



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, give me the grace to recognize both my abilities and limitations. Help me be unafraid to admit when I've overstepped my bounds and tried to tackle something bigger than my abilities. In those moments, please enable me to ask others to join the project and to help me do what I cannot accomplish by myself. I really need You to help me overcome my weaknesses and my fears that others may be better gifted than I am. I know You have placed people all around me to be blessings in my life, so today I am turning to You. Help me recognize these people and receive them as the blessings You intend for them to be, in Jesus ` name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 4: 1-35 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses, 2 Say to the Israelites, If anyone shall sin through error or unwittingly in any of the things which the Lord has commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them— 3 If it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin which he has committed a young bull without blemish to the Lord as a sin offering. 4 He shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before the Lord, and shall lay [both] his hands on the bull's head and kill [it] before the Lord. 5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it into the Tent of Meeting; 6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of [it] seven times before the Lord before the veil of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull shall he pour out at the base of the altar of the burnt offering at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 8 And all the fat of the bull for the sin offering he shall take off of it—the fat that covers and is on the entrails, 9 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— 10 Just as these are taken off of the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering. 11 But the hide of the bull and all its flesh, its head, its legs, its entrails, and its dung, 12 Even the whole bull shall he carry forth without the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on a fire of wood, there where the ashes are poured out. 13 If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and it be hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done what the Lord has commanded not to be done and are guilty, 14 When the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the congregation shall offer a young bull for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting. 15 The elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull before the Lord, and the bull shall be killed before the Lord. 16 The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the Tent of Meeting, 17 And shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, before the veil [which screens the ark of the covenant]. 18 He shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar [of incense] which is before the Lord in the Tent of Meeting, and he shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering near the door of the Tent of Meeting. 19 And he shall take all its fat from the bull and burn it on the altar. 20 Thus shall he do with the bull; as he did with the bull for a sin offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for [the people], and they shall be forgiven. 21 And he shall carry forth the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the congregation. 22 When a ruler or leader sins and unwittingly does any one of the things the Lord his God has forbidden, and is guilty, 23 If his sin which he has committed be known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish. 24 He shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord; it is a sin offering. 25 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26 And he shall burn all its fat upon the altar like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings; so the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, and it shall be forgiven him. 27 If any one of the common people sins unwittingly in doing anything the Lord has commanded not to be done, and is guilty, 28 When the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. 29 The offender shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill [it] at the place of the burnt offering. 30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and shall pour out the

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rest of its blood at the base of the altar. 31 And all the fat of it he shall take away, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet and satisfying fragrance to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for [the man], and he shall be forgiven. 32 If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. 33 He shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering. 34 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and all the rest of the blood of the lamb he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 35 And he shall take away all the fat of it, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar upon the offerings made by fire to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for the sin which the man has committed, and he shall be forgiven.

Sin Offerings: V2 Sins of ignorance needed forgiveness. Transgression is never related to ignorance. Sin is related to ignorance because there is a vast difference between sin and trespass; and thus, the difference between the sin offering and the trespass offering. In Greek hamartia is missing the mark. Now, I could try to hit the mark and still miss. That is still sin. Trespass is missing the mark deliberately. I know what I am doing and I know that God doesn't want me to do it. I do it anyhow. That's a trespass. It's a deliberate, willful act against God. VV 11-12 Everything of the animal was taken outside of the camp and burnt with fire. Going back to the first offering, the offering of consecration, the animal hides could be kept by the priest. They would make them into coats and wear them. But with a sin offering, the priest could not keep the hides. They were to be taken out and burnt completely with fire outside of the camp. VV 27-28 The rulers brought the male kid of the goats, and the commoners brought a female kid of the goats. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; pages 47-48)

Why Not Bring Others Into the Project?

Romans 12:3

When a person is a brand-new leader, he often mistakenly assumes that being a leader means he has to know it all. As a result, he puts himself under unnecessary stress, trying to project himself as one who knows everything. His need to appear as an "expert" at everything reveals an immature understanding of what true leadership is all about.

