



~ 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 am well aware that events will occur in life that will tempt me to release the dream You put in my heart. So right now I ask You to fill me with the courage I need to refuse to let go of my dream. Even though my mind and the circumstances around me may send signals that the dream will never come to pass, I know that You are faithful to what You have promised. Help me wrap my arms of faith around Your promises and never let go until I see them come into manifestation, lead me in the way to go for what it is Your plan and will for me. I seek You for Your ways are higher, and whatever is from You will succeed and not fail. I seek Your will and planning. Thank You Lord for using me to just serve and that these dreams, Your calling comes to pass. Extend my boundaries Lord, and I ask bless me, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 9: 1-24 (AMP)

1 ON THE eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel; 2 And he said to Aaron, Take a young calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, [each] without blemish, and offer them before the Lord. 3 And say to the Israelites, Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt offering, 4 Also a bull and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before the Lord, and a cereal offering mixed with oil, for today the Lord will appear to you. 5 They brought before the Tent of Meeting what Moses [had] commanded; all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord. 6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded you to do, and the glory of the Lord will appear to you. 7 And Moses said to Aaron, Draw near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people; and offer the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the Lord commanded. 8 So Aaron drew near to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was designated for himself. 9 The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him; he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar and poured out the blood at the altar's base; 10 But the fat, the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver from the sin offering he burned on the altar, as the Lord had commanded Moses. 11 And the flesh and the hide Aaron burned with fire outside the camp. 12 He killed the burnt offering, and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, which he dashed round about upon the altar. 13 And they brought the burnt offering to him piece by piece, and the head, and Aaron burned them upon the altar. 14 And he washed the entrails and the legs and burned them with the burnt offering on the altar. 15 Then Aaron presented the people's offering, and took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people and killed it and offered it for sin as he did the first sin offering. 16 And he presented the burnt offering and offered it according to the ordinance. 17 And Aaron presented the cereal offering and took a handful of it and burned it on the altar in addition to the burnt offering of the morning. 18 He also killed the bull and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings, for the people; and Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he dashed upon the altar round about, 19 And the fat of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail and that which covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver. 20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and Aaron burned the fat upon the altar; 21 But the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before the Lord, as Moses commanded. 22 Then Aaron lifted his hands toward the people and blessed them, and came down [from the altar] after offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings. 23 Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord [the Shekinah cloud] appeared to all the people [as promised]. 24 Then there came a fire out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

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Leviticus 8–9. The Consecration of Aaron

Before the time of Moses, sacrifices were offered by heads of families. But now that the nation is organized, a place is set apart for sacrifice, a ritual is prescribed, and a hereditary priesthood is created in a solemn ceremony. Aaron was to be high priest, and he was to be succeeded by his firstborn son. The priesthood was maintained by tithes (one-tenth of a family's income, whether money, livestock, or produce) and parts of some sacrifices. They received 13 cities (Joshua 21:13–19).

The high priest's garments . Every detail had been specified by God (Exodus 28). A robe of blue, with bells at the bottom.

The ephod, which was a sort of cape or sleeveless vestment, consisting of two pieces joined on the shoulders, that hung, one at the front and one on the back, on the high priest, with an onyx stone on each shoulder, each bearing six names of the tribes: made of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen.

The breastplate, about 10 inches square, of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen, double, open at the top, fastened with gold chains to the Ephod, adorned with 12 precious stones, each stone bearing the name of a tribe. The breastplate contained the Urim and Thummim, which were used to learn the will of God; we don't know exactly what they were, but they were used to cast lots.

The Divine Origin of the Sacrificial System

God placed the system of sacrifices at the very center and heart of Jewish national life. Whatever its immediate applications and implications may have been to the Jews, the unceasing sacrifice of animals and the never-ending glow of altar fires were without doubt designed by God to burn into the consciousness of the people of Israel a sense of their deep sinfulness. They were also, for more than a millennium, a picture that pointed forward to the coming sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The Levitical priesthood was divinely ordained to be the mediator between God and the Hebrew nation through the bringing of animal sacrifices. But those sacrifices were fulfilled in Christ. Animal sacrifices are no longer necessary. Christ Himself is our Great High Priest, the only Mediator between God and humanity, as Hebrews 8–10 makes very clear. Thus Christ is both our Sacrifice and our High Priest, our Mediator. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History and Commentaries; page 158)

Aaron Begins The Sacrifices: V5 Moses instructed Aaron step by step how the sacrifices were to be made. V 22 We see the twofold function of the priests going before God to represent the people. They then returned to bless the people on God's behalf. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; pages 48-49)

Refuse To Ever Let Go Of Your Dream!**Hebrews 10:23**

What do you want God to accomplish through you in this life? What are the dreams you think about every night when your head hits the pillow, or every day when no one else is around? Do you daydream about what you'd like to become or do in the years that lie ahead? Have you considered the possibility that these daydreams may in fact be the will of God for your life—dreams He placed deep down inside your spirit that are starting to be awakened? Is it possible that this is the timing for God's dream for your life to be ignited in your soul?

