

"THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS, LIKE SILVER TRIED IN
A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES.
YOU SHALL KEEP THEM, O LORD, YOU SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM
THIS GENERATION FOREVER." (PSALM 12: 6 & 7)

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“FEAR GOD!”

"Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." (Deuteronomy 4:10b) Emphasis Added

"Fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged." (Deuteronomy 6:2) Emphasis Added

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him." (Psalm 33:8)

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Jesus speaking – Matthew 10:28)

Father's word has much to say concerning His command that man should fear Him. If one will take the time, using a good concordance, to go through Father's word and list all of the blessings that follow those who fear God; as well as all of the loss of blessing and curses that follow those who do not fear God, they will be shocked. Man's failure to fear God will eventually cause him much loss, pain and suffering. This spiritual law of blessing that follows those who fear God and the loss of blessing that follows those who fail to fear God is as certain as the law of gravity. So certain is this spiritual law that even Jesus Christ, in His humanity, was governed by it. Listen carefully.

"In the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things He suffered." (Hebrews 5:7 & 8) Emphasis Added

I find it absolutely amazing that among professing Christians today (at least in the western world) there is so little "godly fear", so as to be virtually undetectable. We talk much about loving God as we are commanded to do; we have much to say about the importance of building up our churches; we have become experts at raising literally billions of dollars each year to keep our programs going, our airplanes flying, our motor coaches rolling, our buildings well appointed with ornate trappings, flags flying and instruments playing. We mass produce full and part-time missionaries and scatter them over the globe; while at the same time, we fill the airways with our religious programming. We have established an untold number of Christian book stores across the land, both inside our churches and outside our churches, to sell

everything from books to tee shirts, key chains and prayer cloths. For the most part, we are exceedingly pleased with, and confident of, our good standing with the One True God ----- But----- we do not fear Him! I cannot help but wonder what God's view is concerning our fearless attitude toward Him. What does Father think about His people in these latter days? Could we find our answer in His word? I think so! Listen-----

"Do you not fear Me? says the Lord. Will you not tremble at My presence, who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And tho its waves toss to and fro, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.

But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; they have revolted and departed. They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the Lord our God," ----- (Jeremiah 5:22 – 24a)

"An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes." (Psalm 36:1)

"Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, they would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the Full with their own fancies." (Proverbs 1:29 – 31)

"Your own wickedness will correct you; and your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing that you have forsaken the Lord your God, and the fear of Me is not in you," says the Lord God of hosts." (Jeremiah 2:19)

I could go on and fill several pages with quotes from God's word that clearly states His position toward those who fear Him not and choose to continue doing so; however, I believe we have chosen here, sufficient scripture to clarify God's position on this matter. Failure to fear God will never result in receiving God's blessing, rather it will guarantee the loss of God's blessing. Dear reader, you may not believe what I just said concerning the loss of God's blessing, but it is true. Our failure to fear God, both individually and corporately, has led us to our present state of spiritual poverty; all the while our priests and prophets (Leadership) have failed to warn us of the necessity of learning to fear God. As always, our behavior is no surprise to Father. Listen-----

**"An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But, what will you do in the end?"
(Jeremiah 5:30 & 31)**

Dear reader, I have spent an entire lifetime in the Christian faith; having been born into a Christian family and raised up in the institutional church; I was taught much Biblical truth, for which I will be eternally grateful. After Father woke me up in my mid-forties (if interested, this awakening is described more fully in "One Man's Testimony" Part One and Part Two at oakhillministires.org --- go to archives) I entered the full gospel charismatic movement, where I was taught much more Biblical Truth, and for which I will also be eternally grateful. However, after nearly 60 years within the Christian community with direct involvement in the Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, Independent Christian and Full Gospel – Charismatic branches of

Christianity; and indirect involvement through repeated visitation in the Episcopal, Methodist, Christian Church – Disciples of Christ, Missionary Alliance, Catholic, Pentacostal and Assembly of God ----- after all of this exposure over six decades ----- I report, with a heavy heart, that I was never taught to “Fear God”. May God have mercy on us all!

It was not until after Father called me out of the Institution, that I was taught to fear God; and that teaching by the Holy Spirit continues to this day. Until the last five or six years, I must confess that I did not fear God, nor did I personally know anyone else who did. I knew lots of people, including myself who professed a love for God, but as for fearing Him and trembling at His word (Isaiah 66:2b), I knew none. Had Father not called me out, I am convinced that I would be just as fearless of God today as I was prior to being called out. Oh, I thank God, for grace and mercy and the freedom that He offers to all who hear His voice.

