

Touched by The LORD



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Daily Devotional

Note for 20251018 - Jer 1:4-10 - Touched by The LORD

1. Opening

We are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

Today's devotional note is a truly "interesting" note, and there is no way that I can claim any glory in it. The absolutely magnificent way the LORD has knitted it together is in itself a testimony unto His Holy Name. It is so awe inspiring when the "vessel selected" (in this case me) learns from what is written. This is not something I prepared for you, but something GOD prepared for me, that I may share it with you and that preparation truly started when I was a young child, sitting on my Father's lap, giving my heart to GOD, while he was reading from the Bible to me.

2. Scripture Text

Jeremiah 1:4-10 KJV

[4] Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, [5] Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. [6] Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. [7] But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. [8] Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. [9] Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. [10] See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jer.1.4-10.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

(I have opted to include references added after writing the "Note" that enables the reader or hearer to perceive the significant relevance, ie. "It is not thumbsucking")

Jeremiah was just a child when GOD called and ordained him as a prophet (**Jeremiah 1:4–10**). It is so remarkable how GOD tells the young Jeremiah not to be afraid of their faces (**Jeremiah 1:8**). A prophet unto the nations (**Jeremiah 1:5**), and the LORD reassures him that He will deliver him (**Jeremiah 1:8**). The remarkable thing is that Jeremiah actually gets his freedom from King Nebuchadnezzar, later in his life (**Jeremiah 39:11–12**). Jeremiah would go on to prophesy to Jerusalem to hand themselves over to the king of Babylon, for it was of the LORD that he had come against the inhabitants of Judah (**Jeremiah 21:9–10**).

This here, in these few verses is where GOD speaks to Jeremiah first. He touches his mouth and says, I have put My Word in you (**Jeremiah 1:9**). Now, we are not unfamiliar about how the Prophets of GOD were accompanied by the Holy Spirit of GOD (**2 Peter 1:21**), but, the remarkable thing here is that GOD says He has placed His Word in Jeremiah. Shall we read **John 1:1–14** again to see Who the Word of GOD is?. Or how Jesus said, GOD is a Spirit (**John 4:24**?) I think we often miss the significance of Old Testament scripture, by restricting our consideration that Christ Himself testifies that He is the beginning and the end too (**Revelation 22:13**). When we go to the NMV, we see the interjections of [Messiah pre-incarnate] all over the Old Testament, and shall we forget how we read in **Revelation 19:10** that the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

Do I have a complete understanding of these things? No! That will be a bold and unsubstantiated claim to make, but, I can see that there is more here than what we may be able to understand in our current state (**1 Corinthians 13:9–12**). The interesting thing is how often we will read in just the KJV in the Old Testament, and the believer instinctively knows, that is Jesus, because of a close relationship with the Son of GOD (**Luke 24:27**). What still when we look at the Whole Armour of GOD in Ephesians 6, and how the Word of GOD (Christ) is the Sword (**Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12**).

As a young child, Jeremiah is sent to testify GOD'S Word before the elders and the chiefs of the Nation, even before the King, who burns the scroll that Jeremiah wrote (**Jeremiah 36:23**). But, the ordination starts here, when Jeremiah is just a child (**Jeremiah 1:6–7**)

It makes me think how often I have heard a child speak more truth than a grown-up intellectual person (**Matthew 21:16; 1 Corinthians 1:27**), how the words of that child can make a self-proclaimed wise man look foolish. How much do we miss, just because we have placed limits on what GOD can and will do. Did GOD not send Hosea to take a harlot to wife? (**Hosea 1:2**). Where would we find that in a rule book? Or, when GOD permits a deceiving Spirit to minister lies unto the prophets of King Ahab, to convince him to go to the battlefield, where GOD intended for him to be slain (**1 Kings 22:19–23**), and not even camouflage could save him, but he was struck by a stray arrow (**1 Kings 22:34**)

Of all that I have read in the Holy Scriptures, I have learned that GOD makes the rules and that He will do as He pleases towards accomplishing His own Will (**Psalms 115:3; Daniel 4:35**). Including calling children, like Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:6–7**) and Samuel (**1 Samuel 3:4–10**). Even Nebuchadnezzar, a king of a pagan empire, was raised up by GOD to accomplish His will. (**Jeremiah 27:6**).