When a leader keeps everything in his own hands and doesn't allow anyone else to do anything, this leads to frustration for the team members working with him. It is especially frustrating when there are people surrounding the leader who know the answers, who are experts in their fields, and who really could help. But they have to silently sit by and just watch the leader struggle as he tries to be "Mr. Super Leader," never asking his team for help.

No one has all the answers! The smartest leaders in the world are those who realize both their gifts and their limitations. A leader is being wise when he recognizes his need for gifted, talented, willing-minded people to chip in and help him effectively do what he is called to do. No one can do it all alone.

If you will open your eyes and look around, you'll find that God has graciously surrounded you with the very people you need. They are just waiting for your invitation to help you nurture your God-given dreams, visions, and projects and bring them to fulfillment.

In Romans 12:3, Paul spoke about our need for others in our lives. He said, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

If anyone could have thought highly of himself, it was Paul—and he would have been correct! He formerly had been a lawyer, politician, and Pharisee. No doubt he was also once very wealthy. Now Paul could claim that he had seen Jesus and had been taught by Him (Galatians 1:12). In regard to his own apostleship, he acknowledged that his apostleship to the Gentiles was "mighty" (Galatians 2:8). In fact, it was so mighty that when those who were appointed as apostles before Paul saw the great grace in his life, they extended to him the right hand of fellowship and invited him into their inner sanctum. In Second Peter 3:16, Peter writes that the profound nature of Paul's revelation was so extraordinary that even he wrestled to comprehend it all.

Yet Paul is the one who admonishes us not to think too highly of ourselves but to learn to view ourselves "soberly." The word "soberly" is the Greek word *sophroneo*, and it means to be of sound mind; to be reasonable; to be balanced and levelheaded in the way one thinks; to maintain a proper appraisal, measurement, or value; to think clearly about one's limitations. In other words, we are not to pretend to be more than we are!

Although Paul stood in a class by himself and could boast of unprecedented accomplishments, he recognized his need for other members of the team. That's why he leaned so heavily on Timothy, Titus, Luke, Barnabas, Silas, Sosthenes, and others. The understanding of his own limitations is the reason Paul could rejoice that others were on his team. Thus, he could write with no sense of being threatened by someone else, "I planted, but Apollos watered...." Apollos contributed a part that Paul would never have brought into the project. Paul was a dynamic planter, but Apollos was an excellent nurturer. Paul needed all his team members to bring his job to maturity.

Of course, you need to recognize your own God-given abilities and use them. God wants you to develop your gifts and use your talents to become the very best you can be. But when you come to the edge of your limitations, realize that it's all right for you to say:

"This is too much for me!"

"This a project that I'm not anointed to do!"

"This demands gifts and talents that I don't possess!"

"This is a time for someone else to take the lead!"

"This assignment is going to take teamwork, because I can't do it by myself."

God intended for you to be a part of a team! If you try to act like you can do everything on your own, you're going to find it quite humiliating when you fail miserably in front of everyone.

Trying to tackle a huge project all by yourself is the surest way to end up embarrassed in front of others. When you fail and fall flat on your face, you'll regret that you didn't say, "I think someone else can do this job better than I can. This is simply not where I'm most gifted. Who can help me out with this project?"

So instead of thinking too highly of yourself and attempting to go it alone with every project you undertake, be smart! Develop a team mentality. Bring others into the project with you as the Lord leads. Recognize your limitations, and seek out those who have the gifts and talents you need. Rather than try to figure everything out by yourself, let the people around you contribute their thoughts, views, and insights. Let them use the talents and abilities God gave them. You can accomplish a whole lot more as a team than you can do by yourself.

The next time you set out to accomplish a task God has assigned to you, remember—there are other members of the Body of Christ too! You're not the only one who is called and has faith. God has gifted His entire Body with faith and spiritual gifts. Rather than trying to do it all by yourself, think "soberly." Recognize your limitations, and allow other people to be used by God too!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do you feel secure enough to say, "This project is too big for me; I need someone else to step in and help me"?

If you were really honest with yourself, would you have to confess that at times you've put a lot of pressure on yourself to do everything when there were others who could have pitched in and helped?

Are you the kind of person who includes others, or do you shut out other people, giving them no chance to contribute their gifts, talents, or ideas?

