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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PERFECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God.

May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord,
Brandy Helton
A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God’s adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven’s glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve’s existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His Word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”* Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Jesus was conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God's Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father's heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God's family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

“12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He

is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' 6 And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be

My son.”

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God’s love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

The fear of the Lord is essential to a believer's walk of faith in Christ Jesus. Scripture tells us Jesus delighted in the fear of the Lord, and it is the beginning of all wisdom. The Lord Jesus will always begin His work in our hearts with the love of God and the fear of the Lord. The love of God draws us to His goodness, and the fear of the Lord drives us to go out and share His love with the world around us.

Believers can encounter the fear of the Lord when we set our hearts on true humility. Humbleness is an attitude of the heart. As a follower of Jesus, you can choose to be humble, and you can also grow in your humility by continually encountering the Lord.

In this book we will begin to explain:

- What is the true fear of the Lord?
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of our journey with God.
- Fear of the Lord versus the fear of Man
- Humility, which leads us to knowing God.
- False humility versus true humility

The Fear of the Lord and Humility

The Journey Begins

The journey of a Christian begins at the place where the reality of God becomes greater than the reality of their life or circumstances. The forfeiting of our lives, our sin, and our desires for the forgiveness and mercy of God usually starts with the following revelation: The result of my life is sin. The result of sin is separation from God. The coming debt I must pay for my separation from God is death forever! This revelation brings a sobering moment - the beginning stages of an encounter with the Spirit of God, who is the Fear of the Lord. This encounter brings a humility to the heart which will actually lead the newborn Christian to begin really living. As we read in the Proverbs,

Proverbs 22:4 KJV

“4 By humility and the fear of the Lord (are) riches and honor, and life.”

How can the repentant sinner have life? By the mercy of God. How can the humbled and lowly be honored by God? Through the grace of Jesus, who died and paid the price of death for those who choose to give up their lives for Him. Can

the lowliest on earth truly be rich in God? Yes, because, as the Bible says,

James 2:5b

“5b...Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?”

Proverbs 3:34

“34 Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

Humility and the fear of the Lord are the beginning of true eternal life. God sees the humbled, the ones setting the attitude of their heart low, seeking the favor of God for their life. He has chosen these, the poor in spirit on the earth, to be rich in faith. Not only rich in the spiritual realm but also rich in God on the earth, which is why by humility and the fear of the Lord come riches, honor and life. These two attributes are where the believer's journey with God begins.

Delight in the Fear of the Lord

When we are afraid of being separated from God forever, this fear compels us closer to Him to be saved from our sins and live. This fear of being separated from God is the righteous fear of the Lord. This is not the way most people think of the fear of the Lord. Most often, we have been told to think the fear of the Lord refers to God smiting people from the face of the earth for their sin. But the true fear of the Lord is not being afraid His discipline, it's being afraid of not having the Lord Jesus in your life forever.

This book is to help you define in your heart what the fear of the Lord really is and to show you what true humility looks like. As you grow in your journey with God, the fear of the Lord will grow and reveal the nature God in new ways. This is why it says in scripture,

Proverbs 9:10a

“10a The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”

Proverbs 1:7a

“7a The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...”

Proverbs 15:33 KJV

33 And “The fear of the Lord is instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility”

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of understanding God and His ways. It is the instruction of wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the template for knowledge. It is the beginning of life, riches, and honor. Honor is given to you by the measure you learn to be humble. Before honor comes humility, as it says in the Proverb. Therefore, we must learn to truly humble ourselves the right way.

Jesus is the model of true humility. He embodied humility and power in His daily journey with God on the earth. In Philippians we read how Jesus received honor, riches and life from the Father in Heaven because He surrendered His journey to the fear of the Lord and humility:

Philippians 2:6-9

“6 Let this mind be in you which was also in

Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.”