GOD says to Jeremiah, "*...whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with thee and will deliver thee...*" (**Jeremiah 1:7–8**).

What if GOD called you in the middle of the night? Will you answer like Samuel (**1 Samuel 3:9–10**), or will you turn over and sleep on? What if GOD said to you, "*Come before Me?*" (**Exodus**

19:17; Isaiah 1:18). That is what GOD did with me in the early hours one morning. But, I suppose, the doctors would soon diagnose me with schizophrenia. This world always has an answer contrary to GOD (**1 Corinthians 2:14**). "He hears voices," they'll say, and in South Africa, if they get their way, I suppose I would be at risk of criminal prosecution in days to come. And yet, I have written the truth to you here (**John 8:32**), and I have been in "training" for the past 5+ years.

Jeremiah 1:9 KJV

"[9] Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." (cf. **Isaiah 6:6–7; Ezekiel 2:8–10**)

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jer.1.9.KJV>

Song Title: "To Live Is Christ (Bride's Voice)"

(to hear the song that was written yesterday, before I knew it would be part of this devotional, go to music.thehouseofbread.co.za and search the song title. Available for download.)

[Philippians 1:21 – "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."]

(Verse 1 – To Live Is Christ)

I have been crucified with Him, (**Galatians 2:20**)

The breath I draw is not my own. (**Acts 17:25**)

Through every storm His light within (**John 8:12**)

Reminds me I am not alone. (**Hebrews 13:5**)

The world behind, His heart before, (**Luke 9:62**)

My soul at rest in love's domain— (**Hebrews 4:9–10**)

To live is Christ, to walk His road, (**1 John 2:6**)

To die is gain. (**2 Corinthians 5:8**)

(Pre-Chorus)

Every heartbeat, every pain, (**Romans 8:28**)

Is turning me toward His name... (**Colossians 3:17**)

(Chorus – The Gain of Christ)

To live is Christ — my heart's desire, (**Philippians 3:7–8**)

To die is gain — to join the choir. (**Revelation 7:9–10**)

At last I see the One I love, (**1 John 3:2**)

My life fulfilled, my home above. (**John 14:2–3**)

(Verse 2 – The Strait Betwixt Two)

I walk the line 'tween earth and sky, (**Colossians 3:1–2**)

My work below, my heart on high. (**Matthew 6:20–21**)

To serve His name while breath remains, (**Romans 12:11**)
Or rest at peace where He reigns. (**Revelation 14:13**)
Whichever way His will ordains, (**James 4:15**)
My joy is Christ, my soul sustained. (**Psalms 73:25–26**)

(Bridge – The Beloved Returns)

The veil is gone, the moment near, (**Hebrews 10:19–20**)
The voice I've waited all my years. (**1 Thessalonians 4:16–17**)
The Bridegroom stands — His arms extend, (**Matthew 25:6; Revelation 19:7**)
The longing ends where love begins. (**1 Corinthians 13:12–13**)
No night remains, no tear, no pain, (**Revelation 21:4**)
For Christ is all — and death is gain. (**Colossians 3:11**)

(Final Chorus – Eternal Union)

To live is Christ — my breath, my flame, (**Acts 20:24**)
To die is gain — to praise His name. (**Psalms 115:17–18**)
The life I lose, I find again, (**Matthew 16:25**)
For Christ is all — and death is gain. (**Romans 14:8**)

(Outro – Amen)

Whether we live or whether we die, (**Romans 14:7–9**)
We are the Lord's, beneath His eye. (**Psalms 33:18**)
To live is Christ... to die is gain...
Amen... Amen.

