



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

Lord, help me to stay focused on what You have called me to do and to embrace everything that comes with Your call on my life. Forgive me for the times I've tried to find a shortcut to avoid responsibility. I want to put my whole heart into the race You have set before me—to fulfill my assigned task fervently, passionately, and with the highest level of excellence, in Jesus' name. Amen.

.Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

## Scripture

### Genesis 7

Genesis 7:1-24 (AMP)

1 AND THE Lord said to Noah, Come with all your household into the ark, for I have seen you to be righteous (upright and in right standing) before Me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast you shall receive and take with you seven pairs, the male and his mate, and of beasts that are not clean a pair of each kind, the male and his mate, 3 Also of the birds of the air seven pairs, the male and the female, to keep seed [their kind] alive over all the earth or land. 4 For in seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living substance and thing that I have made I will destroy, blot out, and wipe away from the face of the earth. 5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. 6 Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth or land. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean animals and of animals that are not clean, and of birds and fowls, and of everything that creeps on the ground, 9 There went in two and two with Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came upon the earth or land. 11 In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and burst forth, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 And it rained upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark, 14 They and every [wild] beast according to its kind, all the livestock according to their kinds, every moving thing that creeps on the land according to its kind, and every fowl according to its kind, every winged thing of every sort. 15 And they went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there were the breath and spirit of life. 16 And they that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded [Noah]; and the Lord shut him in and closed [the door] round about him. 17 The flood [that is, the downpour of rain] was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it was lifted [high] above the land. 18 And the waters became mighty and increased greatly upon the land, and the ark went [gently floating] upon the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed so exceedingly and were so mighty upon the earth that all the high hills under the whole sky were covered. 20 [In fact] the waters became fifteen cubits higher, as the high hills were covered. 21 And all flesh ceased to breathe that moved upon the earth—fowls and birds, [tame] animals, [wild] beasts, all swarming and creeping things that swarm and creep upon the land, and all mankind. 22 Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils were the breath and spirit of life died. 23 God destroyed (blotted out) every living thing that was upon the face of the earth; man and animals and the creeping things and the birds of the heavens were destroyed (blotted out) from the land. Only Noah remained alive, and those who were with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed [mightily] upon the earth or land 150 days (five months).

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Continue....from Chapter 6..... Genesis 7:6–8:19. The Flood ;...“On that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened” ( 7:11 ). The Euphrates Valley might almost be called the Isthmus of the Eastern Hemisphere, where the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean approach each other (as the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans come close together at the Isthmus of Panama). The Armenian mountain country is almost like an island system, with the Caspian and Black seas on the north, the Mediterranean on the west, and the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean on the south. A cataclysmic subsidence of the region would cause the waters to pour in from these seas, as rain poured down from above.

#### How Much Time Did Noah Spend in the Ark?

- Noah went into the ark seven days before it began to rain (7: 4, 10).
- It began to rain on the 17th day of the 2nd month of Noah’s 600th year (7: 11). It rained for 40 days (7: 12).
- The waters flooded the earth for 150 days (7: 24; 8: 3).
- The ark came to rest on the 17th day of the 7th month (8: 4).
- Noah removed the ark’s covering on the 1st day of the 1st month of Noah’s 601st year (8: 13).
- Noah and his family went out of the ark on the 27th day of the 2nd month (8: 14–19).
- This means that they were in the ark for 1 year and 17 days (5 months floating, 7 months on the mountain).

(Halley’s Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 98)

The Flood; V6 It took Noah and his sons about 120 years to complete the ark. V11 “Fountains of the deep” are underground reservoirs. A legend of a flood was part of the mythology of all the ancient cultures, confirming the common origin of man. V12 Forty is the number of judgment in the Bible.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 11)

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Ge 6:22 — Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Ex 39:32 — Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done.

Ex 39:42 — According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done all the work.

Ex 39:43 — And Moses inspected all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. And Moses blessed them.

Ex 40:16 — Thus did Moses; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did.

Ps 119:6 — Then shall I not be put to shame [by failing to inherit Your promises] when I have respect to all Your commandments.

Mt 3:15 — But Jesus replied to him, Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for [both of] us to fulfill all righteousness [that is, to perform completely whatever is right]. Then he permitted Him.

Lk 8:21 — But He answered them, My mother and My brothers are those who listen to the Word of God and do it!

Jn 2:5 — His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it.

Jn 8:28 — So Jesus added, When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], you will realize (know, understand) that I am He [for Whom you look] and that I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me.

Jn 8:29 — And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.

Jn 13:17 — If you know these things, blessed and happy and to be envied are you if you practice them [if you act accordingly and really do them].

Php 2:8 — And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!

Heb 5:8 — Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered

Isn't It Time for You To Quit Daydreaming And Get To Work?...1 Timothy 4:7...When the time came for our family to move to Moscow to start our next church, my wife and I knew that God wanted us to turn over the care of our large church in Riga, Latvia, to our associate pastor. After serving as a son in the Gospel for many years, he was as well-trained and prepared as anyone could be to step into the position of senior pastor of that church. My associate was so excited. Just as we were certain he was the man to lead the church, he was convinced that God had chosen him. This was the day he had dreamed of for so long! After serving me for so many years as my associate, he would finally step into the senior pastor position and lead this great church. The vision of God was exploding in his heart as he dreamed of what would be accomplished in the ensuing years. So with great reverence, my associate and his wife knelt on the platform of the large auditorium before the Riga congregation; then Denise and I laid our hands on him and installed him as the leading pastor of that congregation. After turning over the church to his care, my family and I turned our attention to the new work God had called us to establish in Moscow. After the first year of leading that church by himself, my former

