



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I am so thankful for what I read today. Please help me learn how to keep a rein on my tongue and how to submit my attitude to the Cross of Jesus Christ. Help me also to perceive how I can become a contributor to peace and tranquility instead of strife and conflict. Holy Spirit, it's going to take a deep work of Your grace in my life for me to become this kind of person. So today I ask You to initiate this vital work deep inside my soul. Please transform me and make me into the person You want me to be. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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Scripture

Revelation 10:1-11 (AMP)

1 THEN I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, robed in a cloud, with a [halo like a] rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his feet (legs) were like columns of fire.

2 He had a little book (scroll) open in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

3 And he shouted with a loud voice like the roaring of a lion; and when he had shouted, the seven thunders gave voice and uttered their message in distinct words.

4 And when the seven thunders had spoken (sounded), I was going to write [it down], but I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up what the seven thunders have said! Do not write it down!

5 Then the [mighty] angel whom I had seen stationed on sea and land raised his right hand to heaven (the sky),

6 And swore in the name of (by) Him Who lives forever and ever, Who created the heavens (sky) and all they contain, and the earth and all that it contains, and the sea and all that it contains. [He swore] that no more time should intervene and there should be no more waiting or delay,

7 But that when the days come when the trumpet call of the seventh angel is about to be sounded, then God's mystery (His secret design, His hidden purpose), as He had announced the glad tidings to His servants the prophets, should be fulfilled (accomplished, completed).

8 Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke again to me, saying, Go and take the little book (scroll) which is open on the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.

9 So I went up to the angel and asked him to give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it and eat it. It will embitter your stomach, though in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.

10 So I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate and swallowed it; it was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but once I had swallowed it, my stomach was embittered.

11 Then they said to me, You are to make a fresh prophecy concerning many peoples and races and nations and languages and kings.

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Revelation 10. The Little Scroll Is Open

Chapter 10 and the beginning of chapter 11 are again a brief interlude—or a “behind the scenes” look at events that occur between the sixth and seventh trumpets (similar to the interlude between the sixth and seventh seals in chapter 7).

Here we are presented with two scenes: the angel with the little scroll (chap. 10) and the two witnesses (chap. 11).

The angel is likely Christ. First, we note that Christ is often depicted as being surrounded by clouds (see Exodus 19:9 , 16 ; 40:34 ; Matthew 17:5 ; Luke 21:27 ; and Acts 1:9). In Revelation 5 John saw God holding a sealed scroll; here he describes an angel with an open scroll. It is referred to as the “little scroll,” which seems to distinguish it from the sealed scroll. Also, the sealed scroll in chapter 5 was to be opened, whereas the little scroll here is to be eaten.

The angel plants his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land and gives “a shout like the roar of a lion” (Revelation 10:3). The cry seems to be a warning, in a setting of awful majesty, that the end is near, but that there is yet another prophetic period to cover before the end actually comes.

With utter finality—he swears by God Himself—the angel announces, “There will be no more delay!” The forces of evil will no longer delay the final and inevitable outcome. The great day of God has come, and the hour of doom has struck for those who oppose God. Futurist interpreters understand this announcement to be that the reign of the Antichrist is at hand. The seventh angel will sound in Revelation 11:15 .

At this point, John is told to take and eat the little book which is open in the hand of the angel. This book seems to be all or a portion of the Book of Judgments. As Christ forewarned, the Word of God was both “sweet” and “bitter.” This may mean that, while it was gratifying to know the glorious future that awaits the believer, yet the frightfulness of the coming judgments on those who refuse to repent filled John with grief. John is then instructed to go tell the many peoples and nations and tongues and kings. Faithfully, he tells the good news and the bad through the remaining chapters of Revelation.

(Halley’s Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 937-938)

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The Second Coming: V1 “Angel” means messenger. This angel is Jesus, the description here matches the one in the first chapter. The rainbow symbolizes God’s covenant with man. V2 The little book is the scroll which has now been unsealed; it is the title deed to the earth. V3 This is the Second Coming of Christ. Other references to this loud cry are: Isaiah 42:13, Jeremiah 25:30, Hosea 11:10 and Joel 3:16. V9 “Eating” or reading the book was pleasant, but digesting or absorbing it was bitter. V11 Some scholars believe that this verse indicates that John will be one of the two witnesses of Chapter 11.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 197)

What Is a Meek and Quiet Spirit?

1 Peter 3:3, 4

One day I was invited to speak at a church in the city of Kiev in the country of Ukraine. Ministers had gathered from all over to meet me that day and to attend our morning teaching session. After that morning meeting, a large table was set outside on the driveway where all the special guests were seated so they could be served Ukrainian borsch for lunch.

I noticed that an elderly woman, approximately seventy-five years old, was the primary person serving lunch to us that day. As she passed by me, I looked into her face and saw the deep wrinkles that testified to a very hard life. This was a woman who had faced many intense challenges in the course of her life.

Yet when I looked into her eyes, I could see that this was a woman who was very strong in spirit. Although it was evident that she had lived a hard and difficult life, it was also evident that she had never been broken by hardship. The look in her faded blue eyes gripped me, for those eyes seemed to literally radiate life from within her.

I watched with amazement at the way this elderly woman carried bowls of borsch to this person, then to that person, and then to the next. It was obvious that she was delighted to serve the pastors who sat around the table. The tender smile that graced her face and the sweet spirit with which she served captivated my attention. As I kept watching her, I thought to myself, This woman must be one of the most beautiful and graceful women I’ve ever met in my life.

