

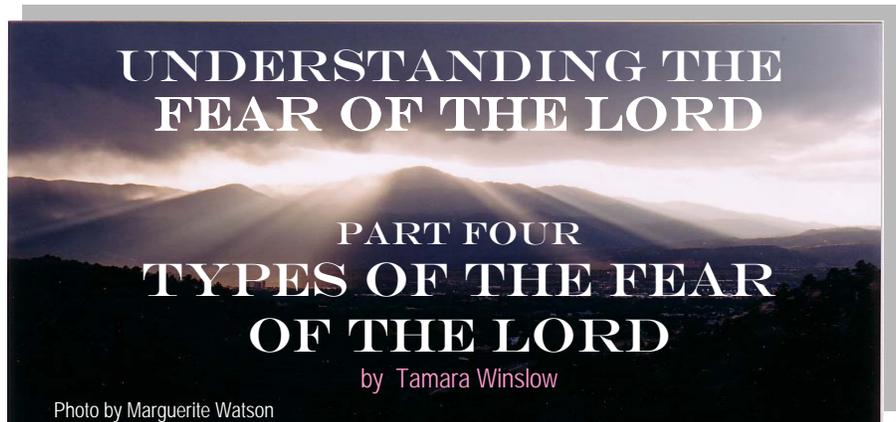
An unfamiliar terror gripped them both. The new, foreign reaction, alien to their once peaceful emotions, dominated their now carnal wills. It was unlike anything they'd known. Then, while the lingering taste of the illegal fruit still gripped their palate, God spoke. Instinctively, driven by panic and shame, they began to run, cowering, and hiding, anything to avoid an encounter with Him. Instead of the joyful, loving welcome they'd always felt, when He called, hundreds of tumultuous jumbled questions bewildered their minds. Why were they afraid of Him? Why did they want to hide? He'd been their intimate friend. Something had changed, but what was it? Unbeknownst to Adam, the moment they bit into the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they both died spiritually, losing God's imprinted spiritual likeness, fatally dominated by satanic nature. A hideous dead fallen state now governed how they and future humanity would relate to God.

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The affects of what has been called the "Fall of Man" reaches severely into the fabric of the truths of fearing God. Unbeknownst to many saints, "The Fall" resulted in incalculable, devastating outcomes upsetting the entirety of creation.

unknowingly present a warped concept via a legalistic perspective, and void of the wondrous concept of what could be entitled as a New Birth perspective of the Fear of the Lord! An accurate appreciation of fearing God can't be achieved until there's a dis-



Regrettably, a vast majority of Christian ideology doesn't take the travesties of "The Fall" into account when interpreting Scripture, establishing doctrine and the conditions of human life or expression. Consequently, due to this unrealized influence, Biblical truth is often distorted. As a result, authentic Christianity is crippled by wrong perspective, too often molded by psychological and cultural slants both of which generally contradict spiritual mindedness and ignore the affects of the New Birth. Hence, even the message of the Fear of the Lord takes a beating. Its for this reason that this doctrine is inadequately understood, while yet well meaning Bible teachers,

tinct line drawn between what's identified as the New Birth Fear of the Lord and it's opposite, the fallen fear of God. Bearing these two primary categories in mind, there are essentially six different types of the Fear of the Lord identified Biblically, starting with the Fallen Fear of the Lord, demonstrated by Adam and Eve. We'll look at each of these separately, keeping in mind that within these groupings, there are also both corporate and individual expressions of fearing God. We'll consider the Fallen Fear of the Lord first. It would be advisable to brace yourself as you read on. These concepts are potentially new thoughts for many and could be considered highly controversial. As an author, I've been reticent to write this well researched message.

I'm well aware that the average Christian is comfortable with traditional perspectives, avoiding the truth of non-traditional, but studied doctrine. Sometimes the truth takes too much effort for some people to adjust to, even when they bear witness to it. I realize the implications that this article presents. At the same I don't expect the reader to blindly believe everything they read. I know that this article will stir up many questions. There isn't space to write about each of the things I'd like to address. However, because I love the truth, and have spent many years examining these matters, I'd ask you as a reader to be willing to listen and consider a more full perspective on the affects of the Fall and how it relates to the Fear of the Lord.

A FALLEN PERSPECTIVE OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The phrase "Fall of Man" isn't specifically mentioned in Scripture; however, its influence is indirectly and constantly acknowledged. Surprising to many saints, faulty, traditional explanations of "The Fall" have unknowingly crippled Christian men and women who've ignorantly aligned themselves with a clever satanic strategy aimed at disabling an effective articulation of the truths explaining the Fall, and as a result, affecting the message of fearing God. Tradition's humanistically inspired, and rational arguments, fueled by half-truths, directly hinder the communication of the Fear of God in ways not foreseen by traditional proponents. Moreover, when a

believer doesn't accurately understand the Fall, Satan successfully engages one of his most subtle hidden ploys designed to ignite pointless arguments between the genders. The battle of the sexes is a satanically based ruse, pitting one gender against the other, blinding humanity to the real issue of what hinders the restoration of the fear of God. We mustn't fall prey to this ploy of blaming others.

Adam demonstrated the first example of a fallen fear of God when he unwillingly responded to God's call in the Garden after eating the forbidden fruit. His nervous reactions seemed to indicate that he feared dire consequences of meeting God after having sinned. Then to further complicate matters, he and Eve hid from God because they didn't want their shameful nakedness to be seen.

