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ANACIN RELIEF



ALL OF US EXPERIENCE VARIOUS ACHES AND PAINS FOR WHICH WE SEEK RELIEF. IT MAY BE A HEADACHE, TOOTHACHE OR JOINT AND ARTHRITIS PAIN. WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE ACETAMINOPHEN (LIKE TYLENOL) OR IBUPROFEN (LIKE ALEVE) AND FEEL THE DISCOMFORT SUBSIDE. ONE OF THE OLDEST PAIN RELIEVERS IN THE UNITED STATES IS ANACIN. IT IS A COMBINATION OF ASPIRIN AND CAFFEINE THAT WAS FORMULATED BY WILLIAM MILTON KNIGHT AND PATENTED IN 1916. WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAIN RELIEVER BEGAN IN THE 1930'S.

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH GOD PRESCRIBED ANACIN LONG BEFORE 1916. IN I THESSALONIANS 1:7 WE READ THAT GOD WILL "GIVE RELIEF TO YOU WHO ARE AFFLICTED AND TO US AS WELL WHEN THE LORD JESUS WILL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS IN FLAMING FIRE." THE WORD TRANSLATED "RELIEF" IS ACTUALLY A FORM OF THE GREEK WORD "ANACIN."

IN SECULAR GREEK USAGE "ANACIN" CAN REFER TO BEING FREE FROM TAXATION OR TAX EXEMPT. THINK OF THE RELIEF IT WOULD BE IF WE NEVER HAD TO PAY SALES OR PROPERTY TAXES. THE TERM WAS ALSO USED TO DESCRIBE THE UNSTRINGING OF A BOW. WE CAN VISUALIZE THE STRESS THAT THE STRING IS UNDER WHEN TIGHTENED IN THE BOW AND THE CONTRASTING RELAXATION OF HAVING THAT PRESSURE REMOVED.

LUKE USED THE WORD "ANACIN" WHEN DESCRIBING PAUL'S CONDITION DURING ONE OF HIS ROMAN IMPRISONMENTS. IN ACTS 24:23 WE READ THAT PAUL WAS KEPT IN CUSTODY BUT ALLOWED SOME FREEDOM. THAT FREEDOM ("ANACIN") CAME WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING HIS FRIENDS ABLE TO VISIT, MINISTER AND PROVIDE HIM SOME COMFORTS. A LESS RIGOROUS CONFINEMENT WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN A BLESSING TO THE APOSTLE.

ANOTHER OF THE RARE USES OF OUR WORD "ANACIN" IS FOUND IN II CORINTHIANS 8:13 WHERE IT SPEAKS OF BEING AT EASE. THE PICTURE MAY BE THAT OF PUTTING DOWN A HEAVY BURDEN. ALL OF US KNOW WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE. THE WORD ALSO IMPLIES EMOTIONAL AND NOT JUST PHYSICAL REST. THERE IS JOY IN HAVING LESS STRESS AND TENSION.

BUT NOW, BACK TO THE THESSALONIANS. GOD PROMISED RELIEF TO THOSE WHO WERE UNDERGOING PERSECUTION AND AFFLICTION. THEY WERE BEING FAITHFUL, BUT THE SITUATION WAS STRESSFUL. RELIEF COMES BY VARIOUS MEANS AND IN VARIED MEASURE BUT ULTIMATELY WITH THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. THE HELP HE OFFERS IS NOT TEMPORAL BUT ETERNAL. HIS REST LASTS FOREVER AND NOT JUST FOUR HOURS. PRAISE GOD FOR ANACIN!

**LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE**