



...gathering from the 4 winds.....

"come just as you are"
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing

~Thought For The Day~



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Prayer

God Father; I ask it in Jesus name, help us to forgive those whom have offended us, abused us and used us, for we must forgive as You forgave us. Let us not have bitter hearts, and take all hatred and replace and refresh us with peace, that only You can provide and give. Bless and keep each one. Let us remember to give not just in this season but daily , even if it is just a act of kindness, a kind word, a prayer, a telephone call, for You said it is better to give than receive and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are also to be wise and use discernment and to ask and seek daily Your will. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 6

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be you poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. Matt 5:2;

21 Blessed are you that hunger now: for you shall be filled. Blessed are you that weep now: for you shall laugh. Isa 65:13; Isa 61:3; Isa 66:10;

22 Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Matt 5:11; 1Pet 2:19; 1Pet 3:14; 1Pet 4:14; 23 Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers to the prophets. Acts 5:41; Acts 7:51;

24 But woe to you that are rich! for you have received your consolation. Amos 6:1; Amos 6:8;

25 Woe to you that are full! for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now! for you shall mourn and weep. Isa 65:13; Jas 4:9; Jas 5:1;

26 Woe to you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 But I say to you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Exod 23:4; Prov 25:21; Matt 5:44; Rom 12:20; 1Cor 4:12; 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which spitefully use you. Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 29 And to him that smites you on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that takes away your cloak forbid not to take your coat also. 1Cor 6:7; 30 Give to every man that asks of you; and of him that takes away your goods ask them not again. Deut 15:7; Matt 5:42; 31 And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise. Matt 7:12; 32 For if you love them which love you, what thank have you? for sinners also love those that love them. Matt 5:46; 33 And if you do good to them which do good to you, what thank have you? for sinners also do even the same. 34 And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thank have you? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Deut 15:8; Matt 5:42; 35 But love you your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Matt 5:45; 36 Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

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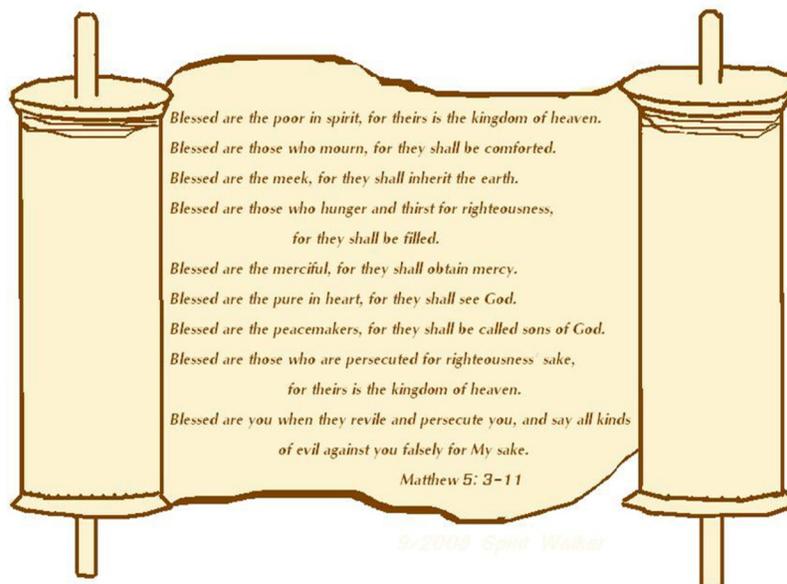
37 Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you shall be forgiven: Matt 7:1; Rom 2:1; 1Cor 4:5; 38 Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete with it shall be measured to you again. Prov 10:22; Prov 19:17; Matt 7:2; Mark 4:24;

39 And he spoke a parable to them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? Isa 42:19; Matt 15:14; 40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. Matt 10:24; John 13:16; John 15:20; 41 And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but perceive not the beam that is in your own eye? Matt 7:3; 42 Either how can you say to your brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in your eye, when you yourself behold not the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of your own eye, and then shall you see clearly to pull out the mote that is in your brother's eye. Prov 18:17;

43 For a good tree brings not forth corrupt fruit; neither does a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Matt 7:17; Matt 12:33; 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. Matt 7:16; 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Matt 12:35; Matt 12:34; **Luke 6: 20-45**

The twelve whom Jesus chose, He was intrusting His life's work to. He knew He Himself, from heaven, through His Spirit, would guide and direct and help them. Their natural traits and talents had to be considered, and before making a final choice, Jesus spent all night in prayer. Jesus had spent two years training them (Matthew 10) the sent them out to be His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. We only know a little of their work; in Palestine, Asia Minor, Greece and Rome. The twelve may have agreed among them selves to go in different directions . Or they may have been guided to go wherever He thought best. Jesus sent them out in pairs. They might of each visited the work of others. About 62 A.D. Paul said in , Colossians 1:23, that "the gospel" had been preached in a ll creation under heaven. Within 30 years the story of Christ had been told over the known world. (so in essence the gospel has been preached through out the world, eye opening huh? Of course that would not be new birth after that period which would be the following new generations. That is a lso pretty fast; they traveled by foot, boat or animal, and the gospel was spread by mouth in song and stories, there were very few copies of the Bible (Torah), written or carved in stone than.) Traditions, variant and uncertain, are that most of the twelve sealed their testimony to Christ with their martyrdom. Jesus' choice and training of the twelve was a grand success except for the one traitor in the group.