Prior to "The Fall", Adam and Eve existed in a pure, sinless and spiritually minded state. They'd never felt the feelings of fear, shame, grief, and lust etc, commonly experienced by humanity. God was their Royal Creator and intimate acquaintance. Volumes could be written about their amazing condition of life. Furthermore, they possessed a fear of God in its purest form because they intimately knew Him, His functions and character. By eating the fruit, and the death that accordingly dominated their feelings about themselves, their appearances, their relating to and understanding the character of God, their interactions with one another, and even how they responded to the serpent, changed. When questioned by God as to if they'd eaten the banned fruit, both truthfully confessed that they'd done so. Eve admitted she'd been

thoroughly deceived by what the serpent had said. Much could be added to why this occurred, but it shouldn't be overlooked that Eve hadn't been formed until after God commanded to not eat of the Tree. She was consequently operating with second-hand information. Hence, this could be why her dialogue with the serpent was inconsistent with the wording of the command God gave Adam. Moreover, her conclusive account honestly exposed the serpent as the deceiver. In addition to this, many well-meaning Bible teachers state that Eve was susceptible to deception, so consequently they assume all women are more easily deceived. The roots for this misnomer don't originate with Biblical thought. This error came from the Greek myth of Pandora's box, which in the Days of Mingling, when Jews were living in a Greek dominated world, was added into Judaism along with the bag of Hellenistic philosophy. It was then included in the assembling of the Talmudic concepts, the oral traditions of the Jews, which calls Eve the source of all evil. On the other hand, and something rarely recognized, Adam, who according to the actual translation, was literally standing by Eve's elbow during the temptation, said nothing about the serpent. This should cause us to ask why? Adam's reason for eating the fruit was radically different than Eve's. What is seldom seen is that Adam indirectly accused God of being the remote cause for his sin because God had developed Eve as a "help meet" for him. Furthermore, this passage reveals that it wasn't just Adam, Eve and God in this dialogue. The serpent was also present. All of this occurred at the same time, when Adam essentially shielded the serpent's deceptive involvement. Before Eve had been fashioned, built, or developed, as the literal translation would render it, Adam, represented the entirety of humankind. The literal

tirety of humankind. The literal translation of the Hebrew word for Adam's name means mankind or humankind. Much could be discussed in this matter. Furthermore, Adam was commanded to keep or protect the garden (Gen. 2:15). The word "keep" derived from a Hebrew word "shamar" meaning "to build a hedge about" or "fence something in and guard it" was designated as one of Adam's primary responsibilities. Adam was told to do this, even before God commanded them not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam failed to fulfill those responsibilities. In fact, when questioned about eating the fruit, his reactions toward God seemed quite passive concerning the serpent's deceptions. But why? Was this indicative of a sudden change of heart?

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (KJV)

Job 31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: (KJV)

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. (KJV)

Job 31:33 states that Adam covered his transgression, by hiding it in his heart. This explains why he blamed God as the remote cause for his sin (in fashioning Eve), instead of taking responsibility for his failure to keep the serpent out. Somewhere along the line Adam had already begun to lose His fear of God. Perhaps this is why that Adam allowed the enemy into Eden. It makes sense but is seldom considered. In addition to this, if you'll remember, fearing the Lord is

always connected with obedience. However, in order to understand why Adam would disobey, we must examine what the condition of "aloneness" Adam owned, and why that prompted Eve's development, hence, why Adam did what he did.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him. (KJV)

Following the commands to protect the garden, and not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, God said in Gen. 2:18 that, "It is not good that the man should be alone." A great majority of Christians have read right past something unexpected in this verse. God said "It is not good". Readers automatically, without thought to previous verses and context, assume this lack of "not goodness" explicitly applies to Adam's aloneness. The indiscriminate reader misses an important, but obvious problem with this assumption, and also is blind to something fundamentally significant in the sequence of what's known as The Fall.

At the conclusion of each stage of creation, God saw everything He made, as good, and ultimately in its final creation as, very good. The discerning reader would think it odd that what God had considered good, and very good, could all of sudden be judged as "not good"? How could this be? The tendency is to assume that man was lonely. Regrettably, readers don't know what the word "alone" actually implies in the Hebrew. The word translated for "alone", according to various Hebrew scholars, and notable in-depth Lexical aids, all more comprehensive than Strong's Exhaustive Concordance; state that "alone" means- "in-his-separation." The Hebrew refers to

one separating oneself from someone, or something, as being apart from someone or something. Adam's aloneness wasn't because he was lonely, needing companionship. His aloneness was an indictment that a distancing had already occurred in his heart toward God. He'd begun to separate himself from God, for some space of time before eating the fruit. To deal with this, the woman was developed to be a "help meet", not help mate for Adam. The Hebrew phrase, "*ezer kenegdo*", translated as "help meet" doesn't refer to a mediocre or human help. These words denote "one who is the same as the other and who surrounds, protects, aids, helps, supports." There is no indication of inferiority or of a secondary position in a separation of the male and female "spheres" of responsibility, authority, or social position. "Ezer" or "azer" is descriptive of a superior type of help, or strength, occurring 21 times in the O.T. and used twice describing the female. Moreover, almost every other rendering of the word, "help" refers to Divine help, as in, Psalms. 121:2, "My *help cometh from the Lord.*" It directly links the type of help the woman was to give Adam as coming from God. Furthermore, the expression isn't "helpmate", as is often misquoted. The words, help "meet", refer to a sense of capability, or "meet to a situation's needs." The woman was granted strength from God, capable of meeting Adam's need to turn him back to God. In other words her actions could bring about a restored fear of God. This doesn't mean she was his superior or his slave! Both were created in God's image. But we can see, the Fall had already begun.

The fall of humanity away from God, according to Dr. William Law (1686-1761), occurred gradually, before the eating of the fruit. Dr. Law, a learned

theologian and one of that time's most accomplished Christian writers states that:



"Adam had lost much of his first perfection before his Eve was taken out of him; which was done to prevent worse effects of his fall, and to prepare a means of his recovery when his fall should become total, as it afterwards was, upon eating of the earthly tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Mindful of these sequential events, we should see that as humankind drew away from God, consequentially, the correct Fear of the Lord was lost. We must re-possess the truth of the Fear of the Lord through a proper understanding of what the New Birth has accomplished.

IDENTIFYING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

There are essentially 6 different types of the fear of God identifiably practiced in the Bible, generally centered around, and emerging from, different types of people and human conditions. These types operate both corporately and individually and

are listed as follows. We'll examine each in a separate section.

THE FALLEN FEAR OF THE LORD

CORPORATE FEAR OF THE LORD

GODLY FEAR OF THE LORD DISPLAYED BY UNSAVED PERSONS

THE GENUINE AND ASSUMED ABSENCE OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD- NO FEAR

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Regrettably, where there is no, or a shallow, understanding of the affects of the New Birth, Christians innocently practice a false form of fearing God. It appears religious, and sincere, when in reality it's an expression rooted out of a wrong understanding of and relationship to the character of God. The unsaved soul, especially a person who has even the slightest belief in Gods existence, or a Creator, may because of a tender conscience, fear God in varying degrees. Adam expressed this fallen fear after eating the forbidden fruit, and accordingly, after hearing Gods voice, fled from the Lord's presence. Fallen humankind responds to God, or what is interpreted as Gods judgments in this manner because sin's affect distorts God's character.

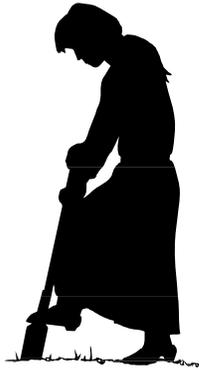
Mat 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Mat 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strowed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strowed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath, 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (KJV)

The wicked and slothful servant, described by Jesus in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), demonstrated the fallen fear of God. This same servant is additionally described as unprofitable. Possessing a wrong understanding of God's character, and presumptuously certain that God would treat him unfairly, the wicked servant, buried the money he'd received from the master (symbolic of God), all the while failing to invest what he'd been given responsibility for. This reaction surfaces when there is a fearful, wrong understanding of Gods character, expecting the worse, and anticipating doomed un-profitability. In the end, this servant didn't use what was given him, and he lost everything. Likewise, persons, Christian and non-Christian, entrapped in this mindset seldom, if ever, invest or use what God has apportioned to them. Like overprotective misers, they greedily clutch, and protectively bury the graces, talents, natural and spiritual abilities, and money given them because they have a wrong concept of getting gain. The moment we forget that anything and everything we own is lent to us by God, is the second we exalt ourselves and pursue our own glories, no longer respecting the One who has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. People who fear the Lord

through a fallen perspective look at profitability with distorted vision. Eventually, even though it may seem they've gained great affluence, they lose it all when the motives are exposed.

Fearing God with the fallen, non-spiritually minded nature enables several behavioral conflicts that relentlessly result in personal loss and isolation. This wrong fear of God is motivated and fed by shame, and sometimes guilt, or the fear of being guilty. Adam and Eve hid from God, fearing Him, contrary to His character. They avoided contact with Him; because of the shame and guilt they felt, after eating the fruit, and hearing His voice. Through guilt and shame, the human perspective becomes skewed like a dark fog that blurs clear sight of who God is as loving, holy, forgiving and just. People, who fear Him wrongly, run from Him, instead of toward Him. They're incapable of seeing that He's forgiving to those who are honestly repentant, and who take responsibility for their wrongful actions. An incorrect concept of fearing God creates a false standard of judgmental retribution that eventually magnifies the most remote possibility of horrific consequence into a presumed reality and end. These twisted perceptions become the breeding ground for demonically originated acts of self-preservation bent on casting blame on whomever or whatever is nearest to bear the



burden for one's own irresponsibility or sinful actions. Adam indirectly blamed God for developing Eve as the reason for his sin. He excused his own disobedience and then went on to accuse his help meet, all the while knowing fully well that he could have prevented the occurrence had he protected the garden as he was supposed to. Likewise, considering the parable of the talents, the slothful servant blamed God, judging Him as unjust; while at that same time insolently ignoring his personal responsibility to be fruitful with the talent apportioned him. In fact, individuals who don't fear God in a healthy manner, characteristically resent responsibility. The woman, on the other hand, acknowledged that she'd eaten the fruit, and then, duly accused the serpent for the reason behind her action. She took responsibility for her deed, in addition, to exposing the deceiver. In response to this, God stated that there would ever be an "enmity", an extreme hatred, between the woman and the serpent. The word, translated "enmity", isn't talking about a singular hatred for snakes, as is often superficially implied. Notable scholars state that Adam advanced to the serpent's side, in becoming a false accuser of God, while Eve, by her exposure of the deceiver, distinguished herself as an opponent of Satan. Therefore, in response to Eve's better choice, God proposed that He'd withdraw the woman still farther away from Satan when He spoke to the Deceiver and said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman (Gen. 3:15). Practically speaking, and from the literal Hebrew, God said:

"She has chosen to make the breach; and I will widen it." Furthermore, as God put enmity between Satan and the woman, so Satan devised snares and traps for her. Much could also be said here. The greatest majority of women's suffering is directly due to the enmity that Satan felt toward Eve when she exposed his follies against God and humankind. Had Adam not lost his fear of God, and disobeyed the command to protect the garden, this wouldn't have occurred. This incites lots of unanswerable questions. Therefore, it shouldn't surprise us, that an absence of a genuine Fear of God perpetuates the conflict between men and women, and reinforces the original satanic plot designed to prevent humanity from approaching God, re-instituted and afforded by the New Birth life!!

The fallen fear of the Lord additionally perpetuates itself in humankind when an individual is enticed by, and pursues worldly wisdom and knowledge, over and above Gods wisdom and knowledge. A fallen fear of God cripples the human capacity to learn. It causes human beings to focus on human academic skill, abilities and achievements, while ignoring the untapped, unrealized potential that can be attained through a healthy spirit and conscience, by fearing God, who is the Author of all that can be learned. The fallen fear of the Lord is unable to rise to the challenge of a spiritual mindedness that renders human knowledge stupid whilst astounding the world's systems with the inventions and wisdom that comes from God alone. People like Daniel and Moses, all acquainted with and trained in worldly educational systems, shook their worlds as they demonstrated knowledge and understanding over and above their worldly peers. Spiritually minded, fearing God, they increased godly knowledge while still living in the

midst of a society that enforces a lower standard of living in the persons who fear God in the fallen sense.

CORPORATE FEAR OF THE LORD

Deu 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. (KJV)

Historically, and in accordance with the limited Biblical literature available on the topic, the fear of the Lord has generally only been addressed in connection with the individual life. Perhaps this is accidental; nonetheless, this misrepresentation must be exposed for the partial application it has fostered. The fact is, a great majority of the Biblical references pertaining to fearing God indicate that the concept is a corporate, powerfully, influential force, seldom acknowledged, and one with which the satanic foes are understandably reticent to contend with. Hence, if Satan could disable the concept of the fear of the Lord corporately, he'd also hinder the development of it individually, and thereby, cause great difficulty for God's people.

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that can be considered a group could potentially practice or not practice the Fear of the Lord.

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God instructed Moses to gather the people who'd escaped out of Egypt, so that they might see, hear and remember the powerful, fearful demonstration of God on Mount Sinai. An entire generation, or nation, corporately began to learn the Fear of the Lord as a result of that encounter. Furthermore, Moses challenged the generation of families and representatives of the Exodus, to pay attention, and "shamar", or guard the memory and their souls, lest they forget the things they saw and heard. If you'll remember, Genesis 2:15 states that God instructed Adam to guard, or "shamar," the garden, and yet, Adam failed to do so. Consequently, humankind turned against God, allying with Satan. Its no coincidence, therefore, that Moses then warned the Hebrew children to protect the gardens of their hearts, lest they forget what God had done for them.

The corporate Fear of the Lord, in its genuine, godly and un-fallen state can mobilize an entire nation to righteousness. It rallies the host to stand up for godliness, while at the same time allowing room for repentance without condescension. It inspires dialogue that dispels argumentation in the face of great debate to pursue righteous living

for all people. It enforces what is truth as an absolute, but encourages love that practices patience and understanding. It is not tolerant, but it is concerned with genuine justice for all, according to God's standards, Word and character. On the other hand, a fallen corporate Fear of God mobilizes a people to religion, intellectual superiority, legalism, and self-righteousness, blame casting, debate, vindictive agendas and all the fruits that a fallen Fear of God produces.

There are numerous references pointing to the positive influence that the Fear of the Lord can produce, but its strength isn't arrived at casually. A right application of the corporate fear of God is developed as the elder generation, nation, family and leaders teach and model it to the younger generation. They must take responsibility to communicate what is right and wrong without legalism. Regrettably, the modeling of a fallen fear of God is counterproductive, but generally not recognizable as unrighteous, often until several generations following. The kings of ancient Judah and Israel, their behaviors and the consequences affecting their offspring, illustrates this pattern. Therefore, the lack of a genuine fear of God in our present generations, nations, families and leaders isn't the fault of any one-generation alone. Its the cumulative result of a gradual disintegration, and well meant, but uninformed, manipulation of so-called, often un-researched, Biblical truths, by one generation to another, each dominated by their own demonic strongholds, hardening conscience, perceived desires and ignorant reactions. These combined conditions gradually tear apart the fabric of what the New Birth Fear of the Lord is to look like corporately. One can trace our communal collapse to the emergence of educational, technological, economic, entertainment and spiritual

developments, that began to emerge about 100 years ago, regrettably accompanied by humanistic and religiously shrouded ideologies contrary and incapable of addressing the changes needed in the rapidly changing social condition. Christians could have been used by God to initiate reform through the application of practical truths existing if they'd had a right understanding of the fear of God. But the opposite happened. Nevertheless, pointing accusing fingers at any one generation will produce nothing positive at this point in time. We need a major revival demonstrating God's tangible power and manifestations and it needs to happen on a massive visual scale, accompanied by accurate Biblical preaching and follow-up discipleship, if anything is to change. Social groups, regions of the countries, economic influences and spheres of entertainment's influence must be targeted, especially those where the conscience statement of the people swings back and forth between truth and lies.

The fear of God is most affective and powerful when it's corporate. Practically speaking, laws are written and approved to appease, or challenge the people according to how they embrace the concept of the fear of the Lord. Families are affected when the parents and grandparents arise to, or fall from, their responsibility of actively training the children in the fear of God. Heaven help us when it's absent. We dare not blindly ignore the reality of the

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fading away of this truth nationally. In the United States, for example, during the most recent elections, states identified as Swing States, determined the winner of elections or affected issues. It should be noted that these locations are influencers concerning issues of conscience and fearing God and should be targeted. The same principle applies to regions or arenas of influence in nations that subtly sway the conscious choice of the people toward right or wrong. Invisible, the fear of God, or absence thereof, is at the root of all that's right and wrong in our midst and expressions.

There are no easy answers in restoring the fear of the Lord to a group. The most grave of commitments must be made to see it accomplished, and even then, the most dutiful of communicators, won't see results until a true intimacy with God, developed around a right perspective of His character, motivates it. In addition to this, those who fear God seldom announce that they self-righteously do so. They simply live, eat, act, think and speak according to those parameters. Leaders, politicians, ministers and teachers who choose to compromisingly bend and sway with the ever-changing ebb and flow of human desire, and perceived needs, in an attempt to preserve a pseudo unity, will fail in their attempts to bring help. A corporate fear of the Lord will only occur when stalwart, immovable, loving, but firm leaders unite their voices for truth and determine with absolute resolve to risk anything they deem precious in the name of valuing what's eternal and true in Holy respect of God and Biblical faith.

THE GODLY FEAR OF THE LORD PRACTICED BY THE UNSAVED

Unsaved, individuals and groups of faithful men and women displayed a fear of God in the Old Testament that can only be described as godly. Men and women like Jacob, Joseph, the Egyptian midwives, King Abimelech and others all feared God. Jacob dreamed about the heavenly throne room, where the God of his forefathers spoke to him. (Gen. 28:17-22) Terrified at the awful reality of God's presence, Jacob demonstrated, by his acts of submission, honor and vows, the sincerity of his understanding of fearing God. Moreover, Joseph restrained himself from taking revenge against his brothers because he feared God. He knew that his and their condition of life, no matter how uncomfortable, was veritably in God's hands (Gen. 42:18-21). Then the Egyptian midwives, generally single women, feared God, as they displayed extreme courage in the face of potential penalty when they disobeyed Pharaoh's order to kill all male Hebrew babies. The women stood up for what was right in God's sight, preserving the infants, and then offered a truthful excuse that protected them from further questioning and inevitable death. (Ex. 1:17-21) There are far too many cases of a godly type of fearing God, displayed through unsaved individuals for us to study all of them. Nonetheless, fearing God isn't reserved to Christian and Jewish individuals. It may be present in any human being whose conscience is tender.

THE GENUINE AND ASSUMED ABSENCE OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD- NO FEAR

Rom 3:18 *There is no fear of God before their eyes.* (KJV) (Psa 36:1)

Psalms 36:1 and Romans 3:18 both cite a disturbing condition in which there is no fear of God, and specifically

before the eyes of the people. In the previous article we examined how important it is for one's vision to be established and protected by the fear of the Lord. Persons who fail to guard their "eye gates" are especially prone to losing a healthy conscience. Therefore, over the process of time, areas of the conscience eventually weaken and dissolve, according to the things they've allowed themselves to see, and the values, truths, convictions, perceptions of God, boundaries for right and wrong, they've accepted rendering the concept of the Fear of the Lord, non-existent. It's a serious matter, but not one to be judged hastily. Luke 18:1-8 relates the parable of a judge who didn't fear God or man. Presented with a widow's case, and annoyed by her constant appeals, he rendered a favorable judgment in her behalf. Although, this judge didn't fear God, he acted justly, when pressured. This prompts a question. Could someone who has no direct knowledge of God, having no reason to fear God, ignorantly sin and still be open to the fear of the Lord? Can people fear God, simply because their conscience ignorantly convicts them of right and wrong, even when they don't know God? If that's the case, then we need to be extremely cautious that we don't judge people by what we think they'll do.

Gen 20:11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. (KJV)

Sarah was beautiful. In fact, so much so, that Abraham feared

that the men of Gerar would kill him just to make her the slayer's wife. Gerar was known to be a heathen, idolatrous land and, from what all Abraham knew, it's people disregarded godly virtues (Gen. 20). Furthermore, he appeared to judge that the population didn't meet with what he thought to be the characteristics of people who feared God. He was self-righteous and he was wrong! His self-preserving, deceptive actions caused grief for those he'd judged and set a consequence of spiritual condemnation into action. Yielding to the fear of man always produces a snare, and in conformity to this, Abraham lied about his identity and misrepresented his relationship with Sarah. Complicating the matters further, for some reason, Sarah appears to have compliantly agreed with Abraham in his deceptions. Based on their combined lies and false information, king Abimelech, believed that Sarah was fair game, and as matter of course, took her into his harem. Although his deeds were wrong, he was innocent, and totally unaware of the seriousness of his actions until one night in a dream God mercifully confronted Abimelech with the situation's sin, charging him with taking, Sarah, Abraham's wife. The consequences of his sin would have been death. The conversation between God and this heathen king is amazing, if not challenging for many Christians who find it hard to believe that a heathen man would fear God. Abimelech had acted according to what he'd believed to be the truth, unknowingly taking Sarah, Abraham's wife for himself. When faced with his fault, Abimelech was eager to right the wrong and interacted with God in the way of one who fears God. His

reactions indicate that he didn't respond to God because of the fear of deadly consequence. In fact, he responded to God in a manner that revealed that this heathen king had a heart for righteousness. Rising early the following morning after the heavenly trial he spoke to his men and then met with Abraham to correct the situation. Abraham apologetically, and it seems, a bit sheepishly, explained why he'd twisted the truth and acknowledged that he'd judged the people of Gerar, as being people who didn't fear God. The situation was corrected, but regrettably never should have happened. Alas, it's repeated by born again individuals who self-righteously judge the unsaved as incapable of fearing God. This ought not to be. Christians must realize that throughout history God has found heathen, unsaved individuals, whose conscience was sensitive to God's standards for right and wrong. A word of warning must be stated. Be careful not to judge the unsaved people you interact with as being incapable of fearing God. It might surprise you how many unbelievers actually fear God and honor righteousness, sometimes to shame of the believers, more than Christians. God has used non-Christian women and men who unconsciously, or even consciously, feared Him to bring about constructive changes and helps that aid the work of God and advancement of the faith.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD THAT THE UNSAVED, NATURAL HUMAN EXPERIENCES

A scene is set in 1 Samuel 4:1-11. The people of Israel and its priestly leaders had become presumptuously, spiritually backslidden. They no longer genuinely feared God, as the Lord of all, and disregarded the seriousness of their insolence, self-righteously assuming God was on their side. (1 Sam.

4:1-11) In their own eyes, they were invincible. At the same time, however, the Philistines, a wicked, idolatrous and warring people had defeated the Israelites in battle, smiting them with massive casualties. Facing further defeat, and believing God had abandoned them, the people of Israel appealed to their elders. They suggested that a possibility for their victory could be won if they were allowed to take the Ark of the Covenant into the battlefield. Preferring to place their faith in the victorious track record of the Ark, rather than directly in God, they demonstrated their pride, led by the two lawless sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas. The arrival of the ark into the Israelite war camp was greeted by an earth-rending shout. The sound was so intense that the noise was heard in the distant Philistine base. Puzzled as to what the sound meant, news traveled quickly of the Ark's presence in Israel's campsite and the Philistines trembled fearing certain death. They anxiously began to recall the historical events of the Exodus of the Hebrew Children out of Egypt. Each miracle, plague and sign furthered to terrorize the Philistine warriors. However, after a corporate panicked reaction, their natural fear converted into a below standard fear of God, that mysteriously generated an ungodly strength as the carnal fear of God melded the Philistines together in a unified, fighting machine. The irony of this picture is that the Israelites thought they feared God by trying to use the Ark of the

Covenant as a miraculously powered relic, hoping it would help them defeat the Philistines. On the other hand, the ungodly Philistines, wicked as they were, demonstrated a real, but naturally bent fear of God that paradoxically united and empowered them to fight and defeat the Israelites. In situations where God's people have chosen to embrace a wicked conscience and abandon the fear of God, and then they presume to use God or something representing Him, for their own purpose, disastrous consequences result. Although it would seem that relics are an emphasis of earlier times, well meaning and spiritually desperate Christians use all sorts of natural emblems to force God's hand. Saints who attempt any form of conflict or warfare presumptuously, will ultimately find himself or herself defeated by their foes because the enemy remembers the previous defeats experienced at God's hand, and in turn encourages themselves and thereby, rallies their strengths into a powerful, unified, undefeatable force. The question that should be stirred in our hearts is: are we truly trusting in God or something that represents Him?

THE FEAR OF THE LORD FOUNDED ON THE NEW BIRTH

2 Cor 7:1 THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God. AMP

The affects of the New Birth have been largely underestimated and deeply under-appreciated. Even though it sounds like a sweeping generalization, a great majority of Christian doctrine isn't taught through a right understanding of what transpires in the believer through the New Creation. Only a

few Biblical doctrines and truths carry as much sway as this such as the doctrines of the Character and Nature of God, Biblical Truth, The Cross and Redemption. Faulty and Old Testament perspectives all too powerfully infused into New Testament truths, have too often relegated the saint to a lower level of living than what the New Birth has afforded them. This is especially important when dealing with fearing God. If we misconstrue the Fear of the Lord with an Old Testament viewpoint, outside of the New Birth, then its practice becomes legalistic, fallen in approach and limiting in relationship. Regrettably, the fallen fear is what many Christians ignorantly practice. Fearing God with a New Creation viewpoint produces holiness and motivates an aim for clean living originating out of a respect for God and a desire for intimate relationship. Furthermore, this is why the definition for a right approach to the fear of the Lord can be defined as has been discussed in previous articles.

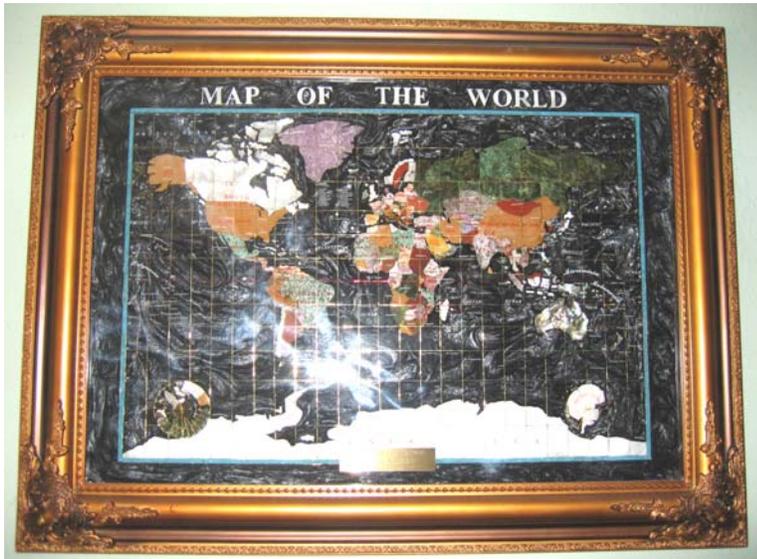
Therefore - The fear of the Lord is a conscious, willful, honor, awe or respect of God's awesomeness & character that makes one hesitate cautiously and restrains behavior to avoid harmful consequences & broken spiritual relationship, often accompanied by feelings of inward trembling.

In conclusion, it's not hard to see that we'll need to examine the New Birth type of the Fear of the Lord in greater detail. This is mandatory.

Christians need to know what the New Birth fear of God looks like. Saints who fail to grasp this become prey to the fallen fear of God, or even worse, a self-righteous legalism that contradicts everything God stands for. We need the truth.

In our next exciting article we'll examine what it means to fear God in the New Birth manner.

INTERNATIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



Dr. Sharon Predovich, founder and president of WIMN (Women's International Ministries Network), from Eden Prairie, Minnesota presented Rev. Tamara Winslow with the 2006 WIMN "International Woman of the Year" award on May 5th at their annual International Women's Conference. Rev. Winslow received the large semi-precious stones map of the world, with an engraved metal plate signifying Tamara as a Mother to the Nations.

This award is given annually to a woman who meets the criteria of WIMN selection committee. The woman qualifying must be seasoned, have her own established ministry affecting many nations and international issues as well as pro-
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ducing lasting fruit. Previous awardees have included Gwen Shaw, founder of End Time Handmaidens.

Approximately 300 women, involved in ministries, from many nations including Kenya, Uganda, Philippines, England, Canada, USA and India, attended the conference.

Following the presentation of the award, Dr. Predovich prayed for Rev. Winslow and prophesied of many encouraging and upcoming changes for the ministry. Tamara was also a speaker for the seminar and conference, speaking about Dreams and Visions, as pertaining to what God desires to do in and through His people.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

September-

September 11th-15th Institutes for Biblical Truth Seminar -

*Biblical Perspectives on
"Wisdom in the Workplace"*

Colorado Springs, CO
For Info and applications
lfbtruth@cs.com

Traveling to various locations to do research and writing books

September 25th- October 5th-

Tentatively scheduling for Minnesota area churches

October-

October 6th-8th

Praise & Worship Seminar

Resurrection Life Church; Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Pastors Bill & Sharon Predovich
1-952-934-5433

October 10th-13th Alpha Beacon Christian School Autumn Retreat
San Mateo, California

October 23rd-27th Institutes for Biblical Truth Seminar-

Biblical Perspectives on Healing and Medicine
Colorado Springs, CO
For Info & application- lfbtruth@cs.com

Traveling to various locations to do research & writing books

November-

Nov. 10th-11th Montevideo Fall Women's Conference-Contact person-
Joan Melde-1-320-269-5680

Nov. 12th - Montevideo Community Bible Church; Pastor Tom Flaherty
Montevideo, Minnesota

Nov. 27th-Dec. 1st -Institutes for Biblical Truth Seminar-
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MINISTRY UPDATE

Three women students arrived on June 18th to attend the June-July 2006 Basics Level One Institute in Colorado Springs, CO at Cornelius House 2. Though an unusually small school, and 3 staff assisting Tamara, the shorter version of Level One proved to be quite prophetic in both nature and application. Classes were adjusted to address the subjects pertinent to women as well as the basic courses in a Level One Institute. Tamara was able to speak candidly about issues relative to the modern Christian woman, in a way she hasn't been able to in the past. Interestingly enough, though few in number, God went especially deep ministering to each student and staff in a very personal manner. There were notable breakthroughs and life changing revelations experienced by everyone, including the staff. The presence of God, His holy angels and intense spiritual manifestations was especially strong during the night of impartation. An amazing prophetic, spontaneous song, entitled the "Daughters of Eve" was born prior to praying for the students. While praying for one of the students specifically, the staff person manning the sound system, was actually pressed against the wall, because God's power mightily came into the room during the prayer time. It was absolutely an amazing night for all. Because a school of this size isn't extremely cost effective, a chef

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couldn't be hired, but

God graced the staff and Tamara with the skill necessary to cook extremely tasty meals. Our resident Italian, Danielle Greco created tasty, homemade, authentic Italian gnocchi, pesto and pastas. Krista Dombach made her historically famous ice cream cake that was in turn, devoured. Hanna Pelli, the Finnish doctor, made an amazing homemade quiche and a delectable Finnish desert. Tamara even managed to cook several meals, including the Shabbat meal, which is always the favorite meal of the Institute students. All in all, between the intensity of the classes, all attended by the visitations of God, the recreational activities of horseback riding, white water rafting and a train ride through the renowned Royal Gorge, it was an awesome month.

