



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, lead us and guide us in what You have given us to do. Enable us when we step out in faith to do Your will, to be Your hands and feet. I ask that what You give each of us to do, Your plans are blessed and they go forth and produce fruit, to Your glory and honor. I ask that the enabling is anointed and blessed by You as we go forth. Supply the need, for it is not by our power or authority ever, it is by Your Spirit. Keep us and protect us all, in Jesus' name. Amen...

Scripture

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; John 8:56; Heb 11:11; Heb 11:18; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Ps 115:3; 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; Rom 15:4; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 4:20-25

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The Case of Abraham; Paul takes up the case of Abraham because those who were teaching that Gentiles must become Jewish proselytes in order to be Christians based their claims on God's promises to Abraham, which were linked to the sign of circumcision: if one was not of the seed of Abraham by nature, he would have to become so by circumcision. Paul explains that the promise was given on the basis of Abraham's faith, while he was still uncircumcised. Abraham's heirs are those who have the same faith, rather than those who are circumcised. The grand thing in Abraham's life was his faith, not his circumcision.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; page 766; history & commentaries)

What did Abraham discover? Abraham didn't trust in his works to save him (Romans 7:18). God imputes righteousness to us when we believe Him. If we try to approach God on the basis of our works, we nullify His grace. When we have a right relationship with God, our natural response that flows from our hearts is to do anything He wants. Our works are thus motivated by love (2 Corinthians 5:14). Blessed means oh how happy. God considered Abraham righteous before he had ever been circumcised. Abraham was accounted righteous before the Law was ever given. There is no way to break a law before it exists. Our salvation is not variable, dependent on our works, but is as sure as God's promise to us. God talked about Abraham's son as if Isaac existed before he was even conceived. The four keys to Abraham's faith: 1. Abraham ignored the human impossibilities and trusted God to keep His promises (Isaiah 55: 8,9). 2. Abraham did not stagger at the promises of God (Philippians 4:19). 3. Abraham praised God before the evidence was there. 4. Abraham believed God was able to do what He had said He would (Isaiah 40: 15; Ephesians 3:20). (Chuck Smith)

When you are in a battle knowing what God has promised but still experiencing attacks from doubt and unbelief, then meditate on Romans 4: 18-21. When God tells us something or asks us to do something, the faith to believe or do it comes with a word from God. When God expects us to do something He gives us the ability to do it, we just have to believe it. When He calls us to do something He puts the enabling inside of us to do it. Satan knows how dangerous we are when our hearts are full of faith, so he attacks us with doubt and unbelief. It isn't that we do not have faith, it is just that Satan tries to destroy our faith with lies.

God places dreams and visions in the hearts of His people; they begin as little seeds. Just as a woman has a seed planted into her womb when she becomes pregnant, so we become pregnant, so to speak, with the things God speaks and promises. During the pregnancy; Satan works hard to try and get us to abort our dreams. One of the tools he uses is doubt another is unbelief. Both of these work against the mind. Faith is a product of the spirit; it is a spiritual force. The enemy does not want your mind to agree with your spirit. He knows that if God places in you the faith to do something, and you get positive and start consistently believing that you can actually do it, then you will do considerable damage to his kingdom. God will follow through with what He has promised you by His Word. Get His promises into your mind; think about them; speak of them; and let your faith increase.

God promised Abraham he would have an heir from his own body. Many years came and went and still there was no child as a result of Abraham and Sarah's relationship. Abraham still stood in faith, believing that what God had said would come to pass. As he stood, he was, he was attacked with thoughts of doubt, and the spirit of unbelief pressed him to disobey God. Disobedience in a situation like this can simply be giving up when God prompts us to press on. Disobedience is disregarding the voice of the Lord, or whatever God is speaking to us personally, not just transgressing the Ten Commandments or a specific Bible verse. Romans 4:20 states that Abraham continued to be steadfast; he kept praising and giving glory to God. As he did so, he grew strong in faith, he felt confident that God would keep His Word. Keep your hearts filled with faith and your actions filled with obedience.

For any plan you feel like God is leading you to do, or you believe He has given you; always search the Scriptures pertaining to the plan, pray about it, ask God to bless it, and ask for confirmation and don't just charge ahead wait on God's timing, of course we do all these steps in faith. If you feel you have a plan from God, and you proceed, and things fall apart, and doors slam in your face. Think through it again...was it your plan and you expect God to bless it...or is it God....go to Him in prayer and ask.....and remember God does not have to bless your plans, only His plans.....for we are to be in His will not ours....Seek wise council, but go to God first, than seek council about what God is calling you to do. Remember also though if God is calling you to do it, sometimes the wise council you seek may not agree with you, sometimes it is because their gifting /calling is different...or maybe they have not been called to do that but wish they had of been....so go to God first, than seek wise council if you are lead to do so. Remember also, it is God's timing not yours, there are no drive through break throughs. You will be required to do your part....God does not usually zap it (the plan) and it is right there that moment, it is usually step by step, if He gave us the plan all at once we might panic and run.....You should feel peace about it, if you have constant turmoil.....pray and ask. If it does not bear fruit, and sometimes in the beginning it will not, but will eventually...than ask God.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries)

(KJV and Amplified Bible; 2005; JMM; Scripture and commentaries and notes)

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 where he went. Gen 12:4; 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 has 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. Gen 17:19; Gen 21:2; Luke 1:36; 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. Gen 15:5; Gen 22:17; Rom 4:18;

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. John 8:53; Gen 23:4; Gen 47:9; 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 where they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: why God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he has prepared for them a city. Exod 3:6; Matt 22:32; Acts 7:32;

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Gen 22:10; 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall your seed be called: Gen 21:12; Rom 9:7; Gal 3:29; 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from where also he received him in a figure.

Hebrews 11:8-19

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

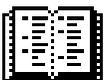
2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

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. Gen 1:1; Ps 33:6; John 1:10; Eph 3:9; Col 1:16; Rom 4:17;

Hebrews 11:1-3

Psa 119:105

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



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