Finally, I turned to the elderly pastor sitting next to me, and I asked, “Who is that woman?”

He looked at me with a sparkle in his eyes and glowingly answered, “That’s my wife.”

During the Soviet years, this pastor had been arrested and sentenced to fifteen years of prison because of his faith. While he was in prison, his wife had been completely responsible for rearing and providing for their fifteen children. As he told me their story, I began to understand why she had such deep wrinkles—a sign of the many hardships she had faced while her husband had been in prison. Despite her wrinkles and gray hair, this woman’s indomitable spirit shone through and was evident for all to see. This was a woman who had lived a godly life. This was no weak woman, but a very strong and very capable woman.

I continued to watch the pastor’s wife as she kept serving the men around the table, smiling graciously as she refilled empty bowls with more borsch. As I observed her strong but gentle spirit, I thought of Peter’s words to women in First Peter 3:3, 4. In those verses, Peter wrote, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Today I want to speak to you about the phrase “meek and quiet spirit.” Contrary to what most people think, these words do not picture a woman who is weak, timid, or soft-spoken. The word “meek” is the Greek word *praus*, a word that describes the attitude of one who is friendly, warm, forbearing, patient, kind, and gentle. This would picture someone who is just the opposite of a person who is angry, temperamental, or given to outbursts of anger. Although a meek person faces opportunities to react in anger or to get upset, he or she has chosen to be controlled, forgiving, and gentle. Thus, “meek” people are individuals who have become skilled at controlling themselves and their temperament. You might say that meekness is power under control.

When Peter goes on to use the word “quiet” in this verse, he employs the use of the Greek word *hischios*, which depicts a person who knows how to calm himself and to maintain a state of peace and tranquility. Rather than speak up and utter words that are later regretted, this individual stays quiet and refrains from angry responses. He or she deliberately decides not to be a contributor to conflicts, but to be a peacemaker instead.

So when Peter writes about a “meek and quiet spirit,” he is paying the highest compliment to wives who fit this description. These wives are so strong in spirit that they are able to refrain from outbursts of anger and thus are able to become a calming force in a

variety of difficult situations. Considering the many opportunities wives have to get shaken or upset by the affairs of life, it is very commendable when a wife is so strong, so consistent, and so stable in the home that she consistently "steadies the ship" and helps keep peace in every situation. Once again let me stress that Peter is not referring to women who are timid, shy, or weak. It takes great strength to be the kind of woman he is describing. A woman who continually controls herself—holding her temper, keeping a lid on her emotions, and remaining a stable, tranquil force in every situation—is demonstrating evidence of great maturity. This quality of a meek and quiet spirit is quite a treasure—so much so that God says a woman who has achieved this state of maturity possesses something of "great price." The words "great price" are from the Greek word *poluteles*, which conveys the idea of something that is very valuable; something of great cost or great worth; or something that is precious and dear. God highly values a woman who becomes this kind of strong, steady force in the home. He knows how many times a wife has an opportunity to get upset about something that has happened. So when she chooses to control herself and be a contributor to peace instead of strife, God sees this kind of woman as rare, precious, dear, and to be valued. He appreciates it when she puts aside her own anger or emotions and instead helps peace reign in the situation. God thinks very highly of such a woman! When I looked into the face of that elderly Ukrainian woman, I could see the strength she possessed, for it was a strength that literally emanated from her. Seeing those deep wrinkles in her face, I could tell she had faced many hardships in life that could have upset her, hurt her, or made her want to take matters into her own hands. But this was a woman who had allowed God to teach her how to look to Him rather than be swayed by the circumstances of life. Far from being weak and wimpy, she was a tower of strength. Her spirit was both gracious and indomitable. It was obvious that she was godly, pure, and powerful—someone who had made an eternal impact on many lives because of the life she had led.

How about you, my friend?

Can you say that you are a contributor to peace in your home? Can you testify that you are a steady force in rough and upsetting situations? Can you really say that you have learned to control your emotions and to be a peacemaker? Would you have to admit that you contribute to strife and often make matters worse by giving in to your emotions and speaking things that you later regret? Does God see you as a rare and special treasure who brings a sense of peace and stability to your family, or does He see you as a frequent cause of conflict, strife, and a lack of peace in your home?

You may not have experienced the same kind of hardships as the elderly woman in my story today, but you still face many potential conflicts in your own life every day. You have a choice to react either in anger or in meekness. Every time you have an opportunity to react in the flesh or be angry and upset, you can choose instead to be controlled, forgiving, and gentle. Rather than speak up and utter words that will later be regretted, you can choose to be a peacemaker. In view of what you have read today, can you say that you demonstrate a "meek and quiet spirit," or do you give evidence of a different kind of attitude? What is God saying to you about your heart and actions, and what are you going to do in light of what you have learned from today's Sparkling Gem?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Are you a source of stability in your home? Or are you a constant contributor to strife, turmoil, and a lack of peace?

If your husband felt the freedom to say what he really thought, would he say you are a help or a hindrance to the peace and tranquility of the home? What do you think your children would say if they were asked this question?

In light of what you have read today, what do you sense God is telling you about needed changes in your life, attitude, and actions? Sparkling Gems from the Greek. (The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified Bible; 2005; Scripture, commentaries; page 2135) (Word 9 software Bible program; Dictionary, Concordance; Sermons of the Saints in the past, maps, Scripture, Bible translations, 2005)



...and where have you been ??

What do you mean??



*Nobody has
the last word
.....but me.*

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, RAISE YOUR HAND