*(The Song is also available on SoundCloud where it can be listened and/or downloaded or shared directly. Go to: <https://soundcloud.com/houseofbread4u/to-live-is-christ-brides-voice>
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Let's briefly look at today's Verse of the Day before we carry on:

Psalm 51:10 KJV

"[10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me." (cf. **Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 5:17**)

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.51.10.KJV>

To you, reading or hearing here, you might not know, but this note was written over the course of two days. In all I have learned, I know, you need patience to hear the LORD too. (**Habakkuk 2:3**) Sometimes it comes in like a flood, (**Isaiah 59:19**) and often, you yourself don't know what it is or means. It is like wool in a basket, many colours, but the LORD knits it together. (**Psalms 139:13–16**) We must hold on to what He gives. (**1 Thessalonians 5:21**) It is never disconnected from His Word. (**2 Timothy 3:16–17**) Oh, I can hear the comments... Let me then give you this, spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

John 16:12–15 KJV

[12] I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. [13] Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. [15] All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." (cf. **1 Corinthians 2:10–12**)

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If you are in a relationship with someone, do you never speak? (**John 15:15**) Do you trust in the world's definitions of sanity, or in GOD and more specifically, the Word of GOD (Who was made flesh to make atonement for the sin of this world our Father created.) (**John 1:14; Romans 5:11**) Or, are you "none of His?" (**Romans 8:9**)

We live by faith, right? (**2 Corinthians 5:7**) If it is seen, does it still require faith, or obedience and trust? (**Hebrews 11:1; James 2:17–18**) Or, shall we reject Christ like the elite of Judah back in those days rejected the Son of GOD, their promised Messiah? (**John 1:11; Matthew 21:42**) Have you been "touched by the LORD," like Jeremiah was, (**Jeremiah 1:9**) have you been healed, (**Mark 5:34**) or like in my case, turned back from the threshold of death? (**Psalms 118:17**)

What we learn from **Revelation 19:10** and other scriptures is that the Word of GOD came by the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit testifies for the Word of GOD (he speaks not of Himself but that which He has heard.) (**2 Peter 1:21**) By the same Spirit, we have today what we can read on paper, and even here in digital form. The required element to understanding is to believe that Jesus Christ is that Word who came in the flesh. (**John 1:1,14**) And that "The Word," (even the laws written by Moses) were nailed to that cross at Calvary, to condemn sin in the flesh. (**Colossians 2:14; Romans 8:3**) Our hearts yearn for that "Truth" and that "Life," (**John 14:6**) which is eternal in the Spirit of GOD by the New Man formed in us through Jesus Christ. (**Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17**)

The sad side of this message is that if you don't have it, you don't get it. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**) Meaning, you don't understand. It sounds like foolishness and worthless speech to you. If you have it, you remember when you didn't, which forms a part of your testimony for Jesus Christ (**Revelation 12:11**) and so we walk in Faith by the Spirit, producing Spiritual fruit, (Galatians 5:22–25) which is harvested when we are redeemed by GOD. (**Romans 8:23**)

To end off today's Devotional Note, I want to remind you of one of the best known verses in the Bible, and some that follow, for a deeper understanding:

John 3:16–21 KJV

"[16] For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. [18] He that believeth on him

is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19] And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20] For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. [21] But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

(anchored also with **Romans 5:8; 1 John 5:11–12; Ephesians 2:8–9**)

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.3.16-21.KJV>

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

Philippians 1:3 KJV (20251018)

[3] I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

<https://bible.com/bible/1/php.1.3.KJV>

Psalms 51:10 KJV (20251019)

[10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me.

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Note on the Verse:

The devotional was written over the course of two days.

5. Closing Paragraph

So, let the world look at me as if I am crazy, (**1 Corinthians 4:10**) that they consider I have lost my mind. Good, may it be replaced by the mind of Jesus Christ, (**1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5**) my heart too, may it be removed and replaced with the heart of our Lord and Saviour. (**Ezekiel 36:26**) My mind, my heart, my plans and my will is of no benefit for mankind, but that of Jesus, is. (**John 6:63**)

Selah, Shalom

6. Optional Reading / Study Expansion

Background Reading:

I invite you to take up reading the references provided in the Devotional Note. Try the spirits if it be of GOD (**1 John 4:1**)

7. Resources

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