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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'm so glad that I can be bold and straight to the point when I come into Your Presence. I am so thankful that You want me to boldly present my needs to You and expect You to answer my requests. Jesus told me to boldly ask, so it is right for me to do just that! Today I come before You to tell You about some big needs I have in my life—and because I know You want to bless and help me, I am releasing my faith, fully expecting to receive what I request of You today. I ask for Your will concerning my requests and your plans. I ask that all my needs, obligations, bills and debts are met. I ask that we are blessed with our daily bread. Bless me and all my family with good health. Keep us my Lord and protect us. Fill me how to also be a good steward of what You have given me to take care of, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 12: 1-8 (AMP)

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1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,

2 Say to the Israelites, If a woman conceives and bears a male child, she shall be unclean seven days, unclean as during her monthly discomfort.

3 And on the eighth day the child shall be circumcised.

4 Then she shall remain [separated] thirty-three days to be purified [from her loss] of blood; she shall touch no hallowed thing nor come into the [court of the] sanctuary until the days of her purifying are over.

5 But if the child she bears is a girl, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her periodic impurity, and she shall remain separated sixty-six days to be purified [from her loss] of blood.

6 When the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb a year old for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering to the door of the Tent of Meeting to the priest;

7 And he shall offer it before the Lord and make atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female child.

8 If she is unable to bring a lamb [for lack of means] then she shall bring two turtledoves or young pigeons, one for a burnt offering, the other for a sin offering; the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Lev 15:25-28 — And if a woman has an issue of blood for many days, not during the time of her separation, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her [regular] impurity, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness she shall be as in the days of her impurity; she shall be unclean. 26 Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be as the bed of her impurity, and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as in her impurity. 27 And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening. 28 But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall wait seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

Hag 2:13 — Then said Haggai, If one who is [ceremonially] unclean because he has come in contact with a dead body should touch any of these articles of food, shall it be [ceremonially] unclean? And the priests answered, It shall be unclean. [Unholiness is infectious.]

Lk 2:22 — And when the time for their purification [the mother's purification and the Baby's dedication] came according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord—

Lk 2:23 — As it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every [firstborn] male that opens the womb shall be set apart and dedicated and called holy to the Lord—

Leviticus 12. Purification of Mothers after Childbirth

The uncleanness of mothers did not result from the birth but from the bleeding. There is no clear reason why the period of separation was 40 days if the baby was a boy, 80 days if it was a girl.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History and Commentaries; page 159)

Purification After Childbirth: V 6 She brought a lamb for a burnt offering the first year, which was an offering of consecration and a sin offering. **V 8** "Turtles" would be turtle-doves. If someone could not afford to bring a lamb, the poor were allowed to bring two turtledoves. It is interesting after the birth of Jesus when Mary and Joseph came for this purifying rite, Mary brought two turtledoves, indicating that they were poor.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; pages 49-50)

Isaiah 42:1-9 (AMP)

1 BEHOLD MY Servant, Whom I uphold, My elect in Whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice and right and reveal truth to the nations.

2 He will not cry or shout aloud or cause His voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth.

4 He will not fail or become weak or be crushed and discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the islands and coastal regions shall wait hopefully for Him and expect His direction and law.

5 Thus says God the Lord—He Who created the heavens and stretched them forth, He Who spread abroad the earth and that which comes out of it, He Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 I the Lord have called You [the Messiah] for a righteous purpose and in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and will keep You; I will give You for a covenant to the people [Israel], for a light to the nations [Gentiles],

7 To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness from the prison.

8 I am the Lord; that is My name! And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Do You Have the Right To Ask Anything From God?**John 15:7**

Exactly how bold can you dare to be in prayer? Do you have the right to come into the Presence of God and make certain demands of Him? What are your rights, your limitations, and your boundaries when it comes to the issue of prayer?

Jesus used an attention-grabbing word in John 15:7 when He was speaking to the disciples about prayer. The King James Version says, "... Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The Greek word "ask" destroys any religious suggestion that we are lowly worms who have no right to come into the Presence of God. It also destroys the picture that we must pitifully beg and plead for the things we need of the Lord. You see, the word "ask" is the Greek word *aiteo*, a word that means to be adamant in requesting and demanding assistance to meet our needs, and so forth. Although this word *aiteo* means to ask or to insist, it does not give a believer license to be arrogant or rude in his approach to God. In fact, in the New Testament, the word *aiteo* is used to portray a person addressing a superior. The person may insist or ask that a certain need be met (in asking), (the request also has to be God's will, and what we ask may be done different than what we asked) but he approaches and speaks to his superior with respect and honor (God will not be mocked). Additionally, the word *aiteo* expresses the idea that one possesses a full expectation to receive what was firmly requested (all requests are asked in prayer in Jesus' name). There is no doubt that this word describes someone who prays authoritatively, in a sense asking something from God. This person knows what he needs and is so filled with faith that he isn't afraid to boldly come into God's Presence to ask and expect to receive what he has requested. (God knows our needs before we ask, but He wants and expects us to ask..He is Dad.)

Some people are disturbed by this idea of "asking" something from God. However, they wouldn't find this particular concept of prayer so disturbing if they kept it in context with the entire verse.

The first part of John 15:7 gives the key: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...."

Jesus knew that if His words take up permanent residency in your heart and mind, you will never ask for something that is out of line with His will for your life. His Word will so transform your mind that your prayers will always be in accordance with what He has already said. In fact, this transformation process is what gives you the confidence to boldly come into God's Presence and make your requests known! You ask boldly because you already know it is what He wants to do! (Isaiah 55)

Isaiah 55:8-11 (AMP)

8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

When you know you are praying according to the will of God, you don't have to sheepishly utter your requests. Rather, you can boldly assert your faith and expect God to move on your behalf! To tell the truth, God wants you to act boldly and courageously in prayer. He wants you to seize His will for your life and demand that it come into manifestation! He's just waiting for you to ask! And don't think that you can only come to God for spiritual blessings. As noted earlier, the word *aiteo* used in John 15:7 primarily has to do with requesting things of a physical and material nature, such as food, clothes, shelter, obligations met, and so forth. Jesus plainly stated in Matthew 6:33 that if we seek the Kingdom of God first, God will see to it that all the needs we need are provided. On the other hand, James 4:2 teaches that believers often do not have what they need because they don't ask!

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." The word translated "request" is also the word *aiteo*. By using *aiteo* in this verse, Paul also urges us to be bold, authoritative, and commanding. However, he underscores the point that our approach to God must not be rude and arrogant but rather filled with gratefulness and thanksgiving. This means we should have a thankful, grateful heart as we come to make our requests known. (when our prayers are answered we are to give Him glory and praise...and even if it is not His will what we ask...we are to be thankful in all things , that situation if we pray and do not receive it because not His will...He knows what we don't and many times He is protecting us.) (Many times when we pray sometimes we have simply prayed the wrong way....so be specific when you ask..if you need help with needs met, don't than pray...Lord if You would make things better...ask....and what you ask has to be Biblical) As you allow God's Word to take an authoritative role in your heart and mind and you give that Word the freedom to transform your thinking, your mind will become renewed to God's will. When that happens, it will cause you to pray in accordance with His plan for your life. Once you are in this position, you are ready to experience this *aiteo* kind of prayer. That's when you can begin to boldly, courageously, and confidently move into higher realms of prayer to obtain the petition you desire of God! As you make your bold requests known to God, take the time to show your respect by thanking Him for all He has done in your life!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER: Have you ever felt like you needed to beg and plead for God to do something in your life? How is the teaching going to change your prayer life? Can you think of one thing you can boldly ask God to do for you today?
Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 173-174)
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)