



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, I thank You that You do not delay and You are not tardy or slow about what You promise, but you are longsuffering and extraordinarily patient. Lord, I pray that You give people the will to pray without ceasing and to meditate on Your Word day and night. Fill each daily with Your will for them and plans. Give each one favor and bless them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Scripture

### 2 Peter 2 ( 2005)

#### 2 Peter 2:1-22 (AMP)

<sup>1</sup> BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly *and* stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying *and* disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And many will follow their immoral ways *and* lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned *and* defamed. <sup>3</sup> And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep. <sup>4</sup> For God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment *and* their doom. <sup>5</sup> And He spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, when He brought a flood upon the world of ungodly [people]. <sup>6</sup> And He condemned to ruin *and* extinction the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, reducing them to ashes [and thus] set them forth as an example to those who would be ungodly; <sup>7</sup> And He rescued righteous Lot, greatly worn out *and* distressed by the wanton ways of the ungodly *and* lawless— <sup>8</sup> For that just man, living [there] among them, tortured his righteous soul every day with what he saw and heard of [their] unlawful and wicked deeds— <sup>9</sup> Now if [all these things are true, then be sure] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of temptations *and* trials, and how to keep the ungodly under chastisement until the day of judgment *and* doom, <sup>10</sup> And particularly those who walk after the flesh and indulge in the lust of polluting passion and scorn *and* despise authority. Presumptuous [and] daring [self-willed and self-loving creatures]! They scoff at *and* revile dignitaries (glorious ones) without trembling, <sup>11</sup> Whereas [even] angels, though superior in might and power, do not bring a defaming charge against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these [people]! Like unreasoning beasts, mere creatures of instinct, born [only] to be captured and destroyed, railing at things of which they are ignorant, they shall utterly perish in their [own] corruption [in their destroying they shall surely be destroyed], <sup>13</sup> Being destined to receive [punishment as] the reward of [their] unrighteousness [suffering wrong as the hire for their wrongdoing]. They count it a delight to revel in the daytime [living luxuriously and delicately]. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions *and* carousing together [even] as they feast with you. <sup>14</sup> They have eyes full of harlotry, insatiable for sin. They beguile *and* bait *and* lure away unstable souls. Their hearts are trained in covetousness (lust, greed), [they are] children of a curse [exposed to cursing]! <sup>15</sup> Forsaking the straight road they have gone astray; they have followed the way of Balaam [the son] of Beor, who loved the reward of wickedness. <sup>16</sup> But he was rebuked for his own transgression when a dumb beast of burden spoke with human voice and checked the prophet's madness. <sup>17</sup> These are springs without water and mists driven along before a tempest, for whom is reserved *forever* the gloom of darkness. <sup>18</sup> For uttering loud boasts of folly, they beguile *and* lure with lustful desires of the flesh those who are barely escaping from them who are wrongdoers. <sup>19</sup> They promise them liberty, when they themselves are the slaves of depravity *and* defilement—for by whatever anyone is made inferior *or* worse *or* is overcome, to that [person or thing] he is enslaved.

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<sup>20</sup> For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through [the full, personal] knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again become entangled in them and are overcome, their last condition is worse [for them] than the first. <sup>21</sup> For never to have obtained a [full, personal] knowledge of the way of righteousness would have been better for them than, having obtained [such knowledge], to turn back from the holy commandment which was [verbally] delivered to them. <sup>22</sup> There has befallen them the thing spoken of in the true proverb, The dog turns back to his own vomit, and, The sow is washed only to wallow again in the mire.



## 2 Peter 2. Apostasy

The coming of false teachers is spoken of again and again in the New Testament. Jesus warned of ferocious wolves who would come into the church in sheep's clothing ( Matthew 7:15 ) and lead many astray ( Matthew 24:11 ). Paul warned of wolves who would arise in the church, distorting the truth ( Acts 20:29-30 ). Again Paul predicted that, before the second coming of the Lord, there would be a falling away of appalling magnitude and satanic nature in the church ( 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 ). Again Paul foretold the rise to church leadership of ungodly men, traitors and hypocrites who, with outward godliness, would fill the church with doctrines of demons ( 1 Timothy 4:1-3 ; 2 Timothy 3:19 ). Jude seems to have been written mainly to warn of an ominous and deadly trend toward apostasy which he saw surfacing in the church in his own day ( Jude 4-19 ). , in his first letter, wrote to encourage the church to bear up under persecution from without. Here, in this second letter, he cautions the church to guard against corruption from within. warns of coming apostasy, when leaders in the church would, for financial gain, permit licentiousness and general wrongdoing. He speaks of it as being in the future ( 2 Peter 2:1 ). Yet some of the language implies that false teachers were already at work within the church. speaks of their destructive heresies ( v. 1 ), their shameful ways ( v. 2 ), their greed ( v. 3 ), their following the corrupt desire of the sinful nature ( v. 10 ), their being like brute beasts ( v. 12 ) with eyes full of adultery ( v. 14 ), slaves of depravity ( v. 19 ). Note that these expressions are used as referring, not to the world, but to *leaders within the church*. is a sorry picture. Even within the apostolic generation, the world and the devil had succeeded in making heavy onslaughts on the purity of the church. Then followed the long centuries of corruption. And even now, in our own enlightened age, in many sections of the church the Gospel of Christ in its original beauty and simplicity and purity is still buried and hid from view by the rubbish of forms and doctrines heaped upon the church, through the ages, by the world and the devil. is a terrible sin to corrupt the church. All the ungodly shall be destroyed: this is an unceasing note of Scripture. But one of the worst of sins is to foist, in the name of Christ, lies upon the church that replace Christian truth. Let those who do it take warning from what happened to the fallen angels ( v. 4 ), to the world of Noah's time ( v. 5 ), and to Sodom and Gomorrah ( v. 6 ) (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Bible history and commentaries; Zondervan; page 880-881)



