



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, thank You for considering my character so carefully. I know that You want to change me and conform me into the image of Jesus more than anything else. I often feel rushed to get things moving, but I know that You are looking to see if I have the character I need so I can successfully do what You've called me to do. I yield my heart to You and ask You to do Your work inside me. Change me so You can use me as You wish, and make me to be the best I can be in You. Fill me each day with God's will for me and plans. Give me peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Leviticus 17: 1-16 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses, 2 Tell Aaron, his sons, and all the Israelites, This is what the Lord has commanded: 3 If any man of the house of Israel kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp or kills it outside the camp 4 And does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as an offering to the Lord before the Lord's tabernacle, [guilt for shedding] blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood and shall be cut off from among his people. 5 This is so that the Israelites, rather than offer their sacrifices [to idols] in the open field [where they slew them], may bring them to the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest, to offer them as peace offerings to the Lord. 6 And the priest shall dash the blood on the altar of the Lord at the door of the Tent of Meeting and burn the fat for a sweet and satisfying fragrance to the Lord. 7 So they shall no more offer their sacrifices to goat like gods or demons or field spirits after which they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations. 8 And you shall say to them, Whoever of the house of Israel or of the strangers who dwell temporarily among you offers a burnt offering or sacrifice 9 And does not bring it to the door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it to the Lord shall be cut off from among his people. 10 Any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who dwell temporarily among them who eats any kind of blood, against that person I will set My face and I will cut him off from among his people [that he may not be included in the atonement made for them]. 11 For the life (the animal soul) is in the blood, and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life [which it represents]. 12 Therefore I have said to the Israelites, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who dwells temporarily among you eat blood. 13 And any of the Israelites or of the strangers who sojourn among them who takes in hunting any clean beast or bird shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust. 14 As for the life of all flesh, the blood of it represents the life of it; therefore I said to the Israelites, You shall partake of the blood of no kind of flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats of it shall be cut off. 15 And every person who eats what dies of itself or was torn by beasts, whether he is native-born or a temporary resident, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening; then shall he be clean. 16 But if he does not wash his clothes or bathe his body, he shall bear his own iniquity [for it shall not be borne by the sacrifice of atonement].

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Leviticus 17. The Manner of Sacrifice

The Law required the presentation of animals for sacrifice at the door of the tabernacle. The eating of blood was strictly forbidden (3:17 ; 7:26–27 ; 17:10–16 ; Genesis 9:4 ; Deuteronomy 12:16 , 23–25), and still is (Acts 15:29). One reason is that blood is a symbol of life and as such must be treated with respect. To this day, in orthodox Judaism, any animal destined for human consumption must be slaughtered according to very strict regulations and under rabbinic supervision to ensure that all the blood has drained out of the meat. Only then can the meat be sold as kosher.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History and Commentaries; page 160)

Chapter 17

Now in chapter seventeen, God laid out that there was only to be one place for sacrifice, and that was the temple. They weren't to just sacrifice anywhere but the tabernacle, and later the temples were to be the only places where sacrifices were to be offered unto the Lord. And that any time you killed any of your animals, you really should bring them. You shouldn't just butcher your animals anywhere in the field. You should bring them to the temple and offer them as unto the Lord, as a peace offering, or a communion with God.

So that you would offer it and then you would get a part of the meat back for yourself in order that as you ate, it was something that had been offered to God. He having part of it, the fat and all, was burned as a sweet savor unto the Lord. And so you get the meat to eat. As you eat, the idea is I'm communing with God. I'm eating with God. I'm having this fellowship with God, the peace offering. So anytime you were gonna eat meat, anytime you were gonna have a barbecue, you should bring it first to the priest, offer it to the Lord, let it be slain there. You weren't to just slay the animals anywhere, but let there be that constant reminder of the need that we have for fellowship with God. So offer to God, and realize that I'm eating with God. I'm partaking with God. I'm a part of God and realize that relationship that you have to the Lord.

Then in the latter portion of chapter seventeen the sanctity of the blood, beginning with verse ten,

They are not to eat any manner of blood, nor to allow any stranger in the land to eat any manner of blood; for God will set his face against that person, and will cut him off from among the people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I've given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes the atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourns among you eat blood. And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or the strangers [and so forth] that hunt and catch any beast or fowl that it may be eaten; he shall pour out the blood, and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood (Lev 17:10-14):

So the respect for life, and then of course the realization that the blood was that which brings the covering for sins.
(Answers For Today; Series 2000; Chuck Smith; Study Guide; Leviticus 17)

Just as light is the only force that can conquer or overcome darkness, so life is the only force that can conquer death. When God created Adam, He formed him from dust and "breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). Adam's blood was already flowing through his body, but there was no life in it until God breathed His own life into him.