The fear of the Lord asks us to have the same mind as Christ Jesus. This is the same attitude or determination of your heart. Jesus realized He was equal with God - He was and is the Son of God. However, He did not take on a false sense of humility by considering it “robbery” to be equal with God. He actually agreed with the truth. He fully embraced His identity as the Son of God, beloved and chosen. But what He also willingly chose to humble Himself. He deliberately refused to be prideful because of His identity, but instead obediently walked with God as a bondservant in the attitude of His heart. He determined in His mind, heart, and actions to humble Himself before the Father in perfect purity of motive.

This humility of Jesus led Him to be obedient to God in everything - even obedient enough to die on the cross for you and me. Jesus walked in humility because He delighted in the Spirit of the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:3

“3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;”

Jesus delighted in the fear of the Lord and received the instruction of wisdom to humble Himself before God while walking on the earth. His attitude of humility, even unto death, is why He is exalted by God. As we previously read, “Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.” Having a “name above every name” means Jesus is the master above every man, spirit, angel, or power. They must all give account to the head name, the master authority. God the Father has given Jesus this name. The Father has exalted Jesus because of His humility and given Him riches, honor, and the keys to eternal life. The Lord Jesus, therefore, gives these same gifts to those who walk in the fear of the Lord and choose to humble themselves purely. Just as Jesus delighted in the fear of the Lord, so should it be a believer’s main delight.

The Fear of the Lord Versus the Fear of Man

When a believer delights in the fear of the Lord, their heart and mind are more concerned about what the Lord sees than any other influence in their life. This is what Jesus embodied with His attitude of humility. He was only concerned about the heart of His Father in Heaven. Jesus acted and spoke out of His fear of the Lord. To put it simply, Jesus cared more about what God thought about Him than what man thought about Him.

This is the simple test to determine the attitude of your own heart. Do you care more about what others think about you than what the Lord thinks about you? Do you care more about what your mother, father, children, employer, or friends

think about you? Or do you care more about how God thinks of you? He sees our every action and the motives behind those actions. To care more about how the Lord perceives the actions of our life is the essence of the true fear of the Lord. It is of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord.

To follow the Spirit of the fear of the Lord means to walk in awe, reverence, respect, and honor of the Lord. This ministry of the Spirit of God molds you to know you cannot do anything apart from Jesus. It develops a reverential fear and the earnest desire to only bring Him glory and take none of it for yourself. Knowing how worthy God is of honor and reverence leads you to true humility. This humility teaches you how to honor God in your life by delighting in the fear of the Lord. Then the fear of the Lord will fashion you into one who loves giving the Lord Jesus all the glory for His accomplishments in your life. This is exactly what Jesus did, and God honored His Son in glory forever.

Walking in the Fear of the Lord

To walk as Jesus did in the fear of the Lord, believers must grow in their knowledge of God. This is not the knowledge that comes from facts or details, but instead a *knowing* of God produced by intimacy with the Holy Spirit. In Isaiah 11 the Spirit of the fear of the Lord is paired with the Spirit of Knowledge. This is the Spirit of “Knowing God.” Who can know God but the Spirit of God? To know Him intimately means to know the attitude of God’s heart without Him even speaking. This intimacy is similar to how a child can know a parent’s attitude or emotion by their demean-

or. As children, we learn to know our parents not just by them speaking to us, but by being around them, observing them, walking beside them, and assisting them. In this same way a believer is to know God, their Heavenly Father.

When we begin to know God, it will lead us to fear Him more in a good and pure way. The love of God reveals how good, merciful, and amazing He is; it also reveals His holiness. When we see His holiness and goodness, we realize our frailty before Him as people made of dust. This recognition brings to a new revelation of the fear of the Lord. The love of God leads us to the fear of the Lord, and the fear of the Lord leads us back to the unconditional love of God. This cycle allows us to grow in the Holy Spirit from glory to glory, fear to fear, love to love in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:28-29

“28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.”

All believers in Jesus have been given the kingdom of God - it's the kingdom of Heaven. It is riches and honor and life! Since we have been given this amazing place to dwell within, let us serve God with reverence and fear. It takes humility to serve, and this service is done with the pure reverence of the fear of the Lord. We serve in this attitude of honor because the kingdom of God gives us gracious promises of life, hope, and joy.

2 Corinthians 7:1

“1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Even though we have these perfect promises, we cannot take them for granted. Jesus died a severe death on the cross for you and me. In honor of Jesus, the Holy Spirit charges us to cleanse ourselves of the filthiness and pollutants of sin that inhibits the kingdom of Heaven. How do we do this? We are perfected by knowing the fear of the Lord in greater measure.

Philippians 2:12-13

“12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

The command, *“work out your salvation with fear and trembling,”* reveals to us that we are not perfect yet, but we are being perfected to walk as our Lord Jesus walked. He walked pure and holy on the earth. We learned He did it by walking in the fear of the Lord and humility, emptying Himself of flesh and pride. Likewise, we empty ourselves and work out God’s perfection within us by submitting to Holy Spirit’s perfect fear before Him.

1 Peter 1:17

“17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.”

Psalm 34:9

*“9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him.”*

As a believer matures in their walk with the Holy Spirit, their conduct will be more and more molded by their awareness of the fear of the Lord. Our thoughts and actions through life should be maturing by the fear of the Lord. It is a command to fear the Lord! Those who do not obey this command are hypocritical and unwise Christians. The believer who learns to delight in the fear of the Lord finds out there is “no want” in their life. Riches, honor, and life abundantly overtake them spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Isaiah 8:13

*“13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
Let Him be your fear,
And let Him be your dread.”*

Dread of the Lord God is often the way people describe the fear of the Lord. This dread is real, but it is not how we first come to fear the Lord. We grow into this knowledge. Just as a believer grows from faith to faith, so they grow from a fear of the Lord to a greater fear of the Lord.

To know the dread of God, is to be mature in your faith and grounded in the unconditional love God has for you. The dreadful fear of the Lord God Almighty is to know He is absolutely HOLY. No impurity or speck of unclean dirt can come before His presence without being eliminated. Unfortunately, this is all mankind is made of! Hence, the cry of Isaiah’s heart when He stood before God in

His throne room: “Woe is me! For I am unclean!” Isaiah realized his very nature, essence, and substance was not able to be in God’s Holy Presence, not to mention his thoughts or actions! Any time a believer has this type of fiery encounter with the fear of the Lord, God’s grace is provided for the believer to stand and know God (Isaiah 6). The mercy of God on a person to encounter the dreadful fear of the Lord will launch them into their destiny. Such an encounter with the fear of the Lord will radically change and purify the heart and flesh for God’s purposes.

Questions for Self-Reflection

Before we continue to learn about how to walk with Jesus with true humility, take time to ask yourself these questions and reflect on your answers with the Holy Spirit:

Do you fear the Lord?

Are you scared of God’s discipline?

Do you love the fear of the Lord?

Which do you fear more? Man or God?

True Humility

Humility is an attitude of your heart. Humility can be faked and not genuine, but it is most honored when it is pure and unselfish in nature. To be humble is a state of lowliness, meekness, and submission. These characteristics each show us what true humility is. To be lowly means one is not thinking of themselves more highly than

should. They have accurate assessment of who they are, yet they are not prideful of their abilities. A lowly person stays teachable. Meekness is power being willingly subdued or self-controlled. A person practicing meekness is fully aware of the power they carry but feels no need to show it off or prove it. Submission is preferring another's thoughts or ideas to your own and willingly obeying them.

Jesus was the perfect example of true humility. He lowered Himself in the attitude of His heart to be a bondservant, or slave, to God. He was not prideful in the fact He was the Son of God, but instead stayed lowly, almost trying to hide this truth in some Biblical accounts. Jesus' power was controlled and subdued. He did not wield it recklessly, which is the evidence of meekness. And we have already addressed how Jesus gave preference to His Heavenly Father's thoughts and will over His own, revealing His submissiveness.

Humility is a state of mind that is well pleasing to God. Humility preserves the Christian's soul in tranquility and makes one patient under trials. Humility will lead a believer to a remembrance of the sins God has forgiven them and compel them to conduct themselves with honor to the Lord in word and deed.

