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Heb 12:28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; 29 For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire. [Deut 4:24.] (AMP)

In the second row, behind a group of well known ministry leaders, a sneering, casually dressed young man, in his early twenties, sat cradling his chin in his hands, leaning hard against his elbows, while quietly mocking the minister who was speaking at the front. The people in the first row could barely notice, but he whispered snide, critical remarks against every statement and action the teacher made. Though not necessarily distracting, he was arrogantly blinded by his self-righteousness. The teacher finished the message, went to the piano and began to sing a prophetic song. The young scoffer's arguments increased slightly in volume only because God's Spirit entered the room so mightily that people were actually propelled from their chairs to the floor. Many wailed intense cries in prayerful travail, overwhelmed by the Spirit's power come upon them. Several of the leaders in the front rows were on their knees or prostrate as God's power overcame them and they began to praise loudly. The young man's eyes critically scanned the room. He occasionally rolled his eyes, while muttering condemnation of the over-the-top emotional displays. Listening, he mocked as the teacher began to sing the simple song, "Jesus Loves Me". Halfway through the song he noticed that something seemed wrong with the sound system. The speakers seemed as if they were malfunctioning. Turning his scorn toward the people operating the equipment, he wondered out loud if anyone in the place could do anything right. Suddenly, he saw something, the likes of which he'd never seen before. A ball of fire about 5 feet in diameter appeared in the front corner of the room and flew the circumference of the ceiling, once, then twice. A slow but admitted reason for terror swelled in the young man's bosom when he realized that this ball of fiery power was nothing less than the tangible manifestation of God's power. Scared to the core, as the fire approached the end of its second revolution, he watched the blazing sphere fly straight at him. He screamed out "No God, No!!!" In the same instance the blaze hit him, he heard God

speaking, "Yes, son, yes!" Four chairs went flying in all directions as he hit the floor unable to lift himself from the weight of God's presence pressing him down, To his shock he found he didn't want to leave the overwhelming encounter of God's reality and feared Him in truth. Stuck to the floor, incapable of resisting, he was confronted with the severity of his mockery against God and God's ministers, as well as mercifully, bap-

## UNDERSTANDING THE Fear of the Lord

### PART FIVE UNVEILING THE "NEW BIRTH" TYPE OF THE FEAR OF GOD

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tized with the Holy Spirit. A self-righteous young woman, who considered herself to be the cream of God's spiritual crop of her class, knelt by the young man having never witnessed anything like this. As she leaned down toward him, the young man thrust his arms up, grabbed her head in his hands, not letting go, and commanded a spirit of pride to depart from her. As strongly as she tugged to get free from his vice like grip, he didn't, or maybe couldn't let go, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, she was eventually miraculously delivered of the demonic pride that had dominated her life. In just a few moments time, a young man who had fearlessly mocked the workings of the Spirit, God's ministers and His word had been transformed by the Holy Spirit's power and ministered deliverance to an oppressed individual.

Regrettably, like this young man, there are thousands of believers resisting God's realities, character and Truth, all desperately needing an awesome encounter and with the fearful presence of the Lord. Genuinely Born-again, they have no to little understanding of the healthy fear of God from a New Birth perspective. It is for this reason we need to examine what fearing God

looks like from a New Testament, New Birth appreciation. This description of the uniqueness of the account should be commonplace if the fear of God is present in the Church.

Innumerable books could be written, addressing the greatly neglected Biblical revelation of what's achieved through the New Birth. Consequently, because of a sad and general ignorance, the role of the believer, in practically walking out those accomplishments, is seldom considered or understood. In previous articles we've recognized that a great majority of believers, unaware of the affects of the New Birth, practice a Fallen perspective of the fearing God. Therefore, the following material examines the characteristics of what a New Birth fear of the Lord looks like as well as giving the definition for what the Bible defines as being born again, or the New Birth.

Defining the New Birth need not be complicated, even though there are innumerable angles that could be equally important. The reason for this is that there are multiple Hebrew and Greek words with Biblical concepts that all are translated, or rendered, as the words and ideas used to translate as being born again, or the new creation. Let's examine the Greek words translated as fear in relationship to the Fear of God that affects the Born again individuals and study it accordingly.

Six different Greek words, including their derivatives, translate as the idea of fearing God. These words are phobos (phobeo, phoberos, ephobos); and eulabeia (eulabeomai). Eulabes, the root for eulabeia and eulabeomai, translates as devout. The definitive combination of these words and the references in which they are used as pertaining to the concept of fearing God produce a workable definition for what it means in the New Birth to fear God! In connection with the root word, eulabes, a devotional love based on relationship and knowing God's reputation affects how a Christian fears God in an unobstructed, protected relational intimacy. For this reason we can define the fear of the Lord as- ***A conscious willful honor, awe or respect of God's awesomeness and character that hesitates cautiously and restrains behavior to avoid harmful consequences and broken spiritual relationship often accompanied by feelings of inward trembling.***

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. KJV

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God

In actuality, when a person aggressively receives and welcomes Jesus, believing on everything His name and character avails and accomplishes, the individual's inner being is taken back to the spiritual image, or the genetics for what God intended for humanity according to Genesis 1:26-28!!! (John 1:10-11) God miraculously,

renovates the old, broken-down house of our lives and grants a new kind of life opposed to the former corrupt state. No other religion or philosophy can accomplish what God's Spirit does in the inner person through that life changing work!!! The believer is regenerated into God's image, meaning that God's nature or character is revived into the believer's spiritual genetics. In the spiritual work of the New Birth, the fallen nature, demonic oppression or old satanic tendencies and nature, are legally dealt with. The individual, though in an infant spiritual condition, is transformed, miraculously reborn. Why wouldn't anyone want to become a Christian if they only knew this?!? Regrettably, a great majority of believers live far beneath this truthful reality. They merely survive; behaving in a lower spiritual existence generally associated with the unsaved, children of the devil, all the while, and contradicting the truth that God re-created them to demonstrate victory over the satan's work and sin. Rudimentary as this truth is, believers don't know it, believe or live it, settling for a weak, babyhood state of Christianity that shamefully and wrongly misrepresents the truth of the New Birth, canceling out a genuine fear of God.

#### **A BRIEF DEFINITION FOR THE NEW BIRTH!**

The New Birth- being born again can be generally defined as; *The promised work of salvation fulfilled by rebuilding the human spirit freshly new, repaired, renovated like an old house into a complete change for the better into an unprecedented new kind of life as opposed to the old corrupt state back into the intended image God designed after his likeness.*

**PRIMARY CONCEPTS OF THE NEW BIRTH IS:**  
**To be new, To rebuild, repair, renew**  
**To sprout again To be fresh**  
**Recently made or born, recent, young, youthful**  
**Unused, unworn**  
**New kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of**  
**Regenerate, Renovation, complete change for the better**  
**To cause to grow up**  
**New strength & vigor is given to one**  
**Changed into a new kind of life as opposed to a former corrupt state**  
**A renovated old house**

The Church largely has barely scratched the surface of this unfathomed truth. But those who yearn to know God and develop into the potential of what He's accomplished in them do so because of their fearful relationship with Him and they understand His character and believe the authenticity of His Word!

It must be clarified that a New Birth fear of God is developmentally practiced by the believer in much the same way as the first human beings intimately interacted with God in Eden. Before the Fall's disastrous effects overtook humanity, the man and the woman knew God intimately and fearfully respected Him. A respectful honor existed between created and Creator. There was an unadulterated knowing of Him as God. The created temporarily avoided whatever could have damaged or risked loss in that relationship until they took of the forbidden fruit. No one knows when they lost their respect for Him, but in Adam's aloneness, or his separation, as its best translated, it appears as if there may have been a gradual hardening of heart or conscience toward God for reasons not revealed.

Living the Born-again life was never intended to be one emphasizing legalistic form, ceremonies and ritualistic practice. It also isn't a lifestyle of fearful isolation. A right understanding of fearing God through the New Birth emphasizes intimate spiritual rapport over and above ritualistic formula. On the other hand, a fallen perspective of fearing God necessitates a lifestyle of dos and don'ts. Do to that mindset there is always a fear of potential consequence for

unacceptable behavior. A fallen fear of God focuses on God's harsh judgments while minimizing the fear of losing the God granted intimacy afforded by the New Birth. Thousands of well-meaning, but religiously, legalistically deceived saints live under heavy-handed

delusions, missing out on the joys of the heartfelt companionship and interaction that God intended the New Birth to achieve. A New Creation practice of fearing God affects every area of human expression. The associated chart reveals the Biblical affects of a healthy fear of God. Obviously, this inventory is understandably incomplete since this subject is almost unfathomable. Consequently it's reasonable to assume that if these Biblical characteristics are absent in the Church, than that the fundamental motivating factor producing these conditions, would indicate that the fear of God is also lacking. There isn't space here to examine all of these aspects in detail but we'll examine the most important, being reminded that these are all applied according to how the individual believer values their intimate relationship with God, and pursues an active knowledge of His character.

