



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord lead us in God's will for us and plans. Give us peace this day as we go about being Your hands and feet. Give us a day of ease and a stress free day. Bring people across our path today we may bless; by a kindness, encouragement, fellowship, prayer, fill us with what their need may be and how You want us to be Your hands and feet. Let us do what we do as unto the Lord. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen...

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Scripture

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. Deut 9:4; 7 What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the election has obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Rom 9:31; 8 (According as it is written, God has given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) to this day. Isa 29:10; Isa 6:9; Ezek 12:2; Matt 13:14; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Acts 28:26; 9 And David said, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense to them: Ps 69:22; 10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always. 11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. 12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? 13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify my office: Acts 9:15; Acts 13:2; Acts 22:21; Gal 1:16; Gal 2:8; Eph 3:8; 1Tim 2:7; 2Tim 1:11; 14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? 16 For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Jer 11:16; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if you boast, you bore not the root, but the root you.

Romans 11: 6-18

(The Word; Net Bible; Biblical Studies Press; 2007)

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One of the darkest spots in the panorama of human history is the age long suffering of God's chosen people. One day it will end, Israel shall turn in penitence to the Lord. God hasn't cast off Israel, He defended them when Isaiah complained to Him. God has a remnant among the Jews today who believe in Jesus as their Messiah.

We're accepted by God either by our works or by grace, it cannot be both. God has rejected those who reject His grace. Through the cutting off of the Jews, and opening was made for the Gentiles. When God restores the Jews to His favor, the Kingdom Age will begin. The Gentiles are the wild olive branches grafted into the good olive tree of Israel, with the blessings of the covenant and the promises. God grafted us by our faith in Christ. The Jews were cut off because of their unbelief, not merely to make room for us. The fullness of the Gentiles indicates that there is a number of Gentiles who will be saved, after which God will turn back to Israel, drawing His people unto Himself. God calls the Jews His elect (Matthew 24). The Jews are now in unbelief of God, so that He can extend His mercy to them. God doesn't ask us to reconcile the various truths about His relations with man. He only wants us to believe, trusting Him with simple faith. Everything is centered around God.
(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; page 77)

Paul tells us in Romans 11:6 that grace and works are diametrically opposed to one another. They cannot fellowship together or have anything to do with each other. Grace and works of the flesh are mutually exclusive. Where one exists, the other cannot exist. If we are in our own works, then we are out of grace. If we are in grace, then we are out of works. Anytime we get into works, the grace of God ceases to operate on our behalf. God has no choice but to back off and wait until we have finished trying to handle things ourselves. We should take our hands off of situations, circumstances and relationships that concern us, and let God's grace go to work for us.

We need to realize that God is smarter than we are (Romans 11:34). His plan really is better. No matter what you or I may think, God's way is better than ours. Some of our frustrating times we go through in our lives is when we try to make things happen in our timing, and then we grow frustrated when none of our efforts worked and we had to wait. If the timing is delayed, it usually means we were not ready for those things.

God knows when we are not ready, but we think we are, so than we spend much of our time asking; "Why God why?" and "When God, when?" We ask the question over and over and only God has the answers, and sometimes He just does not tell us everything and He gives us everything step by step, hardly ever does He give a plan all at once. His ways are higher, and His plans are above ours and it is His timing not ours.

God wants our trust, not our questions. God does not need our counsel in order to work; He needs our faith, and to just believe.

(KJV Bible; Amplified Study Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; commentaries and Scripture; pages 1829-1831)

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27: 13-14

Isaiah 42

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit on him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Matt 3:17; Matt 17:5; Eph 1:6; Isa 11:2; John 3:34; 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment to truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus said God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I the LORD have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Isa 48:11; 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing to the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Ps 33:3; 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar does inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yes, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time held my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do to them, and not forsake them. Isa 40:3-4; 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, You are our gods. Ps 97:7; Isa 1:29; Isa 44:11; Isa 45:16;

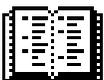
18 Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you observe not; opening the ears, but he hears not. Rom 2:2;

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable. 22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivers; for a spoil, and none said, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will listen and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient to his law. 25 Therefore he has poured on him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it has set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Psa 119:105

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



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