The Sermon on the Mount; Chapter 6: 20-49. This in Luke 6 is taken to be a abbreviated form of the same sermon as recorded in Matthew 5,6,7. Matthew 5:1 He went up into the mountain and sat down. Luke 6:17 He came down and stood on a level place, that is from a higher location. He could have done both seeing that the transactions, involved considerable time. The two records are somewhat different, we cannot be sure whether they are different reports of the same sermon, or substantially the same sermon delivered on different occasions. Jesus taught continually, and it is likely that He uttered some of these words, in varying forms, hundreds of times. It may be a collection of his sayings, a sort of summary of His main teachings. Chapter 6: 20-26 is The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)



The Golden Rule; Chapter 6: 27-38. A sort of condensation of Matthew 5 and 7. Some of Jesus' teachings such as; loving our neighbor as ourself, loving our enemies, and doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us, are above our selfish human nature that we are in the habit of excusing ourselves from even trying to live up to them by saying to ourselves that Jesus surely knew that He was setting before us impossible ideals. Jesus lived up to them, and taught that we must keep our hearts free from resentment, no matter how we may be mistreated; that we should actually seek the welfare of those whom seek our hurt. You say not possible?? Yes, it is, in some measure, by the strictest self discipline, and by the gracious help of God, possible to love those who hate us. The Golden Rule is the most practical thing in this world. When we serve others we serve ourselves. Jesus was speaking to individuals, not government. Governments are ordained of God (Romans 13: 1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17), criminal elements have to be suppressed by force. Jesus expressly said that His kingdom could exist within the kingdom of Caesar (Matthew 22:21). A Roman Soldier was the first gentile to be admitted into the Church (Acts 10:1) he was not required to renounce military service. A judge, police officer, or military man, may in his own heat and life, practice the principles of the law or the government he must follow strictly the rules of justice . Governments may in certain respects and in certain limited measure, follow the golden rule, but if force were abandoned, it would mean anarchy, with a free hand for murderers, robbers, rapists and every kind of criminal. In regard to war, God through out the centuries has called people to make a stand. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965; pages 500-501)

Ministering on forgiveness: Why is it that people come to meetings, and pray for the ability to forgive, and yet in just a short time they are back again having the same problems; with bitterness, anger, hatred, and sensitivity and asking for help?? Simple these people are not doing what He instructs in His Word. God tells us in His Word to forgive others, but He does not stop there He goes on to instruct us to bless them, the word bless means to speak well of, so one of our problems is though we pray and try to forgive them who offend us, we turn right around and curse them with our tongues or we rehash the offense again and again with others. We must work through the process of forgiveness so that the peace we seek will come, so we do what God said which is not only to forgive but also to bless. We are not blessing the person physically or materially, the truth is that we are not praying for them to make more money or have more possessions, we are praying for them to be blessed spiritually, and if they do not know Him for them to be drawn to Him and saved. We must be careful to bless and not curse, or speak evil of them in these situations. We must do as Jesus said; pray for them, bless them, forgive them and speak well of them, by doing so we not only bless them we bless ourselves . Release these people whom have hurt you, forgive them (did not say it would be easy), these people are enjoying their lives while you are miserable, being ate alive, let the offense go, and have the same attitude toward them that Jesus had toward His enemies. God fights our battles they may think they get away with it but they will not, God will show Himself strong as your Vindicator. By blessing instead of cursing them, we heap burning coals on their heads. Remember we are to also forgive as He forgave us, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.....all. We are forgiven, and they have that right also. This does not mean we are not to be wise or use discernment , and many times God will guide us and lead us. If God is in it....than whom can stand against it?? How big is your God??

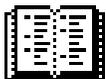
Forgiveness—One of the constituent parts of justification. In pardoning sin, God absolves the sinner from the condemnation of the law, and that on account of the work of Christ, i.e., he removes the guilt of sin, or the sinner's actual liability to eternal wrath on account of it. All sins are forgiven freely (Acts 5:31;13:38; 1 John 1:6-9). The sinner is by this act of grace for ever freed from the guilt and penalty of his sins. This is the peculiar prerogative of God (Psalm 130:4; Mark 2:5). It is offered to all in the gospel. 1. (*n.*) The act of forgiving; the state of being forgiven; as, the forgiveness of sin or of injuries.2. (*n.*) Disposition to pardon; willingness to forgive.

Psa 119:105

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

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