



~ 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 I ask that each person is rekindled in You, renew the passion that they had in You in the beginning, that fire, that caused them to thirst for You. Lord help us as we go through these days to know that You will not leave us or forsake us and that Your grace is in us, to enable us to do it. Keep us, bless us, and protect us all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

2 Corin. 12 (NKJV; 2005)

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. **2** I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. **Acts 9:3; Acts 22:17; 1Cor 15:8; 3** And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;) **4** How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **5** Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in my infirmities. **6** For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or that he hears of me. **7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **Job 2:6; 8** For this thing I sought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **9** And he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest on me. **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. **11** I am become a fool in glorying; you have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very most chief apostles, though I be nothing. **1Cor 15:10; 12** Truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. **1Cor 9:2; 13** For what is it wherein you were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong. **1Cor 9:12; 2Cor 11:9;**

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not your's but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. **Acts 20:33; 15** And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. **2Cor 6:12; 16** But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile. **17** Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent to you? **18** I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

19 Again, think you that we excuse ourselves to you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. **20** For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found to you such as you would not: lest there be debates, contentions, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, arrogance, tumults: **21** And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall mourn many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

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Paul's vision of paradise (vv. 1-7). He was "caught up to the third heaven" (v. 2) and "to paradise" (v. 4); the term "the third heaven" is generally considered synonymous with paradise. It is the place where believers who have died are even now "at home with the Lord" (v. 5:8; Philippians 1:23). Jesus went into paradise immediately at death (Luke 23:43). There are several references which imply that the "third heaven" is a place beyond the immediate heaven of the earth's atmosphere and beyond the further heaven of outer space and its constellations into the presence of God Himself. These references to "heavens" include Hebrews 4:14, which speaks of the risen Lord who is said to have passed through the "heavens" (and also Hebrews 7:26 and Ephesians 4:10). Paul speaks as if paradise and the third heaven are two separate parts of the future world. The Greek text says "up to the third heaven" and into paradise." It is possible that "the third heaven" is a reference to a celestial body of sorts called heaven and paradise is a more specific location on that celestial body. This would be similar to the planet earth with the Garden of Eden being a specific location on the earth.

What Paul saw and heard in his vision of paradise, it was not lawful for him to utter (v. 4). This may mean that God gave Paul a special vision of future glory to strengthen him for his special mission and the exceptional suffering he was to endure. He could not communicate what he saw, both because he was not permitted to tell and because it could not be put into words ("inexpressible") there is no human language adequate to describe the glory of heaven, just as the idea of color could not be conveyed to a person born blind.

Paul's thorn in the flesh (v. 7). There are various opinions as to what this was. The view generally held, and which seems most likely to be correct, is that it was chronic ophthalmia, a disease of the eyes that was not extremely painful but at times made him repulsive in appearance. This seems to be borne out by the language of the epistles.

1. The "thorn" struck Paul 14 years before he wrote this epistle (vv.2, 7), which was about the time when he entered Galatia on his first missionary journey.
2. His entrance into Galatia was accompanied by some sort of physical infirmity (Galatians 4:13), and Paul was so offensive in appearance that it constituted a sore trial to anyone in his presence (Galatians 4:14).
3. They would have given him their own eyes (Galatians 4:15) why eyes, unless that was his particular need?
4. Paul's customary "large" handwriting (Galatians 6:11) may have been due to poor eyesight. This may have been the reason Paul dictated his letters to his helpers.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 795-796)

Paul's Weaknesses (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; commentaries, notes, Chuck Smith; page 96).....

"Expedient" means necessary. Fourteen years earlier, Paul was stoned in Lystra and his friends thought he was dead. Paul himself didn't know if he was dead or alive. Perhaps this was the occasion of Paul's experience. The "third heaven" refers to the dwelling place of God. The first heaven is the atmosphere around the earth, and the second heaven is the celestial heaven of the sun and moon. Paul's experience was beyond his capacity to describe it. Paul chose to glory in his weaknesses rather than in his experiences, ministry, or spiritual power. "Thorn" is also translated twisting stake, which indicates excruciating pain. This was the physical suffering he endured from the "thorn." The messengers (angels) of Satan brought mental anguish. When God didn't heal him or answer right away, Paul felt spiritual pain. God's answer to Paul was that He would be strong in Paul's weakness. When we know we're weak, we allow God to work through and in us as He desires. The signs of an apostle were:

1. He must have seen the risen Christ.
2. He had to have the gift of the working of miracles.

Paul enjoyed his financial independence from the Corinthians. He wanted to give to them, not take from them. Paul would gladly have given of himself for the Corinthians. Paul here quotes his enemies. They said that he had been crafty about money, and instead of allowing the Corinthians to support him, he was going to keep the Jerusalem collection for himself. Paul pointed out that neither he, Titus, nor the other brethren had taken any money from the Corinthians for themselves.

(...the Bible is also clear that you cannot charge for the Word, for it is given freely...than it goes on to say the servants should live by the Word.....meaning service (work); like the overhead, paper, equipment, wages.....etc., but it is as the God guides the people.....and the people are to give joyfully, gladly....it is given as to the Lord, not the person.....so if not done in joyfulness, gladness, love.... you should not give.....) It is very easy for people to turna blessing into a non blessing.

Paul boasts in his weaknesses. Why? Because he knows that God's strength is great in the midst of his infirmity. We are not to rely on our own strength; we are to ask God to be strong in our weakness. when we admit frailty, God pours out His strength. His grace is more than sufficient and we thank God for His power that is made perfect in our weakness. God knew how and what we were when He drew us, and He changes what He wants changed, to be the best we can be in, by and through Him.....period....

Dandelions; PC 2004

When we look at a patch of dandelions
we see a bunch of weeds
that are going to take over our yard.
Kids see flowers for Mom
and blowing white fluff
you can wish on
When we look at an old drunk
and he smiles at us
we see a smelly dirty person
who probably wants money
and we look away.
Kids see someone smiling at them
and they smile back
When we hear music we love
(we know we can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm)
So we sit self-consciously and listen...
Kids "feel" the beat and move to it.
They sing out the words
If they don't know them
they make up their own
When we feel wind on our face,
we brace ourselves against it
we feel it messing up our hair
and pulling us back when we walk.
Kids close their eyes,
spread their arms and fly with it
until they fall to the ground laughing
When we see a mud puddle
we step around it
we see muddy shoes and dirty carpets
Kids sit in it
They see dams to build, rivers to cross
and worms to play with
We wonder if we are given kids to teach...
or to learn from
Enjoy the little things in life
for one day you may look back
and realize...
they "were" the big things.
I wish you my friends...
a lifetime of Big Mud Puddles, and Sunny Yellow Dandelions! Hurry get ready...here comes summer !!!!!

Psa 119:105

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



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