An untaught, unthankful saint, in the causes and affects of being born again is especially vulnerable to practice a

fallen perspective of fearing of God. This doesn't have to be! In addition to this, considering the awful dearth of truth as to the New Birth's affects of coinciding with fearing God, the seemingly few who know, or have heard of such, neglect the truths most necessary to spiritual maturity. They reason them away as too difficult to live in modern human existence. I've heard

### HOW THE FEAR OF GOD AFFECTS THE BELIEVER!

- [It affects our Human identity, one's personal sense of security, stability & value, as well as how one receives affirmation & praise, & whether one boasts or walks in humility.](#)
- [How we- Deal with His Lordship.](#)
- [How we- Deal w/ the repentance from sin, & how often we actually genuinely repent](#)
- [Condition of our conscience & our awareness of surrounding conditions, spiritual activity & what we believe to be right or wrong.](#)
- [How we- Talk, the types of words we use, how we speak about others, whether we murmur against God, leaders, friends, the types of humor we use & much more.](#)
- [How we- Handle all relationships, especially family, Christian friends, & the unsaved](#)
- [How we- Work in our vocations & relate to our employers & employees](#)
- [How we- Honor leaders, elders, parents, & all who are authorities](#)
- [How we- Deal with prejudice & discrimination](#)
- [How we- Relate to the Jews & interpret Israel's importance in the End Times](#)
- [How we- Handle our money](#)
- [How we- React to or respond to our circumstances](#)
- [How we- Appropriate & work out our salvation](#)
- [How we- Respond to the unusual & dynamic workings of the Holy Spirit](#)
- [How- We're entertained by, what we choose to see or not see.](#)
- [How we- Learn & are educated: the development of intellectual abilities & how we differentiate between fallen knowledge learned through earthy learning, & knowledge through God which leads to truth. Not all knowledge leads to or is truth.](#)
- [How we- React & deal with & seek to remove poverty aiming to meet the needs of those who genuinely lack the necessities of life.](#)
- [How we- Live in relationship to eternity](#)
- [How we- Express praise, worship, honor & to God & humans](#)
- [How deeply our prayer life develops & whether we're spiritually minded or carnally minded in how we approach a lifestyle of prayer.](#)

many a saint argue that they've made a deal with God, since He knows that they can't live a holy life in the present world, they say He understands why they have to live the way they do. NOT!!!! God does not understand sin. These deceived souls warp the fear of God by thinking that if they do good works they can get by. In reality, they probably really don't understand what God has done in and for them, and if they do understand, it takes too much effort and discipline to do. The question I believe we need to ask is: Do we really want to know, believe and practice the Truth? Considering the state of much of what is identified as the Church, I seriously wonder.

The visually, terrifying manifestation of God's presence on Mount Sinai, in the sight of the Hebrew multitude developed a fearful respect of God remembered throughout their history. Paul reminded all saints in Hebrews 12:26-28 to consider this seriously. In like manner the believer's New Birth understanding of the fear of God is primarily developed through a revelation of God's character, reputation, nature, attributes and Name. These realities are appreciatively learned through a consistent prayer life, non-humanistic Biblical study, recognizing His ways in daily affairs and constant spiritual interaction. However, as already listed a proper fear of God affects at least 20 different arenas of human expression and development. Let's examine the most significant.

### ETERNITY IN MIND

Matt 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known..... 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ....31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

A New Birth fear of the Lord exists when a believer understands the inevitable eternal consequences for yielding to ungodly and misplaced fears of man. Believers fall prey to such when religious entrapments are set into motion through human devices. These snares, often destructive in nature, and sometimes, murderous toward life and reputation can be overwhelming to the carnal saint. The fear of man, in any form, automatically opposes fearing God and becomes a trap to all who yield to its excuses. Jesus specifically addressed the severity of the consequences for fearing man, especially when fearing religious persons and leaders. Luke 12:1-12 begins with Jesus warning the disciples of the dangers of what he calls the leaven of the Pharisees, and of which he said is hypocrisy, or in the Amplified transliteration is something that produces unrest and violent agitation. Evidently, for fear of what the religious leaders would do to them, those who followed Jesus, in an attempt to please people, and avoid being controversial, would speak and live a

double standard. Thinking their contradictory statements and behaviors would be overlooked, Jesus condemned their hidden speech and attitudes. He said each secret action would eventually be exposed. Even though the Pharisees, Sadducees and religious leaders might kill the disciples for expressing their faith, Jesus warned that such double mindedness would result in a more serious potential judgment and spiritual disaster. The New Birth perspective of fearing of God is concerned about God's eternal judgments and it refuses a life of double standards. God hates religious compromise, and scorns the temporary safety and acceptance that double-minded lifestyles create. A proper fear of God lives life measured against the eternal affects it produces. It's also mentioned in Matt. 10:26-33; Luke 12:1-12 when Jesus explains that individuals who yield to the fear of man do so because they don't realize how God values and desires to protect them. Personal insecurity makes one especially vulnerable toward garnering human approval and is a direct route to fearing man more than God. If one doesn't have a constant remembrance of God's entire character, including His judgment, the fear of God is laid aside. Hence, the New Birth Fear of God radically affects the stability and maintenance of one's identity.

### CORPORATE CONDITIONS MAKE ROOM FOR IT

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. .KJV

The first example of what a New Birth fear of God looked like is illustrated in Acts 2 shortly after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit baptism in the fledgling Church. It was in that innocent atmosphere, affecting several thousand saints, that the fear of God emerged in its New Creation form. The New Testament Church first developed a corporate fear of God which then was individually embraced after a series of sequential spiritual events and corporate conditions occurred.

First of all, Peter's evangelistic, apostolic preaching stirred the corporate congregational conscience that had heard and witnessed the dynamic, miraculous and undeniably spiritual outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit on the 120 in the upper room. Pricked in their conscience, the hearers of his message repented, confessed faith and were baptized having readily receiving his saving word. Secondly, this transformed multitude, deeply moved by faith, and longing for concentrated relationship with God, committed themselves to a spiritual, natural and social diligence marked by the desire to honorably hear the teaching

of the apostles, as well as pray and fellowship at the Communion Table. Finally, as a result of these combined spiritually inspired and decisive attitudes, the fear of God affected everyone, making room for signs and wonders through the ministry of the apostles. Our absence of signs and miraculous wonders in the modern Church is the result of our lack of fearing God. In combination with a healthy atmosphere of prayer, teaching, fellowship and sharing, fearing God was as normal a part of the first century Christian's life as anything. Consequently, the fear of God, in this New Creation environment, fostered a genuine unity and comradery as everyone's practical needs were cared for without prejudice. Were this type of genuinely motivated fear of God present today, there would be no need for governmental assistance and social welfare programs. The needs would be met. Prayer meetings would be as regular and as easy as breathing. Leaders would be listened to. Fellowship would be genuine and constant. The absence of these genuine expressions is an indictment against our lack of the fear of God in the modern Church.

#### **FEAR BECAUSE OF SEEING GOD'S JUDGMENT FALL**

In recent decades, a sort of religious carnal appeasing rationale has gradually seeped into the already shallow, modern and comfortable psycho-analyzed Christian so-called doctrine and general Christian belief system. These ideologies look and sound reasonable, but in reality they diminish and eventually deny the fullness of who and how God is, especially God as the judge, a God of judgment. Desiring a positive, painless, and socially tolerant message, ignoring the realities of the unseen spiritual warfare through sin, death and destruction, faith has often been replaced by denial, and repentance exchanged with what has come to be called, facing "issues." An increasingly disturbing trend in Christian teaching embraces God's goodness, mercy and love, while ignoring that He's also a God of wrath, judgment and truth. In some Christian circles repentance is considered unnecessary and scorned. Huge portions of Scripture are either reasoned away or twisted, no longer considered valid to anyone born again. Some teachers have even gone so far to say that once a person is saved, they no longer sin at all and hence, don't need to repent. They seem to ignore the vast number of passages where the Epistles addressed the sinful lifestyles of the believers in the ancient world and called them to repent or face inevitable consequences for sin. In such cases, Scriptures are twisted to fit the easy, consequence free doctrines, rather than the doctrines being formed by the entirety of Biblical

by the entirety of Biblical thought and the fullness of God's character. As a result, believers and unbelievers alike lose more and more of what is needed to develop a healthy conscience, and sin, consequently, is undefined.

The early Church witnessed some terrifying displays of the God's judgment confronting the sinful, willful actions of the believers. God's judgment fell on the intentional sinful saint then, and is still doing so. Regrettably, His judgment, and the consequences for sinful behavior isn't recognized for what it is because the Church has come to interpret God's character through shallow Humanistic based doctrines gradually developed and re-taught in the past 100 years. For that reason, we've seldom seen or heard any teaching about the fear of the Lord that hits the mark.

*Acts 5:11 And the whole church and all others who heard of these things were appalled [great awe and strange terror and dread seized them]. (AMP)*

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

Remember the account of Ananias and Sapphira. This couple connived together to wrongfully appropriate funds they'd gained from the sale of

their property. Deceitful, Ananias presented the tainted financial gift, lying to Peter, saying that he and his wife were giving the entire amount of the sale. Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit exposed and confronted the deceit. As a result upon hearing the judgment, Ananias fell down dead. Three hours later, Sapphira, standing before Peter, unaware of her husband's death, was questioned. In sinful agreement with her dead husband, she lied. Once again Peter confronted the sin, and Sapphira died as suddenly as her husband did only hours before. These are hard things. But the conclusion to the account states that all the church and those who heard this feared God. It would be a great surprise if anyone repeated the same sin after hearing this in those times. Had this event occurred today and Peter had delivered this message, he would have been accused of cursing Ananias and Sapphira, because of how our view of God's judgment has been rendered impotent. Peter might have even been sued and taken to court. We're in a sorry state saints!