associate told me, "Rick, I had no idea how much responsibility is placed on the senior pastor of a church. I thought I understood so much, but now I see that there was so much I never comprehended. It was only after you left and the whole weight of the church became my responsibility that I really began to realize the enormous responsibilities of a senior pastor." I listened with great interest as he continued to give me his views about leading a large church. Then he said to me, "You know, it finally dawned on me that this was my responsibility and that I couldn't depend on anyone else to lead this church. As pastor, it's up to me to guide and to see that things are being done correctly. It's a huge responsibility to lead a church—much bigger than I ever realized!" That conversation made me think of what Timothy went through after he became the pastor of the church of Ephesus—the largest church in the world at that time. Imagine how extremely stretched Timothy must have felt as he led the world's largest and most famous church! Yes, he had served at Paul's side for many years and was as prepared as anyone could possibly be for such a task. But now Paul was gone, and all eyes were on him! The demands placed on the pastor of a large church are immense. His care for the church is nonstop. Twenty-four hours a day he must be available to the members of the congregation. Leaders must be trained; rebels must be corrected; and finances are needed to pay for the church as it grows. And in addition to church responsibilities, the pastor is most often a husband and a father as well. He has a massive church family to oversee and manage, and he also has his own personal family for which God will hold him responsible. Timothy was just settling into the job of senior pastor when Paul wrote him the letter that became the book of First Timothy. At the time, Timothy's responsibilities were increasing daily. His massive church was becoming even more massive as it continued to grow. He was constantly training new leaders and replacing old, rebellious leaders who thought Timothy was too young to be pastor of such a prominent church. And in the midst of it all, Timothy was learning how to cope with being the most visible Christian leader in a large metropolitan city. It was in the midst of these developments that Paul wrote to him and said, "But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." The Bible doesn't tell us exactly what these old wives' fables were. However, it seems that Timothy may have been so exhausted that he was starting to daydream about finding an easier and more trouble-free way to do his job (like all of us are tempted to do from time to time). I have personally wondered, Was Timothy tempted to daydream about life in the ministry becoming simpler? Was he hoping that things would eventually become a lot less hectic, undemanding, and uncomplicated? If Timothy was thinking along this line, his musings would definitely fall into the category of a fable! When God trusts you enough to give you more and more responsibility, it always demands more of you, not less. I gave up the idea many years ago of thinking that life would eventually become less demanding. Ministry is work, and none of us should ever forget that fact! If you are mightily anointed by God, it is just a fact that your schedule will get busier, your demands will increase, and your challenges will grow. But as long as you allow God to develop your character along the way, you will find that you're able to successfully manage anything He puts on your plate! Paul ordered Timothy to quit fantasizing about things getting easier, telling the younger man to "... refuse profane and old wives' fables...." The word "refuse" tells us how strongly Paul felt about Timothy's frame of thinking. It comes from the Greek word *paraiteomai*, and it means to reject, to refuse, to rebuff, to decline, to snub, or to decisively turn away from something. It denotes the attitude of a person who is so disgusted with something that he has resolved he will have nothing to do with it. His feelings about this issue are so pungent that he sharply rejects what is being offered to him and vigorously declines any form of participation in it. Whatever these "old wives' fables" were, Paul viewed them as extremely detrimental—so much so that he strictly ordered Timothy to reject these notions. To better understand what these "old wives' fables" might have been, let's see what the words "old wives" and "fables" mean in the original Greek. The Greek word translated "old wives" is *grauodes*, which comes from the word *graus*, the word for an old woman. But when the word *graus* becomes *grauodes*, it denotes anything that is old-womanish. The word "fables" is the word *muthos*, which typically describes fictitious stories and is where we get the terms myths and mythology. The word *muthos* describes legends, folklore, or fairy tales—the kind of stories an old woman would tell to entertain her grandchildren. One New Testament Greek scholar speculates that Paul was saying in effect, "Timothy, it's time for you to quit fantasizing that you're going to escape hard work and find an easier way to do what God has called you to do. Why, this unrealistic kind of thinking is the stuff of fairy tales! You're thinking like an old woman who tells fairy tales to children...." Instead, Paul challenges Timothy to adjust his thinking and to take a different approach to the challenges he faces. Rather than pray for these challenges to go away, Timothy should embrace those challenges and use this time to develop himself. This is Paul's message when he tells Timothy to "... exercise thyself rather unto godliness." As noted earlier (see November 3), the word "exercise" is the Greek word *gumnadzo*, which describes the strenuous physical exercise required to produce the finest athletes. When you are physically or mentally exhausted, your mind may be tempted to daydream or to wander to other places. It is amazing how the mind tries to escape from reality. But rather than let yourself float away on a cloud of fantasy that doesn't help you fulfill your God-given assignment, ask the Holy Spirit to help you see things realistically. That's the only way you'll be able to put your whole heart and soul into completing your task exactly as Jesus wants it done! You can do great things for God's Kingdom, but it will require both concentration and commitment!

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Have you been trying to mentally escape from the responsibilities of your life? Have you been living in a fantasy that things are going to change without any effort? What do you need to do to bring concrete change to the challenges you are facing in your life? What steps can you start taking today—right now—to start turning things around for the better? Have you considered asking a close friend to help you focus on the things you need to be doing to get things moving in the right direction in your life? Who is a friend you could depend on to encourage you to take the right steps toward needed change? If you are mightily anointed by God, it is simply a fact that your schedule will get busier, your demands will increase, and your challenges will grow. But as long as you allow God to develop your character along the way, you will find that you're able to successfully manage anything He puts on your plate!

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(Pray for the pastors where you go to church at and fellowship.....if you are unhappy with a pastor...pray for them.)

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)

(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 14-15)