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~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I thank You for the peace You have placed in my life. This powerful spiritual weapon protects me from the assaults of life, enabling me to stand fixed, even in the face of the occasional storms that try to blow into my life, my family, my church, my friendships, and my business. How can I ever express how much I need this peace or how grateful I am to You for covering me with this protective shield that fortifies me and makes me strong? When adverse situations arise against me, help me remember to immediately release this divine force to safeguard my life. Protect me and my family and charge the angels concerning us and send them out before us to clear our path of anyone or anything that means us evil or harm, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 5: 1-19 (AMP)

1 IF ANYONE sins in that he is sworn to testify and has knowledge of the matter, either by seeing or hearing of it, but fails to report it, then he shall bear his iniquity and willfulness. 2 Or if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether the carcass of an unclean wild beast or of an unclean domestic animal or of unclean creeping things that multiply prolifically, even if he is unaware of it, and he has become unclean, he is guilty. 3 Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever kind the uncleanness may be with which he becomes defiled, and he is unaware of it, when he does know it, then he shall be guilty. 4 Or if anyone unthinkingly swears he will do something, whether to do evil or good, whatever it may be that a man shall pronounce rashly taking an oath, then, when he becomes aware of it, he shall be guilty in either of these. 5 When a man is guilty in one of these, he shall confess the sin he has committed. 6 He shall bring his guilt or trespass offering to the Lord for the sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for his sin. 7 But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring for his guilt offering to the Lord two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. 8 He shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer the one for the sin offering first, and wring its head from its neck, but shall not sever it; 9 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering. 10 And he shall prepare the second bird for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven. 11 But if the offender cannot afford to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil or frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering. 12 He shall bring it to the priest, who shall take a handful of it as a memorial portion and burn it on the altar, on the offerings made by fire to the Lord; it is a sin offering. 13 Thus the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin that he has committed in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven; and the remainder shall be for the priest, as in the cereal offering. 14 And the Lord said to Moses, 15 If anyone commits a breach of faith and sins unwittingly in the holy things of the Lord, he shall bring his trespass or guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, valued by you in shekels of silver, that is, the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass or guilt offering. 16 And he shall make restitution for what he has done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass or guilt offering, and he shall be forgiven. 17 If anyone sins and does any of the things the Lord has forbidden, though he was not aware of it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity. 18 He shall bring [to the priest] a ram without blemish out of the flock, estimated by you to the amount [of the trespass], for a guilt or trespass offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for the error which he committed unknowingly, and he shall be forgiven. 19 It is a trespass or guilt offering; he is certainly guilty before the Lord.

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Confession: V 5 Even though you were to bring a sacrifice, the confession of your guilt was still necessary. "Whoever seeks to cover his sin shall not prosper; but whoso will confess his sin shall be forgiven" (Proverbs 28: 13). God cannot deal with sin in your life as long as you're trying to hide it. Asham=trespass, a fault (4:2, 5:7).

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; page 48)

Are You Wearing Your Killer Shoes?

Ephesians 6:14, 15

If you had seen the shoes of a Roman soldier, you'd have wanted to make sure you didn't fall in front of him or get in his way where he might accidentally step on you. Those weren't normal shoes—they were killer shoes!

Paul refers to these killer shoes in Ephesians 6:15 as he talks about the spiritual weapons God has given to the Church. Just as God has given each believer a sword (see February 22), He has also clothed every believer with the shoes of peace.

Now, I realize that these shoes may sound like a passive, peaceful part of our spiritual armor. However, these are actually killer shoes, such as those worn by a Roman soldier.

The shoes of a Roman soldier were vicious weapons. They began at the top of the legs near the knees and extended down to the feet. The portions that covered the knees to the feet were called the "greaves." They were made of metal and were specially shaped to wrap around the calves of a soldier's legs. The greaves were uncomfortable but essential for the safekeeping of a soldier's legs.

The shoe itself was made of heavy pieces of leather or metal, tied together with leather straps that were intermingled with bits of metal. The bottoms were manufactured of heavy leather or pieces of metal. The bottom of the shoes were affixed with sharp, dangerous, protruding spikes. These spikes had several purposes, which we will get to in just a moment. In addition, two sharply pointed spikes extended beyond the front of each shoe.