The chemical substance that we call blood carries life. If a person loses his blood, he loses his life. No blood means no life, because the blood carries the life. Life is a spiritual substance, but it must have a physical carrier. As believers in Jesus Christ, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit and the life of God are in us.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17). God requires that I just believe on His provision of love in Jesus Christ - accepting Him as my personal Lord and Saviour!

Jesus imparts to me that new nature by which I can now become perfect and hit the mark!

Now, I have no intention of giving you the false concept that I'm saying, "I'm perfect." Far from it! Every time I say, "Lord, there's nothing to this one. Let me show You I can hit the mark," I miss it. Every time I try in myself and I'm not yielding to those forces of His Spirit within, I still miss the mark - and I'm still stupid enough to keep trying in my own self. But I've found that every time I yield to the power and dynamic of His Spirit within my life, He puts me right on target. I can hit it with His power and help as He dwells within me. His nature is fulfilled within me and I become more and more like Jesus Christ.

Paul the apostle, writing 30 years after his conversion on the Damascus Road, said, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect" (Philippians 3:12). This great saint is saying, "I'm not yet perfect. I'm still missing. Not as much - praise God for that!" There are those glorious times when I yield and I'm hitting the bulls-eye. God is teaching me the lessons day by day of my absolute need for Him and the absolute necessity of turning everything over to Him. God's ideal is being fulfilled in me through the power of Jesus Christ. My failures are now taken care of. I'm on the right path. By holding on to the hand of Jesus and receiving His power and strength, He is guiding me. Along with Paul, I'm pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

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"Be ye therefore perfect." Don't let that discourage you. Of course you can't be perfect! But yield yourself to those forces which will give you that new nature in Jesus Christ, enabling you to fulfill God's ideal requirement. God hasn't given up on His ideal requirement. As I hold on to the hand of Jesus Christ, one of these days I'll be standing right in the presence of God, the One who created the whole universe.

As God looks at me with His searching eyes from which nothing is hidden, I'll stand there in the bare nakedness of my being - but, praise God, He's going to see me in Christ absolutely perfect!

Why? Not because Chuck Smith is perfect, but because Jesus is able to keep me from falling and to present me faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24). If you believe on Jesus Christ and yield to the power of his Spirit within your life, one day He'll present you faultless before the throne of God.

If you believe and trust in Him, the work of God is already at work in your life helping you to hit the mark that He has set. If not, salvation is very simple. All you have to do is say, "Lord, I know I've failed, but take over and help me. Lord I turn it over to You." If you within your heart at this moment will do that, then He'll take over. He's just waiting.

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20). He's standing at your heart's door right now. He's knocking. He's waiting. Will you open it? As the Spirit of God is speaking to your heart, will you say, "Okay, Lord, I give up. Take over. Make me what You want me to be." It's just that easy. Won't you do it now?

You don't have to go forward at an altar call. You don't have to be singing. All you have to do is decide within your heart, "Lord, I turn it over to You." And He will give you that power to become a child of God.

Secret of Strength

Years ago, I taught my two boys how to use a bow. When I first taught them I bought 25-pound bows - bigger than they were actually capable of handling in the beginning, but I wanted them to learn with a powerful bow. So, as I took each boy out to teach him how to use a bow and arrow, I'd first show him the proper grip. I said, "Take hold of the bow with your left hand," and I'd stand behind him. As he held the bow, I took a firm hold of his left wrist.

Then I reached around him and said, "Take the draw string with your two fingers, notch the arrow, and begin to draw it back." I took hold of his right wrist and began to draw back, holding both his wrists with my hands so that, when the bow had been drawn, we were able to hold it there and sight the target. Then I said, "Release!" - and he'd release his fingers.

Actually, my boys were able to draw that bow only because I had hold of their wrists. Their hands were made strong, really, by the fact that their father was holding on to their wrists and drawing for them.

When God's hand is upon you, you are strong. When God's hand is upon you, you're able to face any situation. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). With God's help I am sufficient - no matter what the trial or the testing or the problem may be. When God's hand is upon my life, I am strengthened and strong enough to meet any obstacle. That is always the secret of strength!

(Answers For Today; 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; Daily Devotional)

Psalm 36:1-12 (AMP)

1 **TRANSGRESSION** [like an oracle] speaks to the wicked deep in his heart. There is no fear or dread of God before his eyes. 2 For he flatters and deceives himself in his own eyes that his iniquity will not be found out and be hated. 3 The words of his mouth are wrong and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good. 4 He plans wrongdoing on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject or despise evil. 5 Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, extend to the skies, and Your faithfulness to the clouds. 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God, Your judgments are like the great deep. O Lord, You preserve man and beast. 7 How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge and put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. 8 They relish and feast on the abundance of Your house; and You cause them to drink of the stream of Your pleasures. 9 For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light. 10 O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You, Your righteousness (salvation) to the upright in heart. 11 Let not the foot of pride overtake me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away. 12 There the workers of iniquity fall and lie prostrate; they are thrust down and shall not be able to rise.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 183-184)
(Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)