



Mighty in the Word

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).*

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Hide for Fear of the Lord *Part II*



When evil, sin, runs rampant in a nation, we see the effects of it upon the people and their living. Oh, there will be those whose lives appear to be wonderful in the midst of their wealth. Many times wealth covers a multitude of pain and sorrow and certainly degradation.

The prophet is trying to awaken the people of where they are standing, in the miry clay, the pit. People cannot see beyond their small circle to even compare their life style, the filth in which they are standing. Their eyes are blinded, and in the sinful life, they oft times feel they have freedom they have never had before. And, yes, they do have the freedom to live in squalor. But their eyes are blinded, their hearts and minds are looking down believing all is wonderful because they cannot raise their eyes, their hearts and ears to the beauty that they are failing to see. When in the miry clay, one can only see and feel what is beneath them: filth. They have nothing in sight with which to compare the miry clay. When you are looking down believing that you are at the top, you can only see and feel where you are presently living.

You hear the words, "Come , and let us walk in the light of the LORD." But you have no understanding; there is no meaning to you as you live in the midst of degradation. Sin consumes your every thought and every action in which you are living. Hear these words again from Isaiah 2.10 – "and for the glory of his majesty.":

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

When the word comes, "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty," your ears are deafened to those words, though perhaps it be a word of sarcasm – for you cannot hide from the Lord.

Most have no fear of the Lord in this day and age. Many have sold their souls, and only mock the Truth when it is presented to those whose lives have been sold to the enemy.

Perhaps this is a wake up call to those who have begun taking notice of the followers of the enemy, of Satan, and are interested in what is going on as it *appears* they are enjoying life. I cannot say strongly enough, **STOP** and turn back to the Lord; repent and seek the Lord Jesus Christ. You can take one step too many from the Lord and find yourself no longer desiring to serve Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who loves you so

in their cheap teachings to make people believe they are on the same level as Jesus Christ.

I implore each of us to Fear the Lord God. He is Holy God. He calls us to be holy as He is holy. We must fear the Lord for many reasons. One is to fear to go against His ways and that to which we must live and in Whom we must have our being. I want to live for Him Who died for me. I want to walk in obedience to Him, Who loved you and me so much that He gave His only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary for our sin, and died, and rose again victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave – and will one day return for all who have given their lives to Him for His glory.

*How long has it been since
you knew that He cared for you,
and that He will abide with you?*

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

much that He gave His life for you on the Cross of Calvary that you might know His joy, His peace, and His love.

There is a day of reckoning, the punishment of the wicked, on this earth. It is called the Day of the Lord when the Lord, Himself shall come to manifest Himself and people will know at that time He is God. The Lord God Almighty shall inflict punishment upon the wicked producing fear and terror.

People are often sold out in their sin before they recognize, too late, there is a judgment upon them. And when the Day of the Lord shall come, I see a people who have sold out to Satan who are so dead in their sins and trespasses that they will not understand until – until it is too late and they will spend eternity in hell.

I believe the glory of the Lord shall be revealed in the midst of such a terrible time. There will be separation of families that will bring great suffering because those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may have taken too lightly the seriousness of the need to endeavor to bring people to Jesus Christ.

Oh, I am concerned that we love not the Lord Jesus Christ, but that we have lulled ourselves. Isaiah is speaking of the unbelievers who consciences are seared, dead to the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ. The punishment that God will inflict will sweep over the land. It will produce fear and terror. However, as He comes His glory will be revealed and be seen, when He inflicts judgment upon the people.

Oh, the haughty, the proud, those turned from the Lord shall be brought low. God will vindicate His honor, will turn the attention entirely on Himself, and the people will reverence Him as they see Him and Him alone.

Punishment is meant to lead people to the Lord God; however, the wicked experience their wealth and prosperity which they, in the moment, *seemingly* enjoy. The wicked regard the words of the prophets with disdain, and harden their hearts against God. But they shall be brought low.

Isa 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts [*shall be*] upon every [*one that is*] proud and lofty, and upon every [*one that is*] lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Oh, how many do we see today who are avid "church-goers," are so against the Lord God as they see themselves as those that are to be worshipped in the "churches." Oh, they may give money for the good of the "church" building, have their name distributed among the people so as to be highly regarded for what they did to be seen by all – but their hearts are far from the Lord. And by doing helping to improv the building, they then become one to be consulted by the leaders in the "churches."

When people are allowed to go on in their sins, and are not held accountable, it is impossible to behold the glory of the Lord God. Oh, yes, there are many who are good at theatrics and have followers. I have seen this behavior, and have watched those trying to minister to such as these, be taken in - believing they are so wonderful and they are doing such a good work and . . . those that are "ministering" to such are like unto them – of the same mind.

We must, if necessary, stand alone in the presence of the Lord; but we must be faithful unto the Lord our God – come what may. Beware that you are not pulled into what

seems so wonderful: People blaspheming the Lord Jesus Christ with their actions , their lives, while saying "*jesus, jesus, jesus.*"

I found it interesting as I read that "Every man carries within himself the heart of a king." This speaks volumes as we take time to do some soul searching. This reveals to us that our hearts and minds are upon ourselves, and who we believe we are, and who everyone else is not. This is not about our station in life; this is all people. Oh, how can we say we are living for the Lord Jesus Christ when we, indeed, elevate ourselves above all others – including the Lord God Almighty.

I have worked in places where some will tell you how humble they are. You look at them and just shake your head in disbelief. Yes these were of other religions than Christianity; but I have also heard this among ALL peoples. You tell them that the moment they say this or think this, they have revealed who they are not in Christ Jesus. It makes me think of the following.

Luk 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men [*are*], extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Oh, is there no fear of the Lord?

Today, I hear all too often that we are not to fear the Lord God.

This may not speak to your heart, but let me share this with you.

When I was working on my doctoral degree years ago, I had the privilege to speak with an author, concerning my studies, who was a well known professor at a well know school of higher learning in New York.

I recall her saying to me, "You are very Old Testament." To which I responded, "No, I am not." To my chagrin, the very next words out of my mouth were, "But, in Deuteronomy, we find . . ." I had to smile and say, "Yes, I am."

My love for the Old Testament is out of the understanding of the Lord God, the only living and true God, the one Whom we should fear and worship and before Whom we should lay our lives. He is mighty God. There is no other God beside Him. The worship in the Old Testament is one of awe and glory given to the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Tabernacle speaks volumes to me as the people did not go to the Tabernacle to chat, but to worship. The priests went to serve the Lord. The High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies prepared to meet the Lord God.

When the veil was rent at the Cross of Calvary and all can enter into the Holy of Holies, I halt as I experience those many who approach the cross talking about their buddy. After all, I hear, he is just one of us now.

Yes, Old Testament, because there is taught that we are not one with God, on the right hand of God - as so many teach and preach today. There is no fear today. Let me make clear the New Testament does not teach the disrespect to the Lord and Master that exists today. Please hear that. And, I love the New Testament today as well, the whole of the Holy Bible. But so many have taken the New Testament and have used it