The prophetic nature of this "All Women's Institute" was confirmed when at the banquet on the final night of the course, Allana Hiha, from Napier, New Zealand, bore witness that this type of course, Biblically addressing women's needs should become a regular emphasis of the Institute ministry. Though, not yet certain what this will look like in the future, the Institutes will be offering the "Release the Women" Institutes, or if need be, ministry entitled "Release the Women" without the Institute structure. This is still being considered in prayer. Allana Hiha's presence was significant because she attended the first "All Women's Institute" hosted in Cornelius House in 1998 and agreed with the need for this to develop.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A genuine relationship is not a one-way street. True relationships are bi-directional. Otherwise, they end up being dead ends.

Have Christians become so busy they've forgotten how to love?

UNPACK THAT THOUGHT!

PRAISE & WORSHIP COMPENDIUM: VOLUME ONE, NEARS COMPLETION

Steady progress is being made on several books presently being written. The Praise and Worship Study Compendium, Volume One is finally nearing completion. The original release date had been announced for November 2005. That however was delayed after Tamara burnt her right hand significantly disabling her ability to type for several weeks. Then, when she hoped to return to writing, in December, she went to minister in Finland, where unexplainably, the cord to her computer was destroyed, preventing her from charging her computer battery. Unable to find a compatible computer cord, she couldn't work. Despite the continual and frustrating delays, the first volume of the all new Praise and Worship Study Compendium is almost complete. If everything goes as projected, the book will be approximately 400 pages of helpful understanding about the Biblical Concepts and Principles of Praise and Worship. Some of the chapters are as follows. The Way of Cain; A Foundation for



as possible. Please also stand with her that the finances to meet the ministry budget will come in, as when she isn't speaking and travel-



Praise, Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings; Defining Worshipping in the Spirit; Spiritual Protocols for Worshipping in Spirit; Quenching



the Spirit in Worship; Identifying and dealing with the Seven Fires of God involved in Worship; Generational Strongholds Affecting Praise and Worship; Developing Biblical Strategies to Dismantle the Spiritual Strongholds affecting Generations; Worshipping in Truth; Salvation Belongs to the Jews- The Key for Understanding Biblical Worship and MORE!!!

This new volume of material will be helpful for everyone. Leaders, praise and worship leaders, pastors, prayer group leaders, and the every day believer will benefit reading this material. Please stand with Tamara so that it can be completed as soon

ing, there is little to no income coming in. She is committed to completing these books, and knows that her obedience to God in doing this requires outside gifts coming in.

MINISTRY HOUSE RENOVATIONS & FINDING NEW PROPERTY

Progress has been made in the gradual renovations and improvements in CH2 (Cornelius House 2) the ministry house where classes are held and students stay during courses. One by one, bedrooms and rooms are being painted. An extensive amount of work has been done toward the landscaping that was in desperate need of improvement. It's tentatively planned that sometime next spring, 2007, March-May, new lawn will be sodded and a sprinkler system in-

stalled. This has to be done to meet the requirements for the neighborhood. There is still a great deal of work needing to be done to upgrade the house, and even then the situation is not ideal for housing and the short-term classes. Depending on how many students apply to the Institute seminars and the conditions of neighborhood covenants, Tamara will be needing to locate either property and build facilities that will accommodate the school as well as housing or a housing situation that is workable for all involved. Please be praying for wisdom for Rev. Winslow as she takes these next steps. Upgrading the present housing is mandatory to get a good selling price if property is found and facilities can be built. A new or upgraded kitchen, new carpet through the carpeted rooms, tile floors, painting and finishing the lower level. Much has already been accomplished, but there is still a lot to be done.

INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONS

Many invitations to speak have been coming in asking Tamara to speak to various international churches, government leaders and large conferences. Most of the invitations are coming from developing nations, all of

who are asking Tamara to speak, but who say that they're not able to pay for her travel expenses. Some of these invitations are open-ended and much prayer is being made toward the possibility of going. Please be praying for Tamara as to which invitations she should accept and that the finances necessary to accomplish these will come in.

NEW CD MUSIC RECORDING

Lastly, a new recording is being planned. It will consist of Tamara's favorite old hymns such as How Great Thou Art; Were You There; I Believe and songs that lean toward a classical bent such as Climb Every Mountain and You'll Never Walk Alone. Considering this, CJ Alvarado, of Shamigo Recording productions in the San Francisco has been contacted to oversee this project. Please pray for this project, the



musical arrangements, musicians, travel to and from San Francisco and the timing for this production.



RESEARCH & NETWORKING TRIPS

The Lord has been speaking to Tamara concerning several locations she needs to travel for research and networking. Consequently, she is seeking the Lord concerning those locations and making plans as to when she needs to go. Please be praying as she seeks Him about these journeys to England, Washington DC, the East Coast of the US, and Israel. At this point in time, several of these locations are beginning to open up, with the appropriate contacts and finances coming in. Please be in prayer for her as she obeys God in these important trips.

Bless you and thank you all for your prayers and support.