Recognize your limitations, and seek out those who have the gifts and talents you need. You can accomplish a whole lot more as a team than you can do by yourself.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Psalm 64:1-10 (AMP)

1 HEAR MY voice, O God, in my complaint; guard and preserve my life from the terror of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel and conspiracy of the ungodly, from the scheming of evildoers,

3 Who whet their tongues like a sword, who aim venomous words like arrows,

4 Who shoot from ambush at the blameless man; suddenly do they shoot at him, without self-reproach or fear.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose, they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, Who will discover us ?

6 They think out acts of injustice and say, We have accomplished a well-devised thing! For the inward thought of each one [is unsearchable] and his heart is deep.

7 But God will shoot an unexpected arrow at them; and suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 And they will be made to stumble, their own tongues turning against them; all who gaze upon them will shake their heads and flee away.

9 And all men shall [reverently] fear and be in awe; and they will declare the work of God, for they will wisely consider and acknowledge that it is His doing.

10 The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust and take refuge in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory and offer praise.

Proverbs 23:1-35 (AMP)

1 WHEN YOU sit down to eat with a ruler, consider who and what are before you; 2 For you will put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to desire. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties, for it is deceitful food [offered with questionable motives]. 4 Weary not yourself to be rich; cease from your own [human] wisdom. 5 Will you set your eyes upon wealth, when [suddenly] it is gone? For riches certainly make themselves wings, like an eagle that flies toward the heavens. 6 Eat not the bread of him who has a hard, grudging, and envious eye, neither desire his dainty foods; 7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. As one who reckons, he says to you, eat and drink, yet his heart is not with you [but is grudging the cost]. 8 The morsel which you have eaten you will vomit up, and your complimentary words will be wasted. 9 Speak not in the ears of a [self-confident] fool, for he will despise the [godly] Wisdom of your words. 10 Remove not the ancient landmark and enter not into the fields of the fatherless, 11 For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you. 12 Apply your mind to instruction and correction and your ears to words of knowledge. 13 Withhold not discipline from the child; for if you strike and punish him with the [reedlike] rod, he will not die. 14 You shall whip him with the rod and deliver his life from Sheol (Hades, the place of the dead). 15 My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will be glad, even mine; 16 Yes, my heart will rejoice when your lips speak right things. 17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long. 18 For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope and expectation shall not be cut off. 19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your mind in the way [of the Lord]. 20 Do not associate with winebibbers; be not among them nor among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. 22 Harken to your father, who begot you, and despise not your mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth and sell it not; not only that, but also get discernment and judgment, instruction and understanding. 24 The father of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God) shall greatly rejoice, and he who becomes the father of a wise child shall have joy in him. 25 Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice. 26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe and delight in my ways, 27 For a harlot is a deep ditch, and a loose woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lies in wait as a robber or as one waits for prey, and she increases the treacherous among men. 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness and dimness of eyes? 30 Those who tarry long at the wine, those who go to seek and try mixed wine. 31 Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the wineglass, when it goes down smoothly. 32 At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. 33 [Under the influence of wine] your eyes will behold strange things [and loose women] and your mind will utter things turned the wrong way [untrue, incorrect, and petulant]. 34 Yes, you will be [as unsteady] as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, and [as open to disaster] as he who lies upon the top of a mast. 35 You will say, They struck me, but I was not hurt! They beat me [as with a hammer], but I did not feel it! When shall I awake? I will crave and seek more wine again [and escape reality].

On The Wings Of Prayer

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Just close your eyes and open your heart, And feel your worries and cares depart.

Just yield yourself to the Father above, And let Him hold you secure in His love.

For life on earth grows more involved, With endless problems that can't be solved.

But God only asks us to do our best, Then He will take over and do the rest.

So when you are tired, discouraged and blue, There is always one door that is open to you.

And that is the door to the House of Prayer, And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.

And the House of Prayer is no further away, Than the quiet spot where you kneel to pray.

For the heart is a temple when God is there, As we place ourselves in His loving care.

And He hears every prayer and answers each one, when we pray in His name, Thy will be done.

The burdens that seemed too heavy to bear, Are lifted away on the wings of a prayer.

~Helen Steiner Rice~

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