Let me explain to you the reasons for all this gear on a soldier's legs and feet. First, the greaves—the metal that covered the Roman soldier's legs from his knees to the top of his feet—were designed to protect the soldier's calves when he was required to march through rocky and thorny terrain. If he'd had no protection on his legs, he would have surely been gashed and cut by the environment.

Thus, the greaves gave the soldier protection so he could keep walking, regardless of the obstacles he encountered. The metal barriers also gave him defensive protection in those moments when an adversary kicked him in the shins, trying to break his legs. Because the soldier's calves were covered with these greaves, his legs could not be broken and the enemy's attacks were in vain.

Now let's talk about the spikes on the bottom of the soldier's shoes. These were intended to hold him "in place" when in battle. His opponent might try to push him around, but the spikes on the bottom of his shoes helped keep him in his place, making the soldier virtually immovable. Additionally, those spikes on the bottom and front of the shoes served as weapons of brutality and murder. One good kick with those shoes, and an enemy would be dead. Just a few seconds of stomping on a fallen adversary would have eradicated that foe forever!

When Paul writes about these shoes in Ephesians 6:15, he says, "... And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Notice that he connects peace with these killer weapons! In just a moment, you'll understand why.

The word "shod" is derived from the word hupodeomai—a compound of the words hupo and deo. The word hupo means under, and deo means to bind. Taken together as one word, it conveys the idea of binding something very tightly on the bottom of one's feet. Therefore, this is not the picture of a loosely fitting shoe but of a shoe that has been tied onto the bottom of the foot extremely tightly.

Just as the greaves of a Roman soldier protected him from the environment and from the blows of his enemy, the peace of God—when it is operating in your life—protects and defends you from the hassles and assaults of the devil. The enemy may try to disrupt you, distract you, and steal your attention by causing negative events to whirl all around you, but his attempts will fail because the peace of God, like a protective greave, stops you from being hurt and enables you to keep marching forward!

Just as those spikes held a Roman soldier securely in place when his enemy tried to push him around, the peace of God will hold you in place when the devil tries to push you around! And as the soldier used those spikes to kick and to kill his opponent, there is no need for you to ever stop moving ahead just because the devil tries to block your path. If he is foolish enough to try to get in front of you, just keep walking! Stomp all along the way! By the time you're finished using your shoes of peace, you won't have much of a devil problem to deal with anymore!

Paul uses this illustration to tell us that we must firmly tie God's peace onto our lives. If we only give peace a loosely fitting position in our lives, it won't be long before the affairs of life knock our peace out of place. Hence, we must bind peace onto our minds and emotions in the same way Roman soldiers made sure to bind their shoes very tightly onto their feet.

But wait—there's one more important point. Paul continued, "And your feet shod with the preparation...." The word "preparation" is the Greek word *etoimasin*, and it presents the idea of readiness or preparation. When used in connection with Roman soldiers, the word *etoimasin* portrayed men of war who had their shoes tied on very tightly to ensure a firm footing. Once they had the assurance that their shoes were going to stay in place, they were ready to march out onto the battlefield and confront the enemy.

When peace is in place in your life, it gives you the assurance you need to step out in faith and make the moves God is leading you to make. But before you take those steps, you need to be sure His peace is operating in your life. This mighty and powerful piece of your spiritual weaponry is essential because, without it, the devil can try to kick, punch, pull, and distract you. But with that conquering peace firmly tied to your mind and emotions, you will be empowered to keep marching ahead, impervious to the devil's attempts to take you down!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Have there been some very difficult times in your life when the peace of God protected you from the turmoil that was happening around you?

Do you recall how you felt when you were enveloped in this supernatural peace? Think about it.

If the devil is trying to shove you around emotionally right now, what can you do to stay in the peace of God?

