



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, the next time the devil tries to get in my way or to block my path, help me to raise my feet high, pound down as hard as I can, and stomp all over him as I march forward unhindered to do Your will. I thank You that because of Your victory, Satan has no right to exercise this kind of control over my life anymore! With You working as my Partner, I can stare that old enemy in the face and command him to move. And if he tries to put up a fight, I can push him out of the way and walk on through. Thank You Jesus for protecting us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 13: 1-59 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 2 When a man has a swelling on his skin, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes the disease of leprosy in his skin, then he shall be brought to the priest, to Aaron or one of his sons. 3 The priest shall look at the diseased spot on his skin, and if the hair in it has turned white and the disease appears depressed and deeper than his skin, it is a leprous disease; and the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. 4 If the bright spot is white on his skin, not depressed, and the hair on it not turned white, the priest shall quarantine the person or bind up the spot for seven days. 5 And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day, and if the disease in his estimation is at a standstill and has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall quarantine the person or bind up the spot seven more days. 6 And the priest shall examine him again the seventh day, and if the diseased part has a more normal color and the disease has not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only an eruption or a scab; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean. 7 But if the eruption or scab spreads farther in the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again. 8 If the priest sees that the eruption or scab is spreading in the skin, then he shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy. 9 When the disease of leprosy is in a man, he shall be brought to the priest; 10 And the priest shall examine him, and if there is a white swelling in the skin and the hair on it has turned white and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling, 11 It is a chronic leprosy in the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not bind the spot up, for he is unclean. 12 But if [supposed] leprosy breaks out in the skin, and it covers all the skin of him who has the disease from head to foot, wherever the priest looks, 13 The priest shall examine him; if the [supposed] leprosy covers all his body, he shall pronounce him clean of the disease; it is all turned white, and he is clean. 14 But when the raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean. 15 And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean; for the raw flesh is unclean; it is leprosy. 16 But if the raw flesh turns again and becomes white, he shall come to the priest, 17 And the priest shall examine him, and if the diseased part is turned to white again, then the priest shall pronounce him clean who had the disease; he is clean. 18 And when there is in the skin of the body [the scar of] a boil that is healed, 19 And in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a bright spot, reddish white, and it is shown to the priest, 20 And if when the priest examines it it looks lower than the skin and the hair on it is turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy; it has broken out in the boil. 21 But if the priest examines it and finds no white hair in it and it is not lower than the skin but appears darker, then the priest shall bind it up for seven days. 22 If it spreads in the skin, [he] shall pronounce him unclean; it is diseased. 23 But if the bright spot does not spread, it is the scar of the boil, and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 24 Or if there is any flesh in the skin of which there is a burn by fire and the quick flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish white or white, 25 Then the priest shall examine it, and if the hair in the bright spot is turned white, and it appears deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the burn. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the disease of leprosy. 26 But if the priest examines it and there is no white hair in the bright spot and it is not lower than the rest of the skin but is darker, then the priest shall bind it up for seven days. 27 And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; if it is spreading in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy. 28 But if the bright spot has not spread but is darker, it is a swelling from the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is the scar of the burn. 29 When a man or woman has a disease upon the head or in the beard, 30 The priest shall examine the diseased place; if it appears to be deeper than the skin, with yellow, thin hair in it, the priest

