



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).*

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

*of the
Lord
Jesus Christ*

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Great is the Lord and Greatly to Be Praised! And to Be Feared!

We use the word *great* without understanding that the Word of the Lord is revealing to us the magnitude of Whom and why the Lord is to be praised. He is beyond knowing and, yet, close to us in His invitation for us to come unto Him and offer unto Him ourselves to serve Him, Who is, Who was, and Who is to come.

He is greatly to be praised as His love for us is beyond understanding and beyond experiencing the vastness of His love as He came to earth so long ago to walk upon this earth, was rejected and crucified upon a cruel cross for your sins and my sins that we might have eternal life in and through Him. It is a free gift; however, we must come before Him as a sinner, repenting of our sins, asking for forgiveness that we might be forgiven and, then ask Him to come into our hearts, our lives, seeking to serve Him, walking in obedience to His will, His teachings in the Holy Bible. He calls His people, His followers, to walk a life of holiness as a way of life.

This life of walking with Him on the *Via Dolorosa* is a walk of life every moment of every day, seeking His will.

Oh, so you say to me, as I have heard on many occasions, "I go to church." Well, let me inform you, Satan goes to church more than you do.

I am not talking about "church" or the square building you go to. I am writing of a life in Christ Jesus as we read in Acts 2, where the body of Christ were hungry for more and more of the Lord Jesus Christ and came together in Him. That is Christ's Holy Church (Acts 2.40-42).

And with many other words did *[Peter]* testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *[unto them]* about three thousand souls.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

We serve a risen Savior; He is in the world today. He is with us, guiding us, calling us to walk in obedience to Him.

The Holy Bible reveals to us:

not until that great day of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ can we begin to comprehend "The Love of God" in Christ Jesus, His love for us in sending His only Begotten Son to die on a cruel cross because of His great love for us. It is this that causes us to walk in fear of Him. He is Almighty!

We have come to a place in which much is taught to fear nothing! "Have no fear" is said with different statements following – even to teach children to have no fear. There are saying such as "Have no fear – for I am near" – whoever they chose to be the "I". This is teaching also that you need no one for you are the god of the world.

Oh, let us come to sing the chorus to a well know hymn, "O Come Let Us Adore Him":

O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Oh, come!

Let us lay our lives before Him, for He alone is worthy:

**Almighty God in Christ Jesus by the Holy
Spirit!**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

For great *[is]* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *[is]* to be feared above all gods (I Ch 16.25).

Job 37.21-24 also teaches us that the Lord God is great, and that we are to fear the Lord God Almighty.

The world has changed the Word of the Lord; take care what bible you read! Notice the following translations / versions have chosen to leave out that God is to be feared above all gods. And, no, the word(s) used in the following and many, many, many more *versions* have made light of the fact that the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus, the only Begotten Son of the Lord God, is to be feared above all gods. I need not explain to you the word *fear*. Oh, the Lord is a loving God, but He also demands of us our love for Him for He gave His all for us that we might have life and have it abundantly – in HIM!

The LORD is great and deserves our greatest praise! He is the only God worthy of our worship (I Ch 16.25 CEV).

For Jehovah is great, and exceedingly to be praised; And he is terrible above all gods (Darby).

The LORD is great and is to be highly praised; he is to be honored more than all the gods (GNB).

And why? Because GOD is great--well worth praising! No god or goddess comes close in honor (MSG).

How sacrilegious is the above. It is a mockery unto the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus. We need to come to realize there are no other gods. The gods of this world are man made, and have not power. They are made of wood and stone, of minds of those who conceive gods. The Psalter is very clear on this in Chapter 115.3-8. Oh, how weak is man today in the making of gods.

It is time to awaken to the world around us who has made the gods of this world that cannot see for they have no eyes; they cannot listen because they have no ears. The Holy Bible is clear concerning the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus, "thou shalt have no other gods before Me," it is speaking, not of the possibility of there being another god; however people choose things to be their god(s). Sometimes this is a god fashioned with the person's own hands, fashioned in the person's mind, fashioned with the person's eyes to see what does not exist.

Oh, may the Lord Jesus Christ forgive us when we turn aside to the false gods of this world. Why is it we so easily are brought low and choose to walk with the broken world, walking with them in sin, in forgetfulness – when the Lord Jesus Christ is great and greatly to be praised for all that He has done for us, He Who gave His life a ransom for us. No grater love is there than His life given for us on the Cross of Calvary, shedding His blood that our sins may be forgiven – if we turn to Him, repenting of our sins, asking His forgiveness, and walking on with Him, serving Him with all our hearts, soul, and mind.

We are to fear the Lord God Almighty. Too many speak of the Lord as their "buddy" and believe they are one with Him, His equal. There is no fear today as people today believe the world is all about them; they are the ones who are to be served.

We need to look at the word, *fear*. Fear in the Hebrew language is "to fear, revere, be afraid, to stand in awe of, reverence, honour, respect; to inspire reverence or godly fear

or awe . . ." We need to understand the Lord God Almighty is all powerful. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills!

Read Psalm 50 and seek an understanding of Who the Lord God Almighty is. Recognize His greatness, His authority, that He is God Who created the earth and the heavens. There is none beside Him. He is Ruler over all the earth! It is He Who will judge us in that day to come for "There's A Great Day Coming," and we need to lay ourselves before Him, seeking His face, His love for us, His will for our lives. We need to seek Jesus Christ Who came so long ago, and continues coming to us, because of His great love given to us when He died on the Cross of Calvary. But know He did not stay in the tomb; He arose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave that we might repent of our sins and have new life in Him.

Yes, we are to fear the Lord God knowing Who He is and Who we are not!

We are to serve the Lord with fear (Ps 11.2); When reading this scripture in the Hebrew Bible (Hebrew language), it is stated clearly that we are to serve the Lord with fear, terror, reverence, respect, piety.

Let us look at Acts 9.31 which is powerful. Take time to read this chapter.

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and **walking in the fear of the Lord**, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Adam Clark's Commentary on the Bible gives to us the Greek understanding of this part of the scripture concerning "walking in the fear of the Lord.

Walking in the fear of the Lord - Keeping a continually tender conscience; abhorring all sin; having respect to every Divine precept; dreading to offend him from whom the soul has derived its being and its blessings. Without this salutary fear of God there never can be any circumspect walking.

Albert Barnes Notes on the Bible:

In the fear of the Lord - Fearing the Lord; with reverence for him and his commandments. This expression is often used to denote "piety" in general, [2Ch 19:7](#); [Job 28:28](#); [Psa 19:9](#); [Psa 111:10](#); [Pro 1:7](#); [Pro 9:10](#); [Pro 13:13](#).

If Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we will fear to walk in disobedience to His commands because of His love for us - and our love for Him. We will walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ because of His calling upon our lives – because of His great love for us and the calling we have to serve Him in a life of holiness to which we are each called who are His followers.

Oh, when we love the Lord, we will fear as we realize His great power, knowing Who He is as the Lord God Almighty Who is beyond knowing, beyond understanding, beyond comprehending, beyond grasping His love and power; He is beyond all we could begin fully seeing. God is God, and there is none other than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – and, yet, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are three in one. It is in the Holy Word, the Holy Bible, that we realize He is beyond us as He is also with us, and that we can only walk by faith – and not by sight, loving Him, knowing He is with us when we are walking with Him on the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*.

Second Corinthians five reveals to us the Apostle Paul's hope and desire of heavenly glory, as he understands that his walk is by faith and not by sight (vv 6-8), and that it is