Deceitful financial corruption mars many Christian gatherings and believers. I'm not necessarily referring to mismanagement of funds as much as I am the sins of hidden and subtly excused forms of extortion and willfully misappropriated collections. This happens in more instances than I'd like to say. Furthermore, it's no secret that churches, conferences and ministries

are investigating methods in how to increase their financial income. Ministry expenditures have increased and giving has gone down due to the statistics that less than 17% of Generation X (1960ish-1985ish) goes to church, with an even smaller percentage giving. Regrettably, as a result, many ministries have open armed-ly resorted to secular training hoping to learn how to motivate people to give more. Their excuse is that all truth has to come from God inevitably. The problem is that they make no distinction between the knowledge of this world that has gradually increased in the earth after the fall, and which temporarily works and is humanistically based, and the knowledge of the Holy which leads to eternal truths that comes through prayer and Spirit-led study. This sad but all too common error entangles the financially desperate minister causing more woes and inspiring more compromises toward sin than what I care to mention. But bear with me as I explain what I believe to be a now a serious blight on the finances of many churches and is now one part of the reason financial provision is waning.

Shortly after sound recording became technological advanced enough for good quality reproducing, and affordably accessible, well-meaning ministries realized that the messages preached in church pulpits could be recorded and easily distributed. This wonderful development, in its original innocent stage accelerated the opportunity to further the Gospel, putting truth into the hands of listeners who otherwise couldn't have heard. Hallelujah for that! Furthermore, the sales of those recordings provided a multi-pronged avenue of blessing satisfying financial needs and at the same time getting the Word out. Furthermore, if the motivation for those sales was for the purpose of distributing the message out, God generally blessed it. However, as time progressed, a marketing, product-driven sale of ministry recordings became increasingly commercially driven. It's increasingly obvious, that in recent decades a deceitful spirit of extortion has captured the recording of ministry messages spoken in conferences and churches in such a way that sinful extortion has subtly been gradually accepted as an excusable means of financial opportunity for the ministry. Let me tell you a true story that could repeat itself a hundred times over worldwide.

A friend of mine, a well known international preacher addressed a large conference with several thousand in attendance. At the conclusion of his message he was paid a modest honorarium of \$100. Later he learned that they'd recorded his message and sold it garnering the conference a profit of thousands of dollars because his message was so popular. In comparison, with the miserly honorarium they paid him, the

organization made a huge profit off of his message. In reality they purposely used him to make themselves a small fortune without permission for recording or agreements on terms of sale and distribution. The Bible defines this type of behavior as extortion or better known as swindling. The leaders willfully used him for their benefit, without the slightest regard for the Biblical ethics it involved. Had their sin been confronted by the speaker, he would have been the one to be made to look wrong. He hadn't realized that they would be so unscrupulous. They never got permission to record his message or permission to sell and distribute it solely for their benefit. This type of thing happens all the time without the slightest blush of conviction in relationship to the reality of extortion it is.

[Jer 23:30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says the LORD, who steal my words from one another. RSV](#)

Churches and ministry conferences, that record the messages of guest teachers, for the sake of the sole exclusive profit for the conference, ministry or church, and then without written permission and contractual agreement to determine what would be a fair percentages of division of profits are in danger of judgment for what the Bible refers to as stealing the words of a prophet. I've seldom addressed this issue but in the last 20 years I've witnessed an increase in extortive and manipulative manners in sales of ministry materials that make the worldly sales techniques of the unsaved person look like a saint. Stealing and marketing God's word is a serious sin and needs to be dealt with. It can't be reasoned away as an excusable issue or trivial. Contextually, God calls for intercessors to stand in the gap caused by financial corruption and extortion in Ezekiel 22:1-30. I believe that the sin of extortion is one of the reasons we're seeing such a decline in financial supply in ministry situations.

Saying this, please **do not** take it upon yourself to be God's prophet and confront your pastors or other ministries when you don't know what their policies in such matters are. Pastors have enough problems to deal with. They don't need another unjustified accusation. There are many ministries who do act in integrity concerning this, but that doesn't mean we should be blind to the financial corruption and sin increasing in the Church at large. We must fear God in our finances!!! His fear affects how we handle our money. It affects how we give, how and if we tithe, and how we spend. His fear must be the gauge for our pocketbooks.

#### **LIVING OUT THE NEW BIRTH FEAR OF GOD**

An appropriate fear of God enables a believer to serve Him constantly in a manner generally mirrored by the depth of the relationship resulting in an aim to please God, at all times, in all situations of life. The question

many Christians want to ask and wrestle with is: What does the fear of God look like in practical application of daily life?

It should be mentioned briefly what Paul wrote in Colossians 3:22-25. The believer in the work force must do his or her work as if he or she was doing it exclusively unto God, fearing Him, more than an employer. The mere thought of this implies a wide variety of attitudinal and lifestyle responsibilities. Furthermore, wherever there is a shallow understanding of God's character, there'll also be a compromised lifestyle and weakened conscience. Paul wrote elsewhere, in Hebrews 12:28-29, with reference to the Mount Sinai event, that we're to serve God acceptably mindful that God is a consuming fire. With these things in mind let's look at the concept of living a cleansed life, free from anything potentially defiling. We can live a relational fearing of God toward the end of holiness.

Heb 12:28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe: 29 For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire. [Deut 4:24.] (AMP)

#### HEAR, FEAR AND OBEY

Probably one of the most obvious characteristics associated with fearing God is obeying Him when He tells you do or not to do something. I'm always stunned, when I see someone decide to disobey God because they've rationalized away what He told them to do, or simply allowed circumstances to circumvent His word to them when obedience is inconvenient. The obedient saint is one who fears God CONSTANTLY and pays close attention to His commands and Spirit-led directives, no matter how uncomfortable. Jesus modeled this explicitly for those who want to live a life of fearing God.

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father].<sup>8</sup> Although He was a Son, He learned [active, special] obedience through what He suffered AMP

#### A FEAR OF THE LORD DETERMINES HOW WE LIVE! IT ENFORCES OUR MANNER OF LIFE & BUILDS THE BOUNDARIES FOR OUR WORDS, THOUGHTS & LIFE RECOGNIZING & PREVENTING DEFILEMENT

A healthy fear of the Lord affects the human will to make right choices. It's a constant guiding force within the conscience. Therefore, according to the definition for the fear of the Lord, those who fear God in conscience decisively restrain themselves from doing things that God has warned them not to do according

to Biblical and Spiritual truth. The parameters of protection established in His written word command a self-control from ungodly behaviors, words, relationships, attitudes, and thinking patterns etc. These God-given boundaries were set into place so that the believer can enjoy the intimate, fruitful relationship as initiated when born again. The establishment of these commands and laws were specifically given to protect godly fruitfulness and weren't meant to be restrictive, emphasizing dos and don'ts.

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. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. KJV



The Biblical boundaries recorded in Scripture as commandments, laws and directives act as preventatives against ungodly long term, destructive results. God first commanded humanity to dress and keep the Garden of Eden. The Hebrew word, shamar, translated as keep, means to build a fence or hedge of protection around something. Because he was in relationship with God, and due to the first honor, or fear of God in that exchange, Adam was supposed to obey and thus protect the garden from unidentified enemies,

which would cause a loss of fruit and destroy intimacy. The account indicates that Adam didn't build those boundaries and the enemy got in. Humanity lost nearly everything. Following the eating of the fruit, Adam and Eve hid themselves because of a "fallen" fear of God as illustrated in Gen 3:10. Had Adam feared God rightly in the beginning, the boundaries would have kept the enemy out.

Isa 10:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. 13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: KJV

If you don't set boundaries for yourself according to what God has revealed to you in Scripture, as well as what He's spoken to you by His Spirit and wisdom, you become an easy target for defilement. Each believer draws a line of resistance when he or she stands up and says "NO! I WON'T ALLOW THAT LIE INTO MY LIFE!" Boundaries determine responsible ownership, creating access or restraining illegal entrance of anything that could be destructive. Boundaries find their existence from revealed Godly truth. Furthermore, satan doesn't care if you've set boundaries or not. He'll purposely manipulate the saint to tempt him or her to

relax the boundaries for a variety of reasons all of which seem reasonable at the time. He'll determinedly locate loopholes or gaps in your borders simply because you're ignorant to his devices. There are even demonic personages and satanic strategies that endeavor to break down gradually or forcibly destroy the boundaries of the individual saint, church or even nation. One of these foes, represented by a natural and spiritual entity, the king of Assyria, forcibly removed the boundaries of Judah's people as stated in Isa.10:12-13. Isaiah goes on to say in verse 24, that in spite of the potential demonic assault God's people shouldn't be afraid of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, or of what he can do. When fearing God is absent, potential problems become overwhelmingly fearful. This concept affects both individual and corporate situations alike. On a larger scale, if a corporate fear of God is missing, literally every type of border is subject to violation, removal and is eventually disregarded as insignificant. Dishonorable invasion, sometimes gradual, generally results. But it must be remembered that those borders are challenged by a spiritual principle, and in the case of nations, it's serious.