shall pronounce him unclean; it is a mange like leprosy of the head or beard. 31 If the priest examines the spot infected by the mange like disease, and it does not appear deeper than the skin and there is no black hair in it, the priest shall bind up the spot for seven days. 32 On the seventh day the priest shall examine the diseased spot; if the mange has not spread and has no yellow hair in it and does not look deeper than the skin, 33 Then the patient shall be shaved, except the mange like spot; and the priest shall bind up the spot seven days more. 34 On the seventh day the priest shall look at the mange like spot; if the mange has not spread and looks no deeper than the skin, he shall pronounce the patient clean; he shall wash his clothes and be clean. 35 But if the mange like spot spreads in the skin after his cleansing, 36 Then the priest shall examine him, and if the mange like spot is spread in the skin, the priest need not look for the yellow hair; the patient is unclean. 37 But if in his estimation the mange is at a standstill and has black hair in it, the mange like disease is healed; he is clean; the priest shall pronounce him clean. 38 When a man or a woman has on the skin bright spots, even white bright spots, 39 Then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots in the skin are a dull white, it is a harmless eruption; he is clean. 40 If a man's hair has fallen from his head, he is bald, but he is clean. 41 And if his hair has fallen out from the front of his head, he has baldness of the forehead, but he is clean. 42 But if there is on the bald head or forehead a reddish white diseased spot, it is leprosy breaking out on his baldness. 43 Then the priest shall examine him, and if the diseased swelling is reddish white on his bald head or forehead like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the body, 44 He is a leprous man; he is unclean; the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his disease is on his head. 45 And the leper's clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, Unclean, unclean! 46 He shall remain unclean as long as the disease is in him; he is unclean; he shall live alone [and] his dwelling shall be outside the camp. 47 The garment also that the disease of leprosy [symbolic of sin] is in, whether a wool or a linen garment, 48 Whether it be in woven or knitted stuff or in the warp or woof of linen or of wool, or in a skin or anything made of skin, 49 If the disease is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in a skin or in the warp or woof or in anything made of skin, it is the plague of leprosy; show it to the priest. 50 The priest shall examine the diseased article and shut it up for seven days. 51 He shall examine the disease on the seventh day; if [it] is spread in the garment, or in the article, whatever service it may be used for, the disease is a rotting or corroding leprosy; it is unclean. 52 He shall burn the garment, whether diseased in warp or woof, in wool or linen, or anything made of skin; for it is a rotting or corroding leprosy, to be burned in the fire. 53 But if the priest finds the disease has not spread in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in anything made of skin, 54 Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more. 55 And the priest shall examine the diseased article after it has been washed, and if the diseased portion has not changed color, though the disease has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire; it is a rotting or corroding [disease], whether the leprous spot be inside or outside. 56 If the priest looks and the diseased portion is less noticeable after it is washed, he shall tear it out of the garment, or the skin (leather), or out of the warp or woof. 57 If it appears still in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of skin, it is spreading; you shall burn the diseased part with fire. 58 But the garment, or the woven or knitted stuff or warp or woof, or anything made of skin from which the disease departs when you have washed it, shall then be washed a second time, and be clean. 59 This is the law for a leprous disease in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp or woof, or in anything made of skin, to pronounce it clean or unclean.

Leviticus 13–14. The Test for Skin Diseases

These regulations were for the purpose of controlling the spread of infectious skin diseases, of which the most loathsome and dreaded was leprosy. The word translated "leprosy" in the kjv has a range of meanings, including leprosy, skin disease, and even mildew. Primitive as this approach may seem to us, these simple measures undoubtedly saved many lives.

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

Diagnosing Leprosy: VV 1-8 A careful examination was performed to make sure a person was truly a leper, so he wasn't isolated unfairly. God wanted them to isolate the leper from the people to keep this disease from spreading. It was like a quarantine. (This principle of quarantine is still used today, and in some cases called isolation, interesting huh? A medical procedure protocol from the biblical days) (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; page 50)

Keep the Devil Where He Belongs—Under Your Feet!

Romans 16:20

Are you tired of the devil blocking your way and causing all kinds of disruptions and problems in your life, such as problems in your relationships, financial woes, or health problems? How would you like to lift your foot high and then slam it down as hard as you can on top of the devil—pounding, hammering, trouncing, crushing, and smattering him to bits under your feet? Does that sound like something you wish you could do?

Believe it or not, the apostle Paul encourages you to do exactly that! In Romans 16:20 he writes, "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly...." The word "bruise" is taken from the Greek word *suntribo*, a word that significantly presents this notion of trampling the devil under your feet. The word was historically used to denote the act of smashing grapes into wine. However, it was also used to refer to the act of snapping breaking, and crushing bones. In fact, it pictures bones that have been utterly crushed beyond recognition.