Dreams are powerful. They usually seem impossible at first, but those who dare to do the impossible are the ones who eventually see the impossible come to pass in their lives. Everything great starts as a dream. Consider the example of Thomas Edison, who worked so long and furiously to realize his dream of the light bulb. Although Edison failed literally thousands of times in the earliest pursuits of his dream, he learned from every failure and pushed forward. Finally, his dream came to pass, and it changed the course of human history.

What if this brilliant man had given up and given in to discouragement? I'm sure someone else along the way would have invented the light bulb, but Edison wouldn't have had the great honor of being a part of it.

There are myriads of Bible examples of individuals who had a dream. For instance, let's consider the dream God gave Abraham—called the father of our faith—regarding a new land and a new people. When God first spoke to him about the son He would give him, Abraham and his wife had long been infertile and unable to conceive a child. The thought of having a baby probably seemed like an unattainable fantasy to them. They could have asked themselves, Is this really the plan of God for our lives, or is this a hallucination?

God also promised Abraham a new land but didn't tell him where it was located. In their efforts to find that land, Abraham and Sarah were stricken with colossal challenges, problematic circumstances, and horrible internal family problems. First, Abraham's father died. Then they lost their nephew Lot to Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham also took Hagar as a second wife, producing a son that didn't belong to Sarah and a great deal of jealousy and strife. In addition, Abraham and Sarah experienced a terrible famine in their promised territory that forced them to leave due to a lack of food. Traveling to Egypt in search for food, they soon found themselves evicted from that land as well.

At any moment, it would have been so easy for Abraham and Sarah to say, "Enough is enough! Pack it up—we're going back home to the city of Ur!" But instead of giving in to defeat and discouragement, they held tightly to the dreams God had put in their hearts and kept pursuing those dreams until they had witnessed their fulfillment.

If you want to see the dream God has given you fulfilled in your life, it is imperative that you have this same attitude. As Hebrews 10:23 says, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised);."

I want you to particularly notice the phrase "hold fast." Abraham and Sarah "held fast" to their dream, and that is what you must do as well. The phrase "hold fast" is taken from the Greek word katecho, which is a compound of the two words kata and echo. The first word, kata, carries the idea of something that comes downward.

You could say the word kata carries the force of something that comes down so hard and so heavily, it is overpowering and dominating to the point of being subjugating. When this force arrives on the scene, it conquers, subdues, and immediately begins expressing its overwhelming, influencing power.

The second part of the word katecho is the word echo, which simply means I have and carries the notion of possession. This is the picture of someone who has sought and searched for one particular thing his entire life. After years of seeking and searching, he finally finds the object of his dreams. Joyfully he rushes forward to seize it and hold it tight. He wraps his arms around that object, making it his very own. Finally, he can say, "I have it! At long last it is mine!"

When kata and echo are compounded into the word katecho, it literally means to embrace something tightly. However, because of the word kata, we know that this is the image of someone who finds the object of his dreams and then holds it down—taking control of it, dominating it—even sitting on it so it doesn't slip away!

The phrase "hold fast" is so strong that it can actually be translated to suppress. It is used this exact way in Romans 1:18, where Paul tells us about ungodly men "... who hold [or suppress] the truth in unrighteousness." In other words, because these ungodly men don't like the truth, they "sit on it" or "put a lid on it" in an effort to keep others from hearing the truth and getting set free. But in Hebrews 10:23, this same idea is used positively to describe you sitting on your word from God and refusing to let it slip out and get away from you!

This is the attitude you must have if you want to see your God-given dream come to pass. You have to wrap your arms around that word from God and never stop believing and pursuing your dream until it comes to pass. If you'll katecho your dream, it won't be able to get away from you, nor will anyone else be able to take it away from you!

The word katecho in Hebrews 10:23 could be interpreted this way:

"And let us hold fast to our confession, tightly wrapping our arms around it and embracing it with all our might, rejecting all attempts of anyone who tries to steal it from us...."

When you finally discover God's will for your life—when His plan finally begins to awaken in your heart and you know exactly what you are to do—hold fast to that dream. Tightly embrace what God has shown you. Seize it—wrap your arms of faith around it. Hold it down, and hold it tight!

Whenever you are tempted to get discouraged, give up, and release your dream, remember Abraham and Sarah. Although it took them awhile to receive their dream of a son, and although they had to overcome titanic hurdles along the way, they refused to let go of that dream and eventually saw it come to pass. In the end, they discovered that their dream was not a hallucination; it really was a word from God!

If you'll hold tight and refuse to let go of YOUR dream, it will just be a matter of time until you see it come to pass! Place all your weight on top of that dream so that NOTHING can steal it away from you!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

What can you learn about faith by looking at the lives of Abraham and Sarah?

In what ways does your own walk of faith compare with Abraham and Sarah's walk of faith?

Can you think of a time in your past when you claimed a promise, hung on to it in the face of opposition, and later saw that promise come to pass? What was the blessing you received by faith? Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;" Rev. 3:7

**(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 168)
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)**