The spiritual boundaries of the 10 commandments are one example of how the Fear of the Lord develops through Biblical law. Biblical law is a complex subject as it can be broken down into numerous categories, all of which could be examined if there was space. Nonetheless, the 10 commandments are as valid today as they were in Moses' time because they deal with spiritual, social and relationship issues that have continued since Moses' time to now. The difficulty in communicating this, however, is that without a right understanding of fearing God, in an attempt to live a holy life, the Church dutifully journeys into legalistic dead works and a religiosity that contradicts a relational fear of God the believer was designed to enjoy. Dos and don'ts aren't the answer. Relational obedience is the only way holiness can be achieved in a true fearing of God. The combination of these factors means we choose to live holy because He's holy and He's placed within us the potential to be holy reflecting Him! We do that by recognizing and willfully avoiding anything that He reveals to us through His Word, Spirit and Character that could be potentially defiling, pollution or contaminating to our spirits and our flesh.

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)

God's desire for us is that we believe that He's our Father. We're His children, called out of the worldly ways and yet living in the world as more than conquerors. This revelation grows when we realize what it means to come out of and away from the things, peo-

ple and behaviors that God considers unclean or defiling in a New Testament perspective. There is a radical difference between Old Testament uncleanness and New Birth defilement.

According to 2 Cor. 7:1, and because of the promised intimacy with God described at the conclusion of 2 Corinthians 6, we have to make a decision. We need to recognize and cleanse ourselves from everything that could cause and does cause defilement and contamination. This is a volatile, difficult and challenging subject to address, prone to legalisms, arguments, carnal defenses and personal interpretations. Furthermore, there has been great discussion in some circles as to whether the human spirit can actually be defiled, as translated in the majority of modern translations in 2 Cor. 7:1; Some say spiritual defilement, because of the new birth is impossible. Nonetheless, however awkward this all is, defilement must be discussed.

Modern Christian mindsets, generally speaking, embrace an undisciplined, casual approach to Christian living probably originating with the infusion of Hellenistic lawlessness and revived Constantinian tolerance ideologies. Daring to make a sweeping judgment, the greatest majority of Christians tend toward what William Wilberforce of 18<sup>th</sup> century England defined as a "cultural Christianity", which in fact isn't Christianity at all. Rather than be Biblically sound, and most importantly, spiritually minded, the Christian should be more aware of the present challenging spiritual dynamics than the things of this natural world. Lamentably Christians in modern society tend to exist for the comforts of their emotions and flesh, the rationalization of their lifestyles through un-renewed thinking and ignorance dominating their undeveloped human spirit. There is little to no knowledge or appreciation for the unseen activities and operations of God as having to protect us from and deal with the insidious workings of Satan's demonic forces.

I can't begin to state the frequency of which I've spoken to Christians from all walks of life and who "pooh pooh", make light of, or in some instances laughingly mock at the mere idea of needing to avoid spiritual and physical defilements. They think the suggestion of shunning contamination absolutely absurd and unnecessary. Yet, often in the same breath, they'll say they want to fear God. Most haven't got a clue as to what a New Creation fear of God looks like, nor have they been taught because the vast majority is unlearned in the matter and either don't care or aren't so minded. Furthermore, I've observed that the generational grouping most likely to mock this principle come from what sociologists have labeled the Baby Boomers (1945-ish to 1965-ish).

Almost every time I've taught on the need for the restorations of godly boundaries, as a part of fearing God, it is always Baby Boomers who inevitably, willfully and loudly resist the teaching. Surprisingly, out of one side of their mouths, they say they want to fear God, but out of the other they'd fight for their "so-called" liberties, all the while doing what they want to do without considering the consequences for their actions. This problem has been one of the primary contributing factors creating many of the world's greatest modern-day boundary problems beginning when the Baby Boomers reacted to the Traditionalist Generation's (1925ish-1945ish) silence, legalism and stoicism. In a reaction and offense-based quest for truth and freedom, the Baby Boomer generation still bears down on Biblically based boundaries becoming either Phariseically religious or embracing a deceived mis-representation of liberty, better likened to lawless, self-willed attitude and behavior. To further the problem, the great majority of the younger generations of Gen X (1960ish-1990ish) and Gen Y (also known as the echo Boomers- (1985ish-200ish) were never correctly taught the concept of boundaries in connection with the fearing God by the previous generations. As a result the younger generations are ignorant to what fearing God means because they don't even know which god to believe in. Floundering for the lack of godly spiritual anchors, their lack of boundaries, absence of conscience, honor and hope, now affects every angle of their lives, morals, ethics, relationship, education, work ethics etc. Big changes must occur.

The believer's fear of God determines whether he or she will live in purity. Purity is something developed and then maintained as one's intimate relationship with God takes first place in the daily walk. Initially in the New Birth our spirit is born again of an incorruptible seed. However, facing the world, with an undeveloped inner being produces a vulnerability that can only be addressed by sincere intimate prayer relationship, healthy hatred for sin and avoidance of what God considers unclean.

The dangers of defilement, contamination, corruption and pollution are far more prevalent than what the average person is aware of. This dangerous prospect never panics the saint whose relationship with God is based on prayer as opposed to a life exclusively Bible pounding dead works and Phariseism. Furthermore, in most instances, defilement doesn't have immediate negative and obvious affects unless it occurs because of a sudden overwhelming, immersion in an obviously ungodly atmosphere or with extremely offensive individuals to whom yielding has occurred. Defilement generally comes about gradually as an individual either subjects him or herself to defilements silently

whittling away the protective boundaries of conscience. It also occurs gradually as the individual is unwittingly subjected to ungodly influences with the same consequences resulting. The Bible identifies numerous defiling influences listed as follows.

## CLEANSING THE DEFILEMENTS OUT OF OUR LIVES BECAUSE WE FEAR GOD

### 1. DEFILEMENTS OF THE WORLD 2. DEFILEMENT OF EVIL COMMUNICATIONS, IMPARTATION, CONTACT & COMPANIONSHIP

- a. Relating intimately with people of ungodly character - anger, raging bitterness.
- b. Relating intimately with fools or boundary-less persons of questionable character.
- c. Keeping intimate company with those who willfully & un-repentatively commit.- Fornication & all sorts of sexual sin, Covetousness, Idolatry, Slanderers, Extortioners/ swindlers
- d. A naive & un-discerned usage of the laying on of hands for ministry
- e. Ungodly entertainment, especially visual entertainments contradicts fearing God.

### 3. THE DEFILEMENT OF THE OCCULT

### 4. THE DEFILEMENT OF THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS

### 5. DEFILED BY OUR WORDS- Cursing, Slander, Foul mouthed abuses, Shameful utterances, Foul or polluting language, Evil words, Unwholesome worthless talk, Foolish, silly & corrupt talk, Filthiness, obscenity & indecency, Course jesting- dirty jokes & lewd comments

#### What the Bible state that defiles the believer?

#### 1. THE DEFILEMENTS OF THE WORLD

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. KJV

James 1:27 states that a faith without defilement before God includes keeping one's self unspotted or undefiled from the world. That's a tall order to fill since the concept of what we consider to be the world is difficult to define. Being in the world, but not of it is no easy thing and yet it's fundamental to real Christianity. What does the "world" mean?

Thayer's Greek Lexicon defines the defilements of the world as anything to do with worldly affairs, which would include the attractions that business, relationships, cultures, education and anything that would monopolize one's attentions. It involves the aggregate of things earthly, the whole circle of earthly good, endowments, riches, advantages, and pleasures, which although superficially satisfying, are frail and fleeting, stirring desire, seducing from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ. The world can be a contaminant to spirit and body of any saint when the believer loses perspective and spiritual placement. In the Last Days

the enticements of the world will become so strong that believers will become lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Carnality, worldly appetites, desires and entertainments will be what the believer feeds his or her spirit with rather than God's Word, prayer, fellowship and sincere devotion.

[Deut 22:9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled. KJV](#)

A New Creation fear of God isn't developed by casual involvement. In order to produce undefiled fruits of fearing Him the believer must guard what types of seeds is sown into the garden of the human spirit. Diverse and mixed seeds occur when there is a mixing of seeds from worldly stimulus, distorted spiritual influences and faulty doctrine all of which will never produce the fruits of the fear of God. The question that many a saint needs to ask is this. What entertainments, pictures, books, music, natural pleasures and experiences are you feeding or putting into your human spirit? Do things and entertainments occupy the majority of your spare time, days off and quiet moments more than the time you invest in talking to Jesus, worship, fellowship and Bible reflection? If so, you're already a target for a lacking of fearing God.