Humility Makes a Way for God's Protection

When a believer takes on and walks in true humility, it opens a door for God to come and continuously protect them from the devil and his schemes. God is searching for the humble in the earth who trust Him. The Bible says of God,

2 Samuel 22:38

*“38 You will save the humble people;
But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may
bring them down.”*

Job 22:29

*“29 When they cast you down, and you say,
‘Exaltation will come!’
Then He will save the humble person.”*

Even when a believer is cast down, in faith, they can shout, ‘God will lift me up!’ For the Lord saves the humble on the earth. He is searching for them. Just as we know pride comes before a fall, before honor is given from God, a man or woman will have to walk in humility.

Proverbs 18:12

*“12 Before destruction the heart of a man is
haughty,
And before honor is humility.”*

Psalms 25:9

*“9 The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.”*

Psalms 23 reveals that the way of the Lord “leads us to still waters.” The humble people of God will be led into justice. True justice brings peace to your soul and wholeness to your heart. This is one of the ways of God. He teaches the humble how to walk into and through chaos and destruction in this life, and He leads them to the still waters of honor and justice on the other side.

Colossians 3:12

“12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;”

With these promises of God’s protection, press on as a believer in Jesus to put on true humility as you practice meekness, kindness, and patience.

Beware of False Humility

As a believer in Jesus, you would do well to heed this warning:

Colossians 2:18-19, 23

“18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God...23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.”

False humility is the act of being humble but feigning its importance in receiving honor from men. Sometimes we do actions worthy of honor, but when another tries to thank or honor us for our deeds, we shrug it off and do not receive the honor under the pretense of being humble. This is false and haughty, as it shows the giver of honor their gift is not important enough for you to receive it. Honor and thanksgiving are gifts of mankind to our souls. True humble servants know Jesus received the honor from God as the Son of God. He

did not consider it robbery to be equal with His Father in Heaven. He received this honor.

When we walk in false humility, we are choosing to feign honor in the name of looking good in front of others. This is what the Pharisees did praying openly in the marketplace, humbling themselves falsely in the sight of men. Jesus told His disciples they received all of their reward before men, but not before Him. Let no one cheat you of your rewards with Jesus by believing false humility is acceptable before God. Instead, let the Holy Spirit teach you true humility by the fear of the Lord.

When a believer asks the Holy Spirit to lead them to true humility, they will always be led to the cross of Jesus. We read in the Scriptures Jesus was *'obedient to His death, even death on a cross'* (Philippians 2:8). The cross is the emblem of how much Jesus feared the Lord God His Father. He would rather die than grieve God. He was willing to humble Himself for God's glory no matter the price - even the price of death in the most brutal and humiliating ways mankind has yet invented. When we recognize what Jesus did on the cross, false humility has no place in our hearts or lives.

Conclusion

The fear of the Lord is always the beginning of the believer's walk in Jesus. It is usually the beginning of the journey with their Savior, but it is also the beginning of a believer's search for wisdom, understanding, honor, and life. To know God leads you to His holy fear. This holy fear leads you to know a greater measure of His lovingkindness for you, and this in turn leads you to be truly humble.

God will always honor the humble - those who have learned to clothe the attitudes of their heart with true humility and are daily choosing to fear the Lord. These men and women are given great blessings in the kingdom of God. These blessings overtake them and bring them to still waters of justice repeatedly in their journey of life.

Hebrews 12:28-29

"28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire."

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen.”

Scriptures:

John 14:6

“6 Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Romans 10:8-13

“8 But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

John 3:3-8, 16-18

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ 4 Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ 5 Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said

to you, “You must be born again.” 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.’”

II Corinthians 5:17

“17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

I Corinthians 15:3-5

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.”

II Corinthians 5:21

“21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Colossians 1:13-14

“13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 11:9-13

“9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Acts 1:8

“8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

I Timothy 3:16

“16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

*God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.”*

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

“Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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