Dear reader, do you fear God? Do you? If not, please do not despair. Father desires that all of His sons and daughters fear Him, for their own good. Fearing God is a learning process that comes through His word. Remember Deuteronomy 4:10 where Father said to “Gather the people to Him, and He would allow us to hear His words, that we might learn to fear Him”. If we turn from religion to God alone, having chosen to fear Him as He commands that we do, He has promised to allow us to “hear” His words, and in so doing, we will learn to fear Him. As always, everything eventually gets back to God’s word! Living life as Father desires that we live it, includes our fearing Him, as a result of knowing Him, through His word. Listen-----

“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

Our lack of fear of God today is the direct result of our not believing Him through His word. For the most part, we do not know the One True God today, because we do not believe Him and therefore we do not fear Him.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6a)

Failure to believe God from Adam until this very hour, has always led man to loose his fear of God and cause him to mock Him to His face. Such behavior has never failed to provoke God to apply His judgment to His people. (Galatians 6:7 & 8) That judgment begins with God withholding His blessings in an effort to get His people to repent and turn back to him with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12 & 13). If God’s people continue to harden their hearts (as we are presently doing) and refuse to repent after Father withholds our blessings, He then sends the sword, pestilence and famine.

This pattern of judgment started in the Garden with Adam and Eve and is concluded in the Book of Revelation as Christ warns His people to repent-----or else! For one to ignore this clear pattern of God’s dealings with mankind, after he has heard the warning, is to embrace an anti-Christ spirit and join the ranks of the “many” (Matthew 7:21 – 23) that are considered traitors to the King and be numbered among the goats (Matthew 25:31-33).

Naturally the “hiss of hell” is always heard among the ranks of God’s people. In the garden it was said: “you will not surely die.” Since that day, the same “hiss” has been heard as the plague came, the draught came, the children were slaughtered, the towers fell ---- sometimes

the hiss is heard through the screech owls, as the so-called prophetic voice prophecies peace and love; while at other times, it is heard through the pulpit, the Sunday School Teacher or Bible Study Leader ---- always the message is the same: "It is not God, you will surely not die. God loves you too much to inflict such pain and suffering upon you. It is the devil, blame him don't blame God. Never mind repenting, you have no reason to fear God!"

Sadly, many, if not most of us have heard the "hiss" and embraced it as truth. May God have Mercy!

"They have lied about the Lord, and said, "It is not He. Neither will evil come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. And the prophets become wind, for the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them." (Jeremiah 5:12&13)

"And the Lord God of their Fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy." (2 Chronicles 36:15 & 16)

"These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes. Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:" (Psalm 50: 21 & 22)

Dear saints, the true sons and daughters of God who choose to believe God through His word, and set their will to obey Him ---- those sons and daughters who choose to fear Him, to love and serve Him, alone! Do not need to fear His judgment. In fact they can expect His loving care and affection in return. Obedience to Father's word always brings His blessing. Listen ----

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him." (Psalm 33:18a)

"The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." (Psalm 34:7)

**"Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him."
(Psalm 34:9)**

"Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him," (Psalm 85:9)

"Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His way. When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." (Psalm 128: 1- 4)

The scripture that I have just quoted is but a small sampling of the blessings that Father has promised to those who choose to fear Him. These are covenant blessings that are only available to those who "fear God" by believing every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). No one has the right to claim these blessings apart from meeting Father's condition for same, and that is fearing God.

To the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?" (Psalm 50: 16 & 17)

When professing Christians loose their fear of God, as the overwhelming majority of us have, we cannot expect anything from God, except what He has promised through His word ----

- 1. "The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness." (Isaiah 5:16)**
- 2. "For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked (those who set God's word behind them – Psalm 50:16 & 17), yet he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord." (Isaiah 26: 9a & 10)**
- 3. "The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17)**

I am now fully persuaded that the visible majority of what is currently referred to as the church, will continue their spiritual decline until God's judgment either turns them back to the highway of holiness (Isaiah 35:8) or totally destroys them.

God is going to do just exactly what He said He would do! And there is not one thing that we can do to change that. For the few of us who now realize that, we can find comfort in the fact, that Father has always had His remnant (the few, numbered only by God) that He prepared for times such as these. May we be found worthy of being counted among their ranks and abiding in our Lord's shadow. May God grant us His unity as we pray:

"Teach us Your way, O Lord; we will walk in Your truth; unite our hearts to fear Your name. We will praise You, O Lord our God, with all our hearts, and we will glorify Your name forevermore." (Psalm 86: 11 & 12)

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"EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM. DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS, LEST HE REBUKE YOU, AND YOU BE FOUND A LIAR." (PROVERBS 30:5 & 6)