It's increasingly shocking and disappointing to me when I watch believers of all walks of life settle for a so-called Christianity that looks, eats, drinks, feels, talks, dresses, lives and entertains like the world. Where do we think we can find excuse for this? Not in Scripture! Saying these things, immediately the superficial, and sometimes even sincere believer, will rise to defend worldly passions as necessary to relaxation and enjoyment. However, is it possible that we've become so accustomed to shallow entertainment, and carnality, all of which potentially numb the human spirit, that we now defend an attitude that loves the world more than it loves God? Are we addicted to the things of this world?

An improper emphasis on the entertainments, pleasures of this world defile human spirit and flesh. They must be dealt with through repentance, renouncing them so that our relationship with Christ flows out of a clean, undefiled conscience and purity in body. All believers need to seek God for themselves as to what things are defiling to them.

## 2. THE DEFILEMENT OF EVIL COMMUNICATIONS, ASSOCIATION, CONTACT AND COMPANIONSHIP

[1 Cor 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame KJV](#)

Probably one of the most disregarded, mocked and misunderstood contaminating factors for the believer is that which occurs through ungodly relationship and

associations involving unrighteous impartation, fallen character sins, unhealthy contact and immorally infected atmospheres.

1 Cor. 15:33-34 warns the believer to be wise, avoiding evil communications. The Greek word translated as communications (in the K.J.V.) is better understood when we see that Paul admonished the saints to avoid evil companionship, contact and communion. He opened the warning with "Do not be deceived".

[Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. KJV](#)

Unbeknownst to the saint, a great temptation seeks to ensnare the ignorant soul and simple minded Christians. Deception invites the believer to sleepily rationalize away the affects of wrongful spiritual association and contact. This carnal, satanic ruse intermingles in a wide range of what sounds like reasonable excuses affecting the Christian in and outside of the Church structures. Without even the slightest conviction we idealistically, inappropriately and blindly seek intimacy with people, groups and spiritual climates found equally in or out of what is identified as the Church. Each potential pollutant can defile the best of spiritual manners, morals, customs and behaviors all because we don't seek God as to whom and what we're to link up with or submit ourselves to. Afraid of being accused of being unloving, not wanting to appear self-righteous, exclusive or judgmental, we fear the rejections and reactions of those who refuse to fear God, more than we fear God and His rejections of what is defiling. Under the guise of what some groups have defined as a new evangelical style we aim to appease world, the unsaved and worldly Christians, so as not to offend them with the cross, Jesus blood and the reality that the old carnal nature must die. We've tried so hard being acceptable that we've forgotten how to fully model the separated life Christ calls us to. He didn't say we were to isolate ourselves from interaction, but He does require that we guard how we relate to the unsaved and worldly, with regard to the affects those relationships may have. God's command, "Come out!" is something that's been ignored because of the fear of man. Repeatedly in an effort to protect His people from defilement and eventual judgment, God told His people to come out from that which results in a form of spiritual fornication or the idolatry of the world, 2 Cor. 6:16-19 and such as Babylon, as mentioned in Rev. 18:2-6. But the fear of man being a snare, many believers will choose to remain in defiling circumstances in and outside of the Church more concerned about what people think than what God requires.

[2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them,](#)

and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.<sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, <sup>18</sup> And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. KJV

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup> Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. KJV

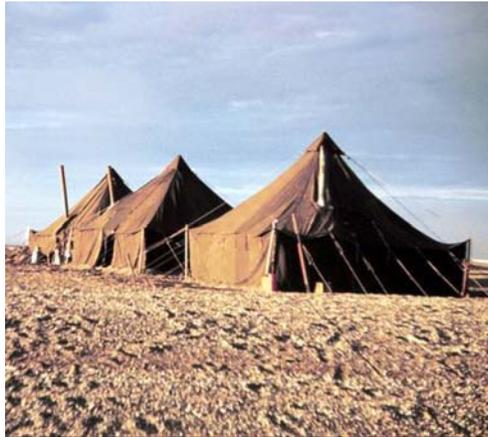
In addition to this, in an attempt to become all things to all people, we risk a defilement that cancels out the depths of personal prayerful intimacy and consequently disable the Spirit's power that we need in our witness for Christ to a world and people who can't distinguish any difference between Christianity and other religions or philosophies. A Christian desiring to fear God must be responsibly aware that love isn't stupid or blind, neither does it enter into or agree with what God defines as sinful, worldly behavior. If you passively yield to those who live like the world you'll eventually, albeit gradually, become like them. Don't be deceived you can't walk in both spiritual kingdoms and come out unstained.

Gen 13:12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.<sup>13</sup> But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. KJV

Gen 14:11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. <sup>12</sup> And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. KJV

Which direction are you pitching your tent? I realize this seems like an odd question, but it's valid. Lot, Abram's nephew, had prospered and from what his actions indicated, he'd become competitively greedy. Given the option to relocate, he left Abraham favoring and choosing the prosperous landscape near Sodom and Gomorrah as more to his liking. It was a well known fact that the two cities and region were wicked to an extreme. At first when Lot left we find that his tent is pitched toward Sodom, but as time progresses, we see that him living in Sodom. Scriptural record reveals that Lot's gradual association with the city became so consuming that he moved his entire family into the city where his sons and daughters married, mingled and became defiled with the contaminating ideologies of the culture. Some scholars suggest that Lot may have had as many as 6 children. If so, four were lost to the city's sin. In the end, Lot lost literally everything, all because he honored (another word for fear) natural things instead of God.

It's a delicate issue, but evil companionships, contact, relationship and associations occur within Christian



atmospheres sometimes even more than in the secular world. I'm aware this is a touchy issue, but when we don't discern the spiritual conditions of the people we're in contact with, as well as "sin in the camp", without knowingly establishing boundaries for the protections of our own lives, we may unwittingly take on those same "spirits", sins and defilements. By submitting, or yielding ourselves to someone, or by being

blindly naïve to the possibilities that anyone is capable of falling into sexual sin, immorality, doctrinal error and severe character sins, we make ourselves vulnerable. This includes leader and layman alike. The difficulty of addressing this issue, especially at a time when churches are struggling to fill the pews, is that we tend to swing from one extreme to another. We're either suspiciously judgmental of anyone we come into contact with, or we're totally naïve, immature and unwisely trusting, not paying

attention to, or discerning the different things that could defile. The only solution for this is a healthy prayer life and personal walk with God. God directs the steps of a righteous person, and He'll also warn those who have ears to hear when danger lurks in the surrounding environment.

Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established: KJV

The concept of godly and ungodly impartation is one that Scripture treats seriously and it can occur in a variety of ways both positively and negatively. Biblically speaking, impartation means to share or add something to someone or something else. Paul indicated that even spiritual gifts, i.e. divine endowments, "charisma" can be shared with those who need them for the purpose of developing stability. The operation of impartation is present repeatedly in Scripture though not always noted directly as such. However, whenever a spiritual exchange occurs, whether godly or ungodly, impartation is present. Spiritual conditions such as faith, wisdom, strength, healing and more can all be imparted both intentionally and unintentionally. Likewise bitterness, anger, fear, immorality etc can also transfer. The degree and impact of either type of impartation will be largely affected and determined by the conditions of the boundaries set up to protect from what comes in and out of those present at the time of impartation.

In most references impartation occurs gradually, except when there is an immersion or forced submission. It may also occur when there is a misuse of

physical touch, or in ministry such as laying on of hands. Many a naïve saint has been victimized and contaminated by remaining in an unrighteous atmosphere or unhealthy defiling relationship, trapped by false concepts of loyalty and needing deliverance from the pollutions imparted. Ungodly impartation occurs through a variety of things and brings about a defilement of spirit, soul and flesh as mentioned briefly in the list below.

### IMPARTATION OCCURS...

a. Relating intimately with people of ungodly character and personality weakness such as persons who manifest problems of anger and raging bitterness.

*Prov 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul. KJV*

b. Relating intimately with fools or boundary-less persons of questionable character will impart a contamination of folly and cause destruction. However, relating to the wise produces wisdom.

*Prov 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. KJV*

c. Keeping intimate company with those who willfully and un-repentatively commit sin. Please note! We're not supposed to totally avoid people with problems. Our degree of intimacy, fellowship and the type of relationship must be wisely limited.

*1 Cor 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? KJV*

i. Fornication and all sorts of sexual sin defiles. This includes all forms of pornography as the Greek root words pornoos and porneo, translated as fornication, are also roots for the word pornography and some forms of idolatry.

Physical contact is one of the most unrecognized ways that ungodly impartations occur. Obviously when a young woman or man becomes premarital sexually involved, and they become one flesh, there is an unhealthy impartation. Unclean spirits thrive in this manner of contact. However, touch in itself communicates a variety of physical, emotional and spiritual influences, some positively comforting and others negatively defiling. The Greek word, "haptoo" referring to different kinds of touch, properly means to fasten fire to a thing, or to set on fire.

