — And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be offered to the Lord: 12 If one offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thank offering unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of fine flour mixed with oil. 13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his sacrifice of thanksgiving with the sacrifice of his peace offerings. 14 And of it he shall offer one cake from each offering as an offering to the Lord; it shall belong to the priest who dashes the blood of the peace offerings. 15 The flesh of the sacrifice of thanksgiving presented as a peace offering shall be eaten on the day that it is offered; none of it shall be left until morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of the worshiper's offering is a vow or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the morrow that which remains of it shall be eaten; 17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be [wholly] burned with fire. 18 If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, then the one who brought it shall not be credited with it; it shall not be accepted. It shall be an abomination and an abhorred thing; the one who eats of it shall bear his iniquity and answer for it. 19 The flesh that comes in contact with anything that is not clean shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. As for the meat, everyone who is clean [ceremonially] may eat of it. 20 But the one who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that belong to the Lord when he is [ceremonially] unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people [deprived of the privileges of association with them]. 21 And if anyone touches any unclean thing—the uncleanness of man or an unclean beast or any unclean abomination—and then eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the Lord's peace offerings, that person shall be cut off from his people. Lev 7:29-34 — Tell the Israelites, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the Lord shall bring his offering to the Lord; from the sacrifice of his peace offerings 30 He shall bring with his own hands the offerings made by fire to the Lord; he shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before the Lord. 31 The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be for Aaron and his sons. 32 And the right thigh you shall give to the priest for an offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. 33 The son of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat shall have the right thigh for his portion. 34 For I have taken the breast that was waved and the thigh that was offered from the Israelites, out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as their perpetual due from the Israelites. Lev 22:19-21 — That you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish of the young bulls, the sheep, or the goats. 20 But you shall not offer anything which has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you. 21 And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord to make a special vow to the Lord or for a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock must bring what is perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it. Ex 20:24 — An altar of earth you shall make to Me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name and cause it to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. Ex 24:5 — And he sent young Israelite men, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. Ex 29:28 — It shall be for Aaron and his sons as their due portion from the Israelites perpetually, an offering from the Israelites of their peace and thanksgiving sacrifices, their offering to the Lord. Nu 6:14 — And he shall offer his gift to the Lord, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering, Nu 7:17 — And for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon son of Amminadab. Jdg 20:26 — Then all the Israelites, the whole army, went up and came to the house of God [Bethel] and wept; and they sat there before the Lord and fasted that day until evening and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. Jdg 21:4 — And next morning the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 1Ch 21:26 — And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and called upon the Lord; and He answered him by fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. Pr 7:14 — Sacrifices of peace offerings were due from me; this day I paid my vows. Eze 45:15 — And [you shall offer] one lamb out of every flock of two hundred, out of the well-watered pastures of Israel and from all the families of Israel, to provide for a meal offering and for a burnt offering and for peace offerings, to make atonement for those who brought them, says the Lord God. Am 5:22 — Though you offer Me your burnt offerings and your cereal offerings, I will not accept them, neither will I look upon the peace or thank offerings of your fatted beasts. Ro 5:1 — THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). Ro 5:2 — Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. Col 1:20 — And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross. 1Jn 1:3 — What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize and enjoy fellowship as partners and partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Without Lev 1:3 — If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it at the door of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord. Nu 6:14 — And he shall offer his gift to the Lord, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace offering, Mal 1:8 — When you [priests] offer blind [animals] for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Present such a thing [a blind or lame or sick animal] now to your governor [in payment of your taxes, and see what will happen]. Will he be pleased with you? Or will he receive you graciously? says the Lord of hosts. Mal 1:14 — But cursed is the [cheating] deceiver who has a male in his flock and vows to offer it, yet sacrifices to the [sovereign] Lord a blemished or diseased thing! For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and My name is terrible and to be [reverently] feared among the nations. Heb 10:22 — Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.