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

THE PRAYERS OF THE APOSTLES

51. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

We frequently take occasion in these pages to emphasize the importance and need of preserving the balance of truth, for in so doing, we are really calling attention to the method followed by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, and that cannot be ignored without our suffering serious loss. There is a most blessed mingling together in the Word of those different elements which are so essential unto a well-rounded Christian life—as in the natural world [where] God has provided various kinds of food suited to the several needs of our bodies. A striking example of this is found in the immediate context of that prayer, which is here to engage our attention. In 2 Thessalonians 2, verse 13 and 14, one of the fundamental articles of our most holy faith is expressed; yet not in a cold and formal manner, but rather as that which occasioned deep and constant thanksgiving. Next, in verse 15, the corresponding duty is enforced, the obligations which such a disclosure of divine grace devolves upon the favoured objects and recipients of it. Then follows our prayer, which, as we shall see, really grows out of verses 13 to 15. Thus we have here: doctrinal declaration, practical exhortation, and earnest supplication—and that is what both preachers and hearers should ever blend together, and in that order.

What has just been pointed out is too weighty for us to dismiss without a further word of amplification. After describing the fearful judgment which God sends upon those who receive not His truth in the love of it, the apostle's mind turned unto those who were the objects of the divine favour, which moved him to exclaim, "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" (2Th 2:13). That should ever be the effect upon a child of God as he solemnly contemplates the doom of unbelievers: hearty thanksgiving should issue from his soul at the realization that the Lord eternally set His heart upon an elect company whom He appointed unto deliverance from the wrath to come. But what we would here particularly note is that God's eternal election does not preclude effectual calling, nor does either render needless the exercise of our moral agency: those "beloved of the Lord"—all of them, yet none other—are "chosen...to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Those three things must never be separated.

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Psalm 37:1-40 (AMP)

1 FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God). 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3 Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass. 6 And He will make your uprightness and right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice and right as [the shining sun of] the noonday. 7 Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. 8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself—it tends only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait and hope and look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while, and the evildoers will be no more; though you look with care where they used to be, they will not be found. 11 But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plot against the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright in right standing with God); they gnash at them with their teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at [the wicked], for He sees that their own day [of defeat] is coming. 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who walk uprightly (blameless in conduct and in conversation). 15 The swords [of the wicked] shall enter their own hearts, and their bows shall be broken. 16 Better is the little that the [uncompromisingly] righteous have than the abundance [of possessions] of many who are wrong and wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the [consistently] righteous. 18 The Lord knows the days of the upright and blameless, and their heritage will abide forever. 19 They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs [that is consumed in smoke] and as the glory of the pastures. They shall vanish; like smoke shall they consume away. 21 The wicked borrow and pay not again [for they may be unable], but the [uncompromisingly] righteous deal kindly and give [for they are able]. 22 For such as are blessed of God shall [in the end] inherit the earth, but they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]. 24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and upholds him. 25 I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread. 26 All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed. 27 Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely]. 28 For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked [in time] shall be cut off. 29 [Then] the [consistently] righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. 30 The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked lie in wait for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and seek to put them to death. 33 The Lord will not leave them in their hands, or [suffer them to] condemn them when they are judged. 34 Wait for and expect the Lord and keep and heed His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; [in the end] when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. 35 I have seen a wicked man in great power and spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil, 36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he was not; yes, I sought and inquired for him, but he could not be found. 37 Mark the blameless man and behold the upright, for there is a happy end for the man of peace. 38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; in the end the wicked shall be cut off. 39 But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge and secure Stronghold in the time of trouble. 40 And the Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they trust and take refuge in Him.

To me; Leviticus is just so amazing, it actually involves some of our medical practices that are still in use in some form today. Touching unclean animals, today it is still done, we do not touch wild animals, especially one's acting strange (rabies). We also still, the ones that hunt prepare the animals today as they did then. They also used salt then, to cure meat, etc. Pretty amazing isn't it that a lot of the practices used in biblical days are in use today, some may be somewhat modified, but they are. Can you and your families think of other areas that are in the Bible, for daily living that are practiced today? How about farming? How about what you should do if some one is infectious and you don't know what it is? Some of the medications used today, came from biblical days, when I find my college thesis on that I will post it on the website, it is pretty interesting.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 161-162)
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)