**Divine Judgment: VV1-3** The mark of the false teacher is his desire to make merchandise (profit) of the flock. The true teacher doesn't minister with an eye on any money he could make. **VV6-9** Just as God delivered Lot and his family from the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah, so God will deliver His Church from the Great Tribulation. **VV10-22** The characteristics of those who are about to be judged are described in these verses. **V10** Those in the world speak evil of "dignities," using the name of God or Jesus Christ blasphemously. **V15** The way of Balaam was to profit from the gift God had given him. **V17** Hell (Hades) isn't the eternal place of the damned, it's the place where the unsaved go until the Day of Judgment. After being judged, the damned souls will be cast into Gehenna, the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:13-15). This is a place of darkness (Matthew 8:12). **V18** "Vanity" means emptiness. **V19** Whatever controls our lives has us in bondage. Sometimes we're in bondage to very small things. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today, 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 176)



Second Peter 2:10 says that presumption is a treacherous trait of a person who walks after the flesh.

We must always be on guard against presumption. Presumption is behavior that is arrogant, overconfident, and unreasonably bold. Presumption causes disrespect and rebellious attitudes toward authority.

Presumptuous people talk when they should be quiet. They try to dictate direction to those from whom they should receive counsel. They give orders when they should be receiving them; and they do things without asking permission.

Presumption is a big problem and comes from a wrong heart. God does not want us to be presumptuous. He wants us to be humble. Eliminate presumption from your life and cultivate humility.

**"And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay." Mark 2:4**

**Faith is full of inventions.** The house was full, a crowd blocked up the door, but faith found a way of getting at the Lord and placing the palsied man before Him. If we cannot get sinners where Jesus is by ordinary methods we must use extraordinary ones. It seems, according to Luke 5:19, that a tiling had to be removed, which would make dust and cause a measure of danger to those below, but where the case is very urgent we must not mind running some risks and shocking some proprieties. Jesus was there to heal, and therefore fall what might, faith ventured all so that her poor paralyzed charge might have his sins forgiven. O that we had more daring faith among us! Cannot we, dear reader, seek it this morning for ourselves and for our fellow-workers, and will we not try today to perform some gallant act for the love of souls and the glory of the Lord.

The world is constantly inventing; genius serves all the purposes of human desire: cannot faith invent too, and reach by some new means the outcasts who lie perishing around us? It was the presence of Jesus which excited victorious courage in the four bearers of the palsied man: is not the Lord among us now? Have we seen His face for ourselves this morning? Have we felt His healing power in our own souls? If so, then through door, through window, or through roof, let us, breaking through all impediments, labour to bring poor souls to Jesus. All means are good and decorous when faith and love are truly set on winning souls. If hunger for bread can break through stone walls, surely hunger for souls is not to be hindered in its efforts. O Lord, make us quick to suggest methods of reaching Thy poor sin-sick ones, and bold to carry them out at all hazards.

Morning and Evening: Charles Spurgeon

**GOD'S Word is a record of prayer—of praying men and their achievements, of the Divine warrant of prayer and of the encouragement given to those who pray. No one can read the instances, commands, examples, multiform statements which concern themselves with prayer, without realizing that the cause of God, and the success of His work in this world is committed to prayer; that praying men have been God's vicegerents on earth; that prayerless men have never been used of Him.**

**A reverence for God's holy Name is closely related to a high regard for His Word. This hallowing of God's Name; the ability to do His will on earth, as it is done in heaven; the establishment and glory of God's kingdom, are as much involved in prayer, as when Jesus taught men the Universal Prayer. That "men ought always to pray and not to faint," is as fundamental to God's cause, today, as when Jesus Christ enshrined that great truth in the immortal settings of the Parable of the Importunate Widow. The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds .**

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers, Scripture, commentaries, pages 2090-2092)

(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

**Psa 119:105**

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



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