

# Wednesday's Wonderful Word

## PREPARE

1.7.15

**Origin:** late Middle English: from **French** *préparer* or **Latin** *praeparare*, from *prae* 'before' + *parare* 'make ready'.

### Definitions:

- \*Make (something) **ready** for **use** or **consideration**
- \*(as adjective **prepared**) **Created in advance**; **preplanned**
- \*Make (someone) **ready** or **able** to do or **deal** with something
- \*(**be prepared to do something**) Be **willing** to do something

As we enter into this new season the Lord has prepared, one verse really sticks out to me:

"Then the Lord said, *"Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"* (Luke 18:6-8)

How is your faith? Our God is sovereign but we are co-laborers with and within His will. We are called to prepare ourselves. How do we do that? Every year, some of us, make new year resolutions. A few years ago I set out to change this tradition within myself. I pray for a specific character of our Lord Jesus to be revealed to me so I can know more of Him and be more like Him. I am not saying you have to do this exact thing. I do, however, really want us to understand that to be like someone we have to fully know that person's character.

To be prepared is to have knowledge. Have knowledge of who our Lord and Savior is by getting to know Him; get to know Him by having a relationship with Him by the Holy Spirit; be led by the Holy Spirit by purposing to spend more time in God's Word. BE prepared!!!

Bible verses:

Joshua 1:10-11 – Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’”

Exodus 23:20-24 – “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. 22 But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. 23 For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. 24 You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.

1 Chronicles 15:1 – David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

1 Chronicles 29:16 – “O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

Joel 3:9 – Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.

Jeremiah 1:17-19 – 17 “Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them. 18 For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land—Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you,” says the LORD, “to deliver you.”

1 Peter 1:13-16 – Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Proverbs 24:27 – Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

Proverbs 3:19-20 – The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; 20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 9:10 – “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 24:3-4 – Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

Revelation 19:6-8 – And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

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