This word *suntribo* is used in Mark 5:4 where the Bible tells us about the demon-possessed man of the Gadarenes. It says, "Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces...." The phrase "broken in pieces" is this same word *suntribo*. Although bound in chains and fetters, the demonized man was sufficiently energized by the demons to be able to crush those fetters to pieces.

The use of the word *suntribo* in this verse portrays a demon-possessed man releasing so much rage and violence that he was able to obliterate, smash, demolish, and reduce those fetters to nothing. When he was finished, the fetters fell to the ground in a heap, twisted and deformed—so broken that they would never be used to hold anyone captive again.

Now Paul uses this same word in Romans 16:20 when he says we are to "bruise" Satan under our feet. However, notice that Paul says we are to bruise him under our feet "shortly." This word "shortly" is extremely important because it takes the whole picture to the next level. It tells us what attitude we must demonstrate the next time the devil tries to get in our way or block our path.

The word "shortly" comes from a military term that described the way Roman soldiers marched in formation. They were instructed by their commanders, "You are Roman soldiers! Lift your feet high, stomp loud, and let everyone know you are coming through town. The sound of the stomping and pounding of your feet is the signal to let everyone know they need to get out of your way. And if someone is foolish enough to stand in your way—even if someone falls down in front of you—don't you dare stop to ask them to move! Just keep marching, stomping, and pounding, even if it means you have to walk right over them!"

So when Paul uses the word "shortly," he is referring to the pounding, stomping, crushing steps of a Roman soldier. And remember, Roman soldiers wore shoes that were spiked with nails on the bottom. When a challenger stood in front of them—or if a person fell in their path—these soldiers would simply ignore the obstacle and keep marching, stomping, and pounding along their way, leaving the challenger or unfortunate person completely obliterated and trampled beyond recognition—an ugly, bloody sight.

What does all this mean for you and me today? It means the next time the devil tries to get in your way or block your path, you shouldn't stop to politely ask him to move. If the enemy is stupid enough to challenge you and tries to hinder your plans, God tells you what to do in this verse: "Just keep walking! If the devil tries to stop you, just raise your feet high, pound down as hard as you can, and stomp all over him as you march forward. Crush and bruise him beyond recognition!"

However, it is important to point out that this smashing and crushing of Satan must be done in cooperation with God. Alone you are no match for this archenemy. That's the reason Paul says, "... The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet..." In other words, this is a joint partnership between you and God. By yourself, you could never keep Satan subdued. But with God as your Partner, the devil has no chance of ever slipping out from under your heel!

Romans 16:20 suggests this idea:

"The God of peace will smash and completely obliterate Satan under your feet! If Satan tries to get in your way or to block your path, then it's time for you to act like a soldier—lift your feet high, stomp and pound down hard, crushing the enemy under your feet and leaving him in a heap, trampled beyond recognition, as you march on...."

The glorious truth is that Jesus already completely destroyed Satan's power over you through His death and resurrection. The devil was utterly smashed, crushed, and bruised when Jesus was victoriously raised from the dead. Your God-given mission now is to reinforce the victory already won and to demonstrate just how miserably defeated Satan already is!

The enemy may try to lord himself over you; he may attempt to exert his foul influence over your life. However, he is merely using empty threats and illusions to feed fear into your mind.

Never forget—the only place that rightfully belongs to the devil is the small space of ground right under your feet! Jesus accomplished a total, complete, and perfect work through the Cross of Calvary and His resurrection from the dead. That means your healing, your miracle, or your blessing already belongs to you! The victory is already yours!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do you see yourself as a victorious soldier in the army of God?

Are your problems under your feet today, or do you feel like you are constantly under the heel of your problems?

What are you going to do to turn this situation around? Write down ideas about what actions you can take to start winning the victory over the devil's attacks in your life

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 174-177)
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)