Inappropriate manners in hugging, fondling and caressing all potentially light fires that may not all be godly in nature. Wisdom and discernment must be observed.

ii. Covetousness, Idolatry

iii. Slanderers

iv. Extortionists/ swindlers

v. A wrong, naive and undiscerned usage of the laying on of hands for ministry opens the door to defilement. Physical touch used wrongly lights fires that bring about an ungodly impartation, contaminating both spirit and flesh. Hands were never to be laid on anyone

without first taking into account several prerequisites necessary for a godly result. One well known minister used to say it like this. We're often laying "empty hands on empty heads". We treat this ministry practice far too casually considering the affects of what occurs when it's done. Paul warned that hands mustn't be laid hastily on anyone citing that doing so irresponsibly, without evidence of proven character, maturity, faith and holiness could result in the transference of sin. (1 Tim. 5:22) Factors such as: How long the minister has known the person receiving the laying on of hands on is very important. The faith of the minister and the recipient must be set toward God, not toward the minister. Furthermore, sin, especially sins of immorality transfer easily back and forth. Let me explain.

Many years ago, while attending our home church, the pastor and his wife came to me concerned. Several women from the church had sought pastoral counsel because the women had all struggled with unusual immoral thoughts and dreams. Prior to that time none of these women had ever struggled with such. The pastors asked me if I'd pray with the women. They were also curious as to how this kind of common problem could occur. Having understanding of the power of laying on of hands, and the problems with the impar-

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tation of sins, I asked the pastors to inquire if anyone had prayed for each of these women before the problems began. The pastors asked each woman separately. To their shock, they learned that one specific church elder had laid hands on them and prayed. When the elder was confronted he confessed that he was involved in pornography and struggling with immorality. The pastors then prayed for each woman, asking God to cleanse each from the defilements. There were no more problems after that prayer time.

Challenging as this is, and frightening to some degree, we don't regard the seriousness of laying on of hands with the attitude we should. Don't get in a hurry to have hands laid on you or to have physical contact with anyone before you ask God if it's safe to do so. He'll instruct you as to whether it's right or wrong, and if you need to set boundaries into place to prevent defilement. As we fear God, we obey His guidance, and either set the proper protections into place, or we stay away from situations where defilement could occur and when we aren't prepared to deal with the consequences. Even though it's awkward, and at times painful, it's far better to be criticized for not doing what everyone else thinks you should be doing, than to suffer the consequences of defilement and endure needless spiritual and fleshly frustration. The question you must ask yourself is this. Do you fear God or do you fear rejection of people?

e. Ungodly impartations occur and bring defilements when one's entertainment, especially visual entertainments contradicts fearing God.

[Romans 3:18](#) There is no fear of God before their eyes. KJV (Psalms 36:1)

Paul wrote in Romans 3:18, when quoting from Psalms 36:1 that the people had no fear of God before their eyes. Are we in danger for living in such a condition? The New Birth fear of God requires the believer to protect the gates of the eyes. I've always been amazed at how much more spiritually minded my students in the Institutes classes are after they've fasted TV, movies and computer games. Their respectful awareness of God's presence and holiness is sharper and their spiritual revelations, in visions, spiritual impressions and dreams are more frequent and intense even after only a week of visual fasting. I'm convinced that the visual bombardment flooding the eye gates of Christians through compromising television shows, commercials, movies, and computer games has defiled the great majority of spiritual insight because our fear of God has been subdued by a corrupting invasion of visual images. Guarding what your eyes see and choosing what you watch is no new concept. David wrote in Ps. 101:3, I will set no wicked thing before my eyes, hating the work that turns us away from God. He purposed to avoid all such imagery

so that no unclean thing would cling to him. Sounds like defilement, doesn't it?

[Psalms 101:3](#) I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. KJV

### 3. THE DEFILEMENT OF THE OCCULT; DRINKING THE CUP OF DEMONS WILLFULLY.

[Isa 5:20](#) Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! KJV

A destructive, rationalized mixture of the occult and Christianity have been gradually combined in the past several centuries in such a way that Christians don't even realize that the fusion is there. Generally speaking, it began with the introductions of Jewish Kabalistic mysticism, in early Christian doctrine, as well as the gradual embrace and re-embracing of the mixtures of Greek mythology and philosophies starting about 1215 AD. These corruptions and idolatries were incorporated into the Enlightenment of European Christianity especially through the artistic expressions of religiously themed paintings, sculptures and music. Eventually the occult found a slow, steady entrance into Christian doctrine when authors who claimed Christian faith blended into their writings stories including ghosts, wizards, witchcraft, and entirely occult imagery under the guise as good ghost-bad ghost, good wizard-bad wizard, and good witchcraft-bad witchcraft etc. The prophet Isaiah said it well. "Woe to those who call good evil and evil good, and who make darkness to be light and light to be darkness." Christian doctrine and faith isn't good versus evil. Good has a name and He is Jesus. He isn't some sort of good wizard that does nice things and uses white magic. He's the Living Son of God. Christians are to have no association with anything even remotely related to wizards, warlocks, witches, or magic, no matter how much it makes them cry, laugh or feel spiritual. (Lev 19:31;20:6; 20:27; Deut 18:11; 1 Sam 28:3,9; 2 Kings 21:6; 23:24; 2 Chron 33:6; Isa 8:19;19:3) This problem would also include anything that's connected with dark practices such as spells, incantations, fairies, ghosts, ogres, and fairy tales etc. Persons who make an exception to this in their Christian expression, no matter their status or importance are deceived. It's that simple. Regrettably, because we've wandered so far from Biblical truth, these very concepts challenge the fabric of faith that many Christians have woven into their belief systems. Unbeknownst to them these things disintegrate the concept and practice of fearing the Lord. Regrettably increasingly, Christians are flocking to these deceptions and accepting them as truth. Woe to those.

Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 10:21-23 an unchanging certainty with a warning. It's impossible to partake of the cup and table of the Lord alongside the cup and table of demons without huge consequences. The mixtures

presently being accepted by Christians who mix occult practices and satanic personages equal to God, His Word and ministry, corrupt and defile, and must be distinguished for what it all is! God repeatedly warned the Hebrew children to take heed to themselves and protect themselves from the snares that would overtake them if they mixed and mingled with other religions and abominable things.

1 Cor 10:21 You cannot drink the Lord's cup and the demons' cup. You cannot partake of the Lord's table and the demons' table.22 Shall we thus provoke the Lord to jealousy and anger and indignation? Are we stronger than He [that we should defy Him]? [Deut 32:21; Eccl 6:10; Isa 45:9.] AMP

Deut 4:15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female., KJV (Deut 12:29-32)

#### 4. ROOTS OF BITTERNESS

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled: KJV

Bitterness is probably one of the most contagious, contaminating pollutants in Christian circles today. It's a poison gone unchecked, spreading rapidly amongst saints and sinners alike all because the concept of forgiveness has been forgotten and being offended is a human right. Few believers realize that the moment they become bitter is the moment they become a depository for corporate defilement. We've lost what it means to be submitted one unto another according to how we fear God. The more deeply rooted the root of bitterness, the greater the possibility for it's multiplication into other people. It's communicated through slanderous words, gossip, critical attitudes, mannerisms and tones of voice. Furthermore, it is never justified. This pollutant hinders the fear of God especially when someone feels that God has done them wrong and they vent their poisons on everyone around them without concern for negative consequences.

#### 5. DEFILED BY THE WORDS THAT WE SPEAK

Jesus stated that a person isn't defiled by failure to observe ritualistic washings or what would have been considered the ceremonial observances of the Jews of his day. He went on to state that the words we speak, originating with evil thoughts that promote reasoning, disputing, murder, adultery, sexual vice, slander, theft, lies and irreverent speech are what make a person unclean and defiled. (Matt 15:18-20)

#### **GOD HAS A SPECIFIC STANDARD FOR HOW A BORN AGAIN PERSON TALKS WHEN FEARING HIM**

Eph. 5:6 Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.7 So do not associate or be sharers with them. AMP

It's honestly appalling how a great majority of Christians talk. In many circles, speech that would have been considered intolerable 10 years ago is now overlooked without the slightest blush of disgust, and in even encouraged as being "real". Bearing this in mind, Colossians 3 & Ephesians 4-5 list and describe types and manners of speech that God deems inappropriately defiling to the believer. Persons who fear God and continue to use such language need to recognize the contaminating and dishonoring affects these types of "word-styles" create. Inappropriate speaking is a serious defilement. Furthermore, the Amplified translation of Ephesians 5:6 warns that any empty excuse or argument supporting such speech originates from delusion and is deceptive. Those who fear God, wanting to avoid a breakdown in spiritual relationship should abstain from such language as soon as they get the revelation of the nature of these manners. See the following list that assesses the types of speaking God considers defiling in a new birth setting.

Col 3:8 But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curse and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips!

Eph 5:4 Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish and sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God].

Eph 4:29 Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth...., AMP

Eph. 5:31 Let all.... and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind).

1. Cursing
2. Slander
3. Foul mouthed abuses
4. Shameful utterances
5. Foul or polluting language
6. Evil words
7. Unwholesome worthless talk
8. Foolish, silly & corrupt talk
9. Filthiness, obscenity & indecency
10. Course jesting- dirty jokes & lewd comments

2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. KJV (Jude 8)

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. KJV

We also need to take a look at the defiling affects associated with how we talk about and to others, especially leaders. Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses' decision to marry an Ethiopian woman. What they didn't realize was that God heard their slanderous, contentious words, and He was angry. (Num. 12:1-9) The soul who speaks evil, divisively and slanderously against a leader treads on dangerous ground. Murmuring against leaders is also deemed destructively defiling and invites the destructions of a spirit named the Destroyer or Abaddon. (1 Cor. 10:10; Rev. 9:1-11) The Hebrew children murmured against Moses and Aaron. Their words, however, were considered by God as murmuring against Him. The murmuring was a di-

rect result of not fearing God and it resulted in them not going into the Promised Land. (Ps. 106:25-27) Confronted with their sin, God judged them; Miriam, the most severely, became temporarily leprous.

Ungodly speech is generally rooted in pride. God hates pride along with the speech arrogance engenders. 2 Peter 2:9-10, and Jude 8 both state that proud, self-willed individuals, presumptuously speak evil of authority figures all because they live in a defiled, fearless state. Just as Lucifer once fell after His five "I Wills" of pride (Isa. 14:13-14), so many Christians fall into a Luciferian pattern and arrogantly speak. They presumptuously assume positions of authority, setting them equal to or above the designated authority, all the while saying things totally inappropriate about leaders and to leaders in the name of "my rights". Let me make this perfectly clear. God hates pride, arrogance, haughtiness and self-promotion. Insubordinate individuals speak accordingly and manifestly demonstrate that they don't fear God, simply because of their prideful manner and speech. There is no room for pride if you fear God. Pride is both a sin and a spirit. Even if it's recognized, and repented of, it seldom departs until deep deliverance occurs. (Prov. 16:18,9; Eccl 7:8) Due to the fact that pride is so deeply foundational in Satan's nature, believers who fall prey to pride need not just to repent, but must receive prayer for deliverance to really find their path of recovery. Consider the following list. Persons, who speak evil of, and to leaders, generally do so because-

1. They feel they've been given some sort of special authority over the leader by an unauthorized outsider
2. They struggle with vain imaginations and have delusions of greatness
3. They've received a false prophecy saying they have more authority than is actual
4. They feel slighted that they don't get the recognition and position they feel they deserve and proudly despise the leaders over them. In some cases, they become offended with the leader or take on another person's offense as their own, defending the offense as justified.

These behaviors are further evidence that the fear of God is absent and we as a Church have great need of change.

### **HOW WE HANDLE OUR RELATIONSHIPS!**

[Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ \(the Messiah, the Anointed one\).](#) (AMP)

A healthy fear of God gauges how you handle your relationships and deal with people. In a New Birth perspective of God's fear a mutual submissive respect to one another in the Body of Christ occurs, with regard to how God determines the role and responsibility each saint has in Kingdom purposes. There is no room for prejudice against race, ethnic group, age, social status, financial success or gender in the Christian

who fears God. (Col 3:11) We respectfully submit ourselves to each other out of our reverence and fear for Christ. Initially this attitude develops out of a Spirit-filled, Holy Ghost-led lifestyle when one considers the context in which Ephesians 5:21 is written. Furthermore, this submission is practiced in accordance to respecting how Christ as gifted different individuals with different levels of set authority and maturity. As a result each person encountered is treated honorably, even when honor isn't deserved, because the fear of God requires manners and courtesies to all whom He has made, whether they're born again or not. This doesn't mean, however, that we agree with what everyone does or how they live.

### **HOW WE WORK IN THE WORKPLACE**

The New Birth type of the fear of God also establishes a standard for how believers are to work in the workplace as an employer or employee. For some strange reason, the reputation of Christians in the workplace is frequently dishonorable, especially when Christians work for or with other Christians. Scriptures seem to indicate that these inconsistencies are the direct result of a lack of fearing God in how we're to work. If the fear of God is absent in a believer's work ethics, that believer may begin to develop ungodly expectations of either the employer or the one's employed. Colossians 3:22-25 defines what is appropriate in how employees, or servants should work and behave toward their employees in the workplace, whether Christian or not. Please see the list below.

#### **1. HOW TO WORK FOR AN EMPLOYER**

- a. Obedience in everything (Unless it violates conscience)
- b. Don't be a people pleaser
- c. Singleness of heart
- d. Doing everything you're supposed to do as if you were doing it unto the Lord
- e. Honor them whether they're believers or not so God's name will be honored/ feared.
- f. Don't treat Christian employers disrespectfully, expecting them to give you special privileges

#### **2. HOW EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE WITH EMPLOYEES**

- a. Be fair and unprejudiced giving people what they actually deserve- Col. 4:1
- b. Do not threaten or be disrespectful- Eph. 6:9
- c. Pay them what they are worth- James 5:4-5
- d. Do not be a people pleaser
- e. Singleness of heart
- f. Doing everything you're supposed to do as if you were doing it unto the Lord
- g. Honor them whether they're believers or not so God's name will be honored/ feared.

### **HOW AND WHETHER WE WORK OUT OUR SALVATION**

A New Birth fearing God is evidenced by how the believer understands the importance of working out what salvation means practically and individually.

Phil 2:12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). 13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight. (AMP)

A recent Baby Boomer trend (also known as the “Me Generation”) is an aging generation beginning to document themselves extensively. Unlike the Traditionalists, who were silent about most of their lives, the Baby Boomers are once again breaking that silence reacting to the negative affects of privacy and secrecy. They’re likely to speak about everything and are prolifically writing testimonies about their lives, their past, pains and woes, emphasizing their experiences more than honoring the entirety of God’s character and Word. In these documentations comfortable excuses will no doubt be made to justify their past sins, problems and difficulties as they communicate what they’ve been through. Not realizing that just as in past decades when they ignorantly degenerated the truths about God’s constant, willful saving power, they believe and promote their experiences as the supreme test for truth, unaware that a spiritual stronghold of thought is about to re-emerge. Lacking solid doctrine, they’ve made room for lawless self-expression, unwittingly feeding the carnality of the other existing generational hand-me-down issues. Their hopeful endeavor to make young believers and unbelievers more comfortable with the difficulties of life, in actuality, will cause even greater problems in how the fear of God in His salvation is understood. Without knowing it their documents pet the fallen nature and make false comforting excuses for Christians to live way below the standards of what God has already accomplished for the believer in and through salvation. There is a desperate need for the re-teaching and revelation of what salvation and the new birth have accomplished. Saints must be taught how to aggressively press into the provisions of God in salvation, simply because not doing so indicates that the fear of the Lord is shallow and God’s saving work is only for the hereafter.

#### **A PRESENCE OF THE NEW BIRTH FEAR OF THE LORD ENABLES A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE & ISRAEL**

Rom 11:16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches.17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. KJV

Finally, Christians who desire to rightly fear God must examine how and if they view and appreciate the Jews and Israel rightly. It sounds simple enough, but truthfully, this is one of the most explosive issues in the Western Church today. I recently was in a restaurant where our table server was a young Jewish woman. She was in tears because she had served a table full of Christians who were discussing in an animated and hateful fashion that all Jews should be shot. It broke my heart, but this type of thing is on the rise again in society, and it’s in America.

A false doctrine called “Replacement Theology”, finding its roots in anti-Semitism and originating as far back as Constantine the Great has subtly influenced millions of western Christians. Replacement theology essentially teaches that the Gentile believers have replaced the Jews, and Israel as a nation isn’t necessarily significant any longer. This concept may be a surprise to you, but believe me its one of the most satanic diabolic deceptions presently hindering global evangelism and the fulfillment of the End Times Bible promises. An improper understanding and appreciation of the Jews and Israel facilitates an angle affecting whether the Gentile Church fears God or not. It’s impossible in the extent of this article to explain all the ins and outs of the problems that Replacement Theology has caused in the Church. Consequently, I’d strongly encourage anyone reading this to personally investigate this topic for themselves.

Paul’s letter to the Roman Gentile Church included how they were to regard the Jews. Stern warnings accompanied his message and for good reason. Pride, one of the greatest foes to fearing God can overcome Gentile believers in such a way that they proudly despise Israel and the Jewish foundational contribution to faith.

Throughout Scripture, Israel is compared to a domesticated olive tree producing olives, which in turn produce olive oil, a symbol of the anointing. Although, often forgotten, the majority of the early Church was Jewish. Then gradually, through the ministry of Paul and others, the Gentile population of the Church began to increase, as promised through numerous Old

Testament passages. However, many Jews didn't readily believe in Jesus at His first coming. As a result, some of the branches in the domesticated olive tree, or those unbelieving Jews, were temporarily broken off. Paul explains that because of their unbelief a spirit of slumber, blindness of the eyes, and deafness came upon them. Then the Gentile believers were mercifully given a way to receive salvation through faith because of the Jews unbelief. The Gentile believers are compared to the branches of a wild olive tree which have been grafted into the domesticated olive tree of Israel. This said, without understanding the nature of the wild olive, it would be easy to take lightly the significance of the grafting in, and pride or a high-minded attitude would begin to manifest.

The grafting of the wild olive tree branches is a merciful and in some ways a miraculous event, contrary to what would be in nature. The wild olive tree is very different than the domestic olive. The wild olive is essentially no more than a small-leaved prickly bush, with small hard fruit producing little to no oil. Once grafted into the domesticated fruitful olive tree, or Israel and the anointed message of salvation through the Jews (John 4:21-24), the wild branches receive a potential for fruitfulness and ultimately olive oil, or anointing. This is important because olive oil, or the Hebrew word, *shemen*, is always linked with the anointing by the Jews. Paul maintains in Romans 11 that the root of the domesticated tree is considered holy, as were the original branches. Paul warned the Gentile believers to be careful not to boast against the branches. The only reason the Gentile church is able to produce fruitfulness and anointing is because the Gentiles are tapping into the domesticated olive tree's root. Evidently pride had begun to come in because Paul warned them further, "Be not high-minded, but fear!!!" Fear what? Fear God!

Consider this. If God didn't spare the natural, holy branches of the domesticated olive tree, and cut them out because of unbelief, Paul warned, "Take heed lest He not spare you as well." The Gentile church has received goodness from God, when Israel experienced His severe judgment. But the pride associated with the Gentile disregard for Israel could result in the wild olive branches being cut out and the broken domesticated olive branches grafted back in.

A holy fear of God needs to come upon the Gentile Church concerning how it regards the Jews and Israel. Ignorance of this mystery (Rom. 11:25) makes the Gentile believer wise and conceited. If we don't honor what God honors, we don't fear Him! Even though Israel has been blind, when the fullness of the Gentiles is completed, that blindness will begin to heal. The Jews will eventually recognize their Messiah. Many

scholars have suggested that the fullness of the Gentiles is nearing its end and possibly already completed. Whenever it is, what's important is that the Fear of God come upon both His spiritual and natural seed.

There is great difficulty with this challenge, however. Few Christians really know what it means and what it could require to honor the Jews and Israel in a healthy manner. There've been literally centuries of dishonors and abuses, too many to recount. Furthermore, Christians wanting to heal ancient wounds in Jewish circles don't really know how to do so, and either try to become Jewish in entirety, ignoring New Testament affects, or take actions without knowledge so as to unknowingly cause even greater offenses. Believers with strong opinions and good intentions on both sides swing on a pendulum of extremes that produce a mixture of problems. A love for the Jews can't become an idolatry of the Jews. An idolizing of Israel is as lacking of a fear of God as is the ignorance already noted. Believers who idolize Israel eventually come under the influence of a religious spirit, often denouncing Christ, because of the deceptions involved. There is a serious need for discussion on this throughout the Church, but even if the matter is unresolved, we must fear God and honor the heritage given us through Israel.

#### CONSIDER THIS

We've examined the most important and obvious manners for the believer who fears God. As you can see, this is no small subject. Furthermore, a true New Birth fear of God looks very different than what is presently seen in Christendom. I'm well aware of the "hot potatoes" and issues this presents, but perhaps strong statements need to be made considering the conditions of the Church. No matter how you believe, we live our lives, relate to people, talk, think, and work based on whether we hear, fear and obey the Lord. I believe we've forgotten the radical nature of sincere faith. Isn't it time we make the changes to live in a way that will demonstrate Christianity as it's supposed to be? The decision is up to you.

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### July-August

Writing books & articles; Overseeing IGSC students  
Update website; Edit New Teaching CD's

### September

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Scotland and England- Meetings being scheduled

### October

**POTENTIAL INSTITUTE SEMINARS- Offered according to interest**

Biblical Perspectives on the Foundations of Nations & Generations- 5 DAY SEMINAR  
Biblical Perspectives on Counseling & Ministering thru New Birth Principles- 3 day seminar

### November

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Lille, France Awake, Awake Deborah Conf.  
"Taking the Song of the Lord to the Nations"  
9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> Chalons, France -Catholic Charismatic Conf.  
"HOW TO APPROACH THE GENERATIONS TODAY"  
November 12<sup>th</sup>- Fly from France to Glasgow, Scotland  
November 13<sup>th</sup>- House of Prayer in Ayreshire, Scotland  
November 16-17<sup>th</sup> Seminar  
November 18<sup>th</sup>- Local church service  
November 20<sup>th</sup>- Fly home to USA

## DOCTORATE RECEIVED

Dr. Tamara S. Winslow was presented with a Doctorate of Theology and Honors Certificate at the Commencement exercises from the Minnesota Graduate



President Dr. David Sigvertsen presenting Dr. Winslow with her degree

School of Theology in an associate branch school in the New Beginnings Cathedral of Worship in Aurora, Colorado at 4 p.m. on June 3, 2007.



Rev. Dr. Lewis Brown congratulating Dr. Winslow

President, Dr. David Sigvertsen of Brooklyn Center, Minn. presented the degrees assisted by Dr. Lewis Brown of Aurora. Dr. Winslow received the formal gold cord for the honor of Summa Cum

Laude designating she'd attained a 4.0 GPA. She was hooded for her Doctorate of Theology by Dr. Brown & Dr. Sigvertsen. Numerous friends and family also attended the ceremonies.

Following Commencement a celebration dinner in honor of Dr. Winslow, to express her appreciation for the support of her friends in Colorado Springs, CO. Following a short address, "The Absence of Honor" by Dr. Winslow, she honored her husband Michael for his many



Mawii Pudiate presenting Dr. Winslow with the honorary Hmar Indian robe, "The Robe of the Distinguished"

years of loving support. Gifts were presented that included a beautiful hand-woven robe from the Hmar tribe in India. Mawii Pudiate, co-founder of Bibles to the World ministries. Mawii and her husband Dr. Rochunga Pudiate, of Colorado Springs who wasn't able to be present, presented Dr. Winslow with a commissioned traditional Hmar robe called a "Thangsuo Puon" designed to honor distinguished leaders.

## UPDATES & PROJECTS

### FEAR OF THE LORD BOOK

The past 5 newsletters have included condensed chapters of the upcoming new book on the Fear of the Lord. The article in this newsletter is the last of those installments. Dr. Winslow will be completing approximately 3 additional chapters as well as making additions to the previous articles readying them for the new book. Please keep this in prayer.

### IGSC STUDENTS

Hanna Pelli, Jennifer Beamer, & Brooke Hudgens are enrolled in the IGSC (Individual Guided Study College) as students with Dr. Winslow. Each student has met the requirements necessary for application & study. To participate in one of these individually designed study courses they must complete a lengthy application, & two 2-4 hour interviews. Dr. Winslow assembles an individual study course for each highly motivated student on the subjects most necessary for the student so accomplish her vision, grow in Godly character & develop as a well rounded Christian.

Dr. Hanna Pelli, a gastro-intestinal surgeon from Tampere Finland has already been involved for 8 months in her course. During her stay in the USA she isn't licensed to practice medicine. To fulfill her vision & calling she has several emphases of studies. She's currently involved in research at the University of Denver for pancreas



Hanna Pelli

& diabetes research. Her IGSC studies at this point in time involve studying; the history of medicine & hospitals, various diseases & their origins in the human body according to Biblical perspectives as well as other topics necessary to accomplish her vision of starting a hospital with an entirely Biblical basis, & not a Roman/Greco foundation. Dr. Pelli is committed to a 2 year program here in the US.

Jennifer Beamer, originally from Lubbock, Texas is here as the result of a vision Dr. Winslow had 6 years ago & that God confirmed to both Jennifer & Dr. Winslow as meaning she must do an IGSC program. The battle spiritually & financially to get Ms. Beamer to Colorado Springs was extremely intense. Her program involves a multi-pronged study course concerning her calling to various areas in & outside of the Church & Israel. Passionate about the Jewish people & adamant about God's truth & justice, her studies are very time consuming. She needs help financially to accomplish her goals in this course. The past few months she's been assisting Dr. Winslow to organize & edit new recordings of the ministry in exchange for staying in the CH2 Ministry house, & her IGSC course costs. It's very difficult for her to get temp work that works with her study schedule & could help her meet the cost of her personal



Brooke Hudaens & Jennifer Beamer

financial needs as well as afford an apartment of her own. She's moved her furniture to Colorado Springs in faith for that apartment. This extremely bright young woman will be a world changer but she needs the financial assistance of people who

would have a burden to see her through this 2 year program. She also desperately needs a working & up-to date laptop computer for her studies.

Brooke Hudgens of Colorado Springs, will begin her IGSC program in July.

### WEBSITE UPDATES & CHANGES

God has brought several locally based & skilled young women: Julia Wurst, Brooke Hudgens & Jennifer Beamer to assist Dr. Winslow renovate the Winslow website & help with the ministry transformations God is leading into. Ideas have been stirring & prayer support is requested to move forward. Many changes must be made to make everything current. With new arenas & doors opening for Dr. Winslow, the theme for the ministry has been changed to "Transforming Society with the Truth" Please be standing with us for the finances to finish these updates.

### WIMN SEMINAR: Biblical Perspectives on Women in Ministry

The long-awaited, highly prepared seminar has been in the works for many years. Dr. Winslow taught for 2 days on what the Bible has to say about women, specifically women in ministry. Exposing the influences of Hellenism, Aristotle, Plato & Socrates, as well as Rabbinical traditions affecting the translations of crucial words & Bible verses, the women attending were thrilled with the explanations this teaching provided. Dr. Wins-



low also taught about the women who paved the way for modern women in the Church. Some of the titles for messages were: The Mis(sed) Education of Humanity; Modern Day Deborahs; Studying Your Bible Accurately & much more. The